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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 1, 1957

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Chapter, American Institute of Architects, I had the pleasure of participating in the nomination for Fellowship in the Institute of Philip Douglas Creer.

I have known Phil Creer as adviser, committeeman, fellow teacher, architect and friend for twenty years. During that time, my respect and admiration for him as an educator, architect and man has grown continuously.

When I was a confused college student during the depression, his sound and frank counsel was influential in my decision to study architecture. Friendly, helpful advice to me and other youngsters is typical of Phil's dedication to the profession.

Phil Creer was head of the Division of Architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence for over twenty years. It was my privilege, as a design instructor there for a period of six years, to work under his guidance and leadership. Through close association, I had the opportunity to witness, at first hand, his sure guidance of the division. He constantly strove to improve the school's standards of education in architecture and was successful in gradually raising the architectural course from what was essentially a two-year trade school course for future draftsmen to a full five-year college level course accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. This achievement gains more significance in the light of difficult adminis-

trative obstacles he faced. Dedication to education, to the needs of the profession and his pupils has steadily increased his influence in the field of architectural education to its present high level.

His Institute activities have been many and varied. Over the years, he has continually accepted the challenge to help out. He has been Secretary, Vice President and President of the Rhode Island Chapter, New England Regional Director, Chairman of the important Institute Judiciary Committee and member of many Chapter, Regional and Institute committees. As New England Regional Director (1952-1955), he organized the New England Regional Council and became its first President. He realized the council would fill an organizational vacuum in the structure of the American Institute of Architects, and it has. It has held three highly successful seminars and has done a great deal of committee work on matters of importance to the New England Chapter. He has served the Rhode Island Chapter, the New England Region and the Institute with vigor, efficiency and loyalty.

Although the Jury of Fellows is considering his nomination for other contributions to the profession, I would like to point out that his Hartford Park Public House Development in Providence has received national recognition as an outstanding contribution to public house design.

Phil Creer is currently Director of the University of Texas School of Architecture. He has moved from the smallest to the largest state. His achievements in teaching architecture and improving the profession, however, will be hard to top - even by a Texan.

Respectfully submitted,


Conrad E. Green
Vice President

BELLMAN GILLETT RICHARDS

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January 31, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N. W.,
Washington, 6, D. C.

Re: Philip Douglas Creer, A. I. A.,

Gentlemen:

I am informed that Philip Douglas Creer, A. I. A., has been nominated by the Rhode Island Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute for Education and Service to the Institute.

I have known Mr. Creer for 22 years, my first contact with him being during our college days at the University of Pennsylvania.

My most recent contact with Mr. Creer was during his service as a member of the Board of Directors of the A. I. A., as the Regional Director from the New England States. During my close relationship with him, as a fellow Board Member, he impressed me with his sincerity, his frankness, and honest approach to problems which confronted us. He expressed his views in a logical manner, with the very thought of how our decisions would effect our fellow practitioners.

Mr. Creer served as a member of the A. I. A. Judiciary Committee from 1952 to 1955 (its Chairman in 1955). That duty is one of the "toughest" jobs in our profession - I am confident of that fact, because I happened to have had the same experience on the Committee as Mr. Creer. He was most conscientious in his effort to review all details of the cases which came before that honorable committee, during his tenure of office. His reports to the Board were carefully and thoughtfully prepared, and indicated his good quality of carefully examining every detail of the case.

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January 31, 1957

The Jury of Fellows

Re: Philip Douglas Creer, A.I.A.,

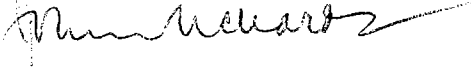
His ability on this Committee made him the logical appointee as Chairman of the National Judiciary Committee, following the policy of non-Board members, serving as members of this Committee. He is serving as the present Chairman of that Committee.

During his term on our Board, he was responsible for the re-design of our Institute Seal - working closely with a nationally calligrapher (whose name fails me at this moment).

He served as Chairman of the Centennial Subcommittee for the A. I. A. Commemorative Stamp, which is a reality this year.

I am, therefore, pleased to second the nomination of Mr. Philip D. Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute for his Service to the Institute.

Very truly yours,



John N. Richards, F.A.I.A.

JNR:hsp

T H E U N I V E R S I T Y O F V I R G I N I A

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
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30 January 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

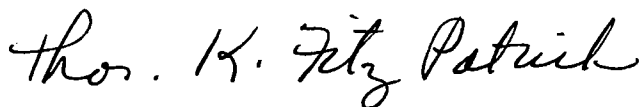
Gentlemen:

I should like at this time to support the nomination of Mr. Philip D. Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. It has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Creer in the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and to observe at close range his contributions to the teaching of architecture while he was at the Rhode Island School of Design. Through his efforts in that institution he raised the standards of the school to a point where they were accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. As a member of the visiting team I felt that Mr. Creer's leadership was a most stimulating influence in the development of the school. I am sure he will do an equally good job at the University of Texas.

His work as a member of the Board of Directors of the A.I.A. representing the New England District was outstanding and he made a significant contribution to the work of the Institute and in particular in regard to the National Judiciary Committee of which he was chairman.

I sincerely hope that Mr. Creer will be given every consideration for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Respectfully yours,



Thomas K. Fitz Patrick
Dean

TKF/g

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January 30, 1957

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit to The Jury of Fellows my supporting letter regarding the nomination of Philip Douglas Creer for Fellowship.

Achievement in Education: Mr. Creer has distinguished himself and has made notable contribution to the advancement of our profession during the years he has been teaching. He has constantly stressed to his students the importance of architecture in its relationship to human betterment.

Achievement in Service to the Institute: Mr. Creer is highly respected for his diligent and untiring effort in our local and regional chapters and his accomplishments have strengthened the unity and dignity of our profession.

Very truly yours,


S. Wesley MacConnell

SWM:s

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January 29, 1957

The Jury Of Fellows
American Institute Of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

In reference to the nomination of Mr. Phillip Douglas Creer to Fellowship in the Institute, wish to state the following:

I have known Mr. Creer personally for 6 years, and during that time have come to look toward him with a great deal of respect and admiration. As President of the Rhode Island Chapter from 1952-1953 he conducted himself admirably and brought much credit to both our Chapter and the Institute.

During my acquaintanceship with Mr. Creer, he has been head of the Division of Architecture of the Rhode Island School of Design and has done much to bring the school to national prominence and have it accredited by The National Architectural accrediting board. His appointment last year as Director of the School Of Architecture at The University Of Texas was a much deserved tribute to his ability.

Among Mr. Creer's many fine commissions, I feel that The Barrington Congregational Church, completed in 1955, is an outstanding example.

I am most happy to be one of his proposers and sincerely feel that he is most entitled to being honored with Fellowship in The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

BARKER & TUROFF


Lloyd H. Turoff

LT:s

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Members, American Institute of Architects

BAIRD HEFFRON
Civil and Structural Engineer

28 January 1957

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I understand that the Rhode Island Chapter has nominated Philip Douglas Creer for Fellowship.

I have watched with great interest the career of Mr. Creer for the past 34 years. I have seen him progress through office experience, teaching, professional organization service and active practice.

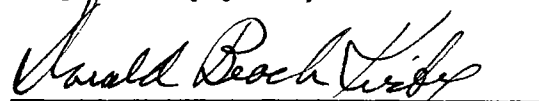
A very competent architect himself, Mr. Creer has been able to impart to a great many young men some of the secrets of becoming a good member of the profession. His students in Philadelphia and in Rhode Island can attest to his ability as a teacher. As you know, he is now in charge of the program at the University of Texas.

In the field of practice, Mr. Creer's firm has designed and completed many noteworthy buildings in the New England area. His structures show the fine sense of design and organization and are carried through in excellent taste.

It was my pleasure to serve with Mr. Creer on the Board of Directors of the Institute and I am able to say that he contributed greatly to the organization as the representative of his District. He was at all times a leader in the work of the Board and in addition has done an outstanding job on the Judiciary Committee.

I trust that you will see fit to honor Mr. Creer by electing him to Fellowship.

Respectfully yours,


Donald Beach Kirby

DBK/s

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January 28, 1957.

The Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I was very glad to learn that the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Philip Douglas Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Philip Creer and I were classmates at the University of Pennsylvania, and we received our B.Arch. degrees in 1926. We have continued our friendship since that time, and I have always been well aware of the nature of his professional activities and of his contributions to the American Institute of Architects through his service on numerous committees and in many offices. As you probably know from records which have been sent to you, Mr. Creer has been a member of the Rhode Island Chapter since 1934, a corporate member of the Institute since 1941, and has served as President, Vice President and Secretary of his Chapter. From 1952 to 1955 he was President of the New England Regional Council, and during those same years a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute acting as Regional Director from the New England States. He also has served on the National Judiciary Committee from 1952-1957 and as its Chairman from 1954-1956.

I am not familiar with all of the work of Mr. Creer's office, but I have seen some of his work in the field of housing and am aware one of them was selected for special commendation and published as one of the very best examples of housing in the country.

However, I would prefer to write in Mr. Creer's behalf chiefly because of his very great service to the American Institute of Architects which, as indicated above, has been at the Chapter, Regional and National level. Although I have served on the Board of the Institute with Mr. Creer for the shortest possible time, his effective representation of his

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region and his very real contributions to the thinking of the Board has been reported to me by numerous members of the Board who served with Philip Creer and who now continue to serve on the Board.

Because of the very considerable contributions of Philip Douglas Creer, I hope very much that the Jury of Fellows will approve the nomination of the Rhode Island Chapter for his advancement to Fellowship.

Yours very truly,


J. Roy Carroll, Jr.

jrc/r

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28 JANUARY 1957

JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RE: PHILIP D. CREER

GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE JUST LEARNED OF THE MOST APPROPRIATE ACTION OF THE RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER IN PRESENTING FOR YOUR MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION THE NAME OF PHILIP CREER FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

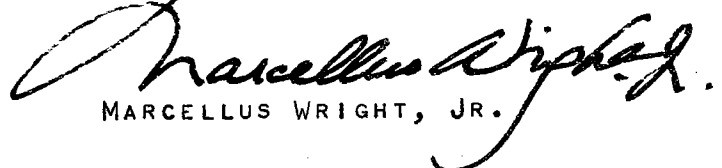
THIS ACTION BESPEAKS THE HIGH ESTEEM IN WHICH MR. CREER IS HELD AS HE HAS ALREADY BEEN CALLED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AS DIRECTOR OF ITS ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOL.

THE NOMINEE EXEMPLIFIES THAT ALL TOO UNCOMMON IDEAL OF THE ACTIVE SUCCESSFUL PRACTITIONER WHO MAINTAINS SUCH VITAL INTEREST IN ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION THAT HE IS WILLING TO FOLLOW TWO FULL CAREERS.

HIS RECORD IN DEVELOPING THE RHODE ISLAND INSTITUTE OF DESIGN TO ITS PRESENT HIGH STANDARDS HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN RECOGNIZED BY OTHER SCHOOLS SEEKING HIS TALENTS. ALONG WITH THIS, HIS FIRM OF CREER, KENT, CRUISE & ALDRICH HAS ADVANCED TO NATIONAL RENOWN AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY NOTABLE STRUCTURES.

MR. CREER'S FULL RECORD IS UNDOUBTEDLY AVAILABLE TO YOU GENTLEMEN, BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HERE IS A MOST AGREEABLE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD FURTHER MEANING AND STATURE TO THE FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY BY HONORING THIS NOMINEE.

RESPECTFULLY,


MARCELLUS WRIGHT, JR.

MWJR:RB



January 28, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentleman:

I am pleased to hasten my endorsement of Philip D. Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Creer came to Providence, Rhode Island, I believe, in the year 1933. I was then Educational Director of Rhode Island School of Design, later Executive Vice President. A vacancy occurred in the Department of Architecture and in 1934 I appointed Mr. Creer as Head of the Department, a post he held until his recent move to Texas University.

During that time Mr. Creer was not only a most successful teacher but he advanced the status of the Department steadily and with increased strength and importance until recently it was recognized and accredited by the Institute as one, if not the only, school unaffiliated with a University.

Mr. Creer demonstrated marked executive ability, a constant and continuing interest in progressive education programs of schools of architecture and at the same time a growing professional practice in the field itself.

The School Of Design, in 1940, acquired property and proposed construction of a new building to house an auditorium and the growing Division of Costume Design. I felt that as Head of our Department of Architecture Mr. Creer should be given the opportunity of designing the building. This was approved and the outcome was a successful structure, satisfying the complete program and specifications stipulated by the location, the demands of the School and the architectural relationship to the Georgian influence of the surrounding buildings. It was dedicated in 1941.

Mr. Creer was Head of the Department of Architecture of Warner Institute in Philadelphia from 1927 to 1932. He is now Director of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas.

Mr. Creer has been a member of the Rhode Island Chapter since 1934, and a Corporate Member of the Institute since 1941. He has served the Chapter as Secretary, Vice President and President. He served on the Chapter's Committee on Education, Joint

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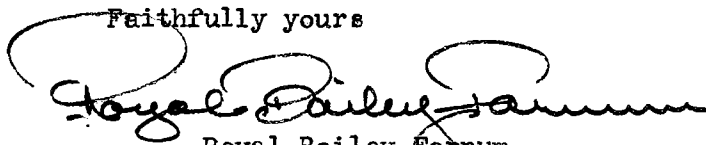
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Committee of Architects and Contractors, Committee for the Preservation of Historical Buildings, and the Centennial Committee. From 1952 to 1955 he served as President of the New England Council and was also, during these years, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects as Regional Director from New England. In addition he has served on the National Judiciary Committee from 1952 to 1957, (Chairman 1954-1956), and was Chairman of the Centennial Subcommittee for the A.I.A. Commemorative Stamp.

Trusting that Mr. Creer may receive favorable consideration I remain

Faithfully yours



Royal Bailey Farnum

JOHN HUTCHINS CADY, *Architect*
536 Hospital Trust Building
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

January 26, 1957.

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

F H C A

Gentlemen:-

I am writing with respect to the nomination of Philip D. Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Of Mr. Creer's record before he came to Providence you have been informed. I first met him shortly after he became head of the Rhode Island School of Design's Division of Architecture in 1933. We had a kindred interest in historic buildings and their preservation, and were associated in the restoration of Shakespeare's Head, an 18th century Providence landmark. He was state director of the HABS and supervised the preparation of measured drawings of over twenty subjects.

Under his 33 years of activity the School of Design's architectural department expanded from a preliminary college course to become a fully accredited collegiate school of architecture. His recent appointment as director of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas reflects his national reputation.

In his architectural practice, first as an individual and later as senior partner of the firm of Creer, Kent, Cruise and Aldrich, his designs have been of high quality. While he followed new types of construction, his work here has not been out of harmony with the Colonial environment. Of particular interest to me are his School of Design Auditorium (1941), his Barrington Congregational Church School (1955) and several large housing projects.

Mr. Creer joined the Rhode Island Chapter as an Associate in 1933 and became an Institute member in 1941. He was Chapter president 1952-53, and an A.I.A. director and president of the New England Regional Council 1952-55.

I am happy to endorse Mr. Creer's nomination to Fellowship.

Yours sincerely,


John Hutchins Cady, F.A.I.A.

STANTON, BOLES, MAGUIRE AND CHURCH ARCHITECTS

GLENN STANTON, F.A.I.A. ROLLIN BOLES, A.I.A. KEITH MAGUIRE, A.I.A. KINGSLEY CHURCH, A.I.A.

208 S. W. STARK STREET, PORTLAND 4, OREGON

January 23, 1957

The Jury of Fellow
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Philip Douglas Creer

It is my privilege to second the nomination of the Rhode Island Chapter who has proposed Philip Douglas Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

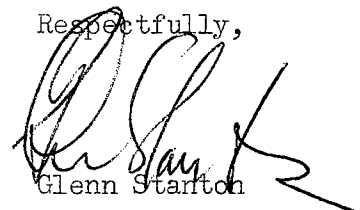
Through association with Mr. Creer on The Board I am in a position to appraise his character and integrity as well as his qualities of leadership in his particular field and interests.

His work in education has been recognized by advancement from one important position to another. At present he is Director of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas, and I am confident that this does not mark the pinnacle of his progress in architectural education.

Since the days of his first membership in the Rhode Island Chapter he has been most active in serving on local, regional and national committees of recorded importance. His assignments during my administration were always cheerfully accepted and executed with dispatch and wisdom. In fact, he is a distinct asset to any committee of which he may be a member.

I endorse his Chapter's nomination because of his attainments in Education and because of his Service to the Institute.

Respectfully,



Glenn Stanton

C. E. SILLING & ASSOCIATES • ARCHITECTS • CHARLESTON, W. VA.

23 January 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington (6), D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A. has nominated Philip Douglas Creer for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. Mr. Creer's achievements in education and service to the Institute have been detailed carefully in his Chapter's submission to you. Mr. Creer and I were fellow directors on the AIA Board and I have personal knowledge of his effective work as a director and especially of his devoted discharge of his onerous duties on the national judiciary committee.

I respectfully recommend Mr. Creer to your consideration for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



C. E. Silling

CES:fj

David Aldrich, Member of
Executive Committee



RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 23, 1957

Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Chapter, I should like to endorse the nomination of Philip Douglas Creer for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for achievement in Education and Service to The Institute.

Ever since his own graduation from the School of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Creer has been interested in the education of the student of architecture. Not a year has passed since that time in which he has not taught at a school of architecture - viz., Instructor in Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania; Head of Wanamaker Institute Department of Architecture; Head of Division of Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design; and presently Director of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas.

During his tenure of office at the Rhode Island School of Design, some 23 years, the Department of Architecture increased in size, and particularly in quality. It grew from a 2-3 year course to a complete 5-year course, which was accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board in 1953. Such development was due in great part to the leadership of Mr. Creer and his efforts to initiate a fully rounded and complete curriculum. Mr. Creer has devoted a great deal of time to his students, encouraging their efforts in creative thinking, inspiring their zeal through his own contagious enthusiasm, and in general bringing the student face to face with the real problems of architecture. Last year he became Director of the School of Architecture, University of Texas, one of the largest schools of architecture in the country.

Mr. Creer has also rendered valuable service in historical research. He has been Chairman of the Chapter's Preservation and Historic Buildings Committee and was the Rhode Island District Officer of the Historic American Buildings Survey. In this latter post he guided the measuring and the

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production of measured drawings of many of the most important historic buildings in the state.

Mr. Creer has performed outstanding service to The Institute on the local, regional, and national levels. He has held the posts of President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Rhode Island Chapter, and has chaired several committees, such as Education, Architect-Contractor, and Preservation of Historic Buildings. He has been Regional Director for the New England Area. On the national level, he has been a member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the National Judiciary Committee, member of the Board Committee on Redistricting, By-Law Change, Government Control of Fine Arts, Chairman of the Centennial Sub-Committee for the Commemorative Stamp. In all these posts, Mr. Creer has exerted himself more than adequately; he has worked with enthusiasm and provided true leadership.

Mr. Creer has been a member of the Architects' Advisory Committee, Providence, Rhode Island, Building Code, and a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee to write a Minimum Housing Standards Code. Both the Building and Housing Codes have been completed and are now made into law. Mr. Creer spent many long hours on both these Committees and was instrumental in giving the Rhode Island Chapter the opportunity to consider and give opinions on both these codes while in the making - thus serving the interests of The Institute as well as the public.

I have known Mr. Creer for 18 years, and from personal knowledge, as well as his record as indicated above, I believe that he has made notable contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture in both Education and Service to The Institute.

Yours very truly,



David Aldrich, Member of the Executive Committee

DA/B

G. THOS. HARMON, A.I.A., ARCHITECT

WM. J. KEENAN, A.I.A., ASSOCIATE

3350 MILLWOOD AVENUE
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

January 22, 1957

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

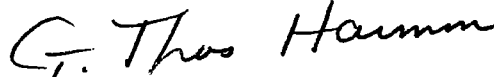
The Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Chapter of the A.I.A. has informed me that they have nominated Philip Douglas Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I understand that Mr. Creer is being nominated for "Education" and "Service to the Institute".

Having served with Phil for a period of two years on the Board of Directors of the A.I.A., I am well acquainted with his tremendous contribution to the Institute and profession. During this time Phil was on the Judiciary Committee of which I was an alternate. Phil was always appointed on the more important committees of the Board because of his tremendous ability and thoroughness in getting a job done.

Please recall that the convention was held in Boston during the time that Phil was director of that Region and had the responsibility of being the convention host. His efforts there resulted in a most successful convention.

I trust that the Jury will give this loyal servant every consideration and it is a personal pleasure for me to indorse this nomination of Philip Douglas Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Respectfully yours,



G. Thos. Harmon, F.A.I.A.

GTH:ajs

OFFICE OF

The Treasurer
1100 Turks Head Building
Providence 3, Rhode Island



RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 22, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

A communication from the Secretary of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has indicated your desire for individual letters from the Executive Committee of the Chapter in support of our nomination of Philip Douglas Creer for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

It is a great honor for me to add my own personal recommendation for Mr. Philip Douglas Creer's nomination.

Having studied at the Rhode Island School of Design from 1946 to 1950 and majoring in Architecture under Mr. Creer's able tutelage I was primarily impressed by his force and influence in the advancement of the ethics and professional integrity mandatory to the steady advancement of the Architectural Profession.

I knew at first hand the tireless energy with which Mr. Creer developed the curriculum at the Rhode Island School of Design to make it acceptable for accrediting by the National Architectural Accrediting Board in 1953.

Not only has Mr. Philip Douglas Creer been directly responsible for the educational and ethical development of a great many architects, designers and teachers in the profession, but through his ready counsel, honest guidance and faithful example in the pursuit of his own practice he has set an example for them and the community of what the standards of professional practice mean to members of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Philip Douglas Creer's service to the Institute through his Presidency of the New England Regional Council and his New England Regional Directorship must, by now, be well known to the Jury of Fellows.

The Jury of Fellows

His service to the Rhode Island Chapter through his elected offices and assigned chairmanships exemplifies his deep concern with the development of the Architectural Profession's relationship within the community. His service on the Committee of Architects and Contractors furthered the study which has brought understanding of the professional relations which are so necessary for the Architect's successful pursuit of his profession. His leadership has done much for the advancement of the profession.

I repeat, I am honored to add my personal recommendation that Mr. Philip Douglas Creer be advanced to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



Lloyd E. Wilcox, A.I.A.
Treasurer, Rhode Island Chapter
American Institute of Architects

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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 22, 1957

The Jury of Fellows A.I.A.
The Octagon
1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

The Rhode Island Chapter has nominated Mr. Philip Creer for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Creer's nomination for Fellowship is two-fold for "Education" and for "Service to the Institute". He has been engaged in the practice of Architecture as a Practicing Architect and as a Teacher in Architecture.

In the field of Education, he was appointed head of the Division of Architecture of the Rhode Island School of Design in 1933. He held this position until 1956 at which time, he was named Director of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas.

During the time he held the post as head of the Department at the Rhode Island School of Design, the Department of Architecture was expanded from a minor short course to a complete five year college program which resulted in an accredited Architectural course by the National Accrediting Board in 1953.

Mr. Creer's educational philosophy of a sympathetic approach to the individual student with a calculated indirect challenge to the individual resulted in a healthful educational environment which permitted the individual to develop to the fullest extent consistent with his personal capabilities. His graduates in Architecture have made creditable records in various parts of the country.

In the field of "Service to the Institute", he has been a tireless worker for the profession since becoming a member of the Rhode Island Chapter in 1934. He served the Chapter as President, Vice-President and Secretary and has been active on major Chapter Committees such as Education, Joint Architect-Contractor Relations, Preservation of Historical Buildings and the Centennial Committee. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute from 1952 to 1955 and as Regional Director of New England during this period was outstanding as a coordinator and was successful in creating a high level of understanding, cooperation and mutual respect among the Chapters in the New England Region.

The Jury of Fellows A.I.A.

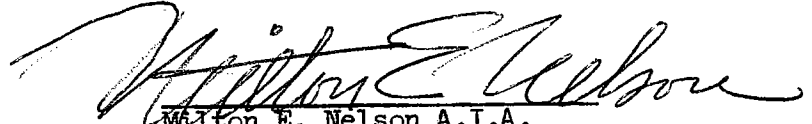
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January 22, 1957

His service to the Institute at a National level, I am sure is a matter of record and personal knowledge to many Institute officers.

I most sincerely urge favorable consideration of Mr. Creer's application for Fellowship for his outstanding ability as a teacher in the field of Education and for his service to the Institute and the Rhode Island Chapter in particular.

Very truly yours,



Milton E. Nelson A.I.A.

President

Rhode Island Chapter

American Institute of Architects

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January 21, 1957

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Philip Douglas Creer for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of "Education" and "Service to The Institute". I have been hoping for the opportunity to recommend Phil Creer for this distinction and am glad now to second this nomination.

When I became a member of the Board of Directors of The Institute in June 1953, Phil had already served one year on the Board. His remaining two years overlapped my years as Secretary of The Institute. During that time I observed his conduct of the responsible position of Chairman of the National Judiciary Committee in which he had the total respect of the entire Board. He crowned this service in the following year (1955-56) when he mediated and brought to a happy conclusion a most serious split in the eastern Tennessee area - one of the most troublous disciplinary cases ever before The Institute.


His many committee assignments as a member of the Board, including the patient negotiation with the United States Post Office Department relating to the issuance of the forthcoming Centennial Commemorative Stamp, are vividly remembered by me with admiration and gratitude.

As to his service to architectural education, I was privy to the deliberations of the committee of Texas architects appointed to select a Director for the School of Architecture at the University of Texas. I know how carefully that committee canvassed the entire field of possible candidates and came finally to the selection of Phil Creer because of his outstanding record and qualifications.

I wish to add one further comment - Phil Creer proposed and with patience and conscientiousness presented the name of John Howard Benson to receive the Craftsmanship Medal for Calligraphy in 1955. The unique work of Mr. Benson thus received a notable recognition which in itself constituted a contribution to architectural education.

I sincerely hope that the honor of Fellowship may be bestowed upon Mr. Creer.

Very sincerely yours,


George Bain Cummings, FAIA

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January 21, 1957

Jury of Fellows
1735 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Dear Sirs:

I am writing with regard to the nomination of Philip D. Creer for Fellowship which has been submitted by the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Chapter .

I have known Mr. Creer since his coming to the R. I. School of Design as an instructor nearly 20 years ago. Since then he has been active in Institute affairs and has just completed his term as Director for New England.

The quality of his executed work is of the best. He is highly respected in the community. I feel that he would be an appropriate addition to the College of Fellows.

Respectfully submitted,

AH:mhd

Albert Harkness

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Providence 3, Rhode Island



Office of the President

January 21, 1957

The Chairman of the Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Dear Sir:

Mr. Lloyd H. Turoff, Secretary of the Rhode Island Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, has asked me to write a letter of endorsement in behalf of Mr. Philip Douglas Creer who has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Creer was a member of the faculty of Rhode Island School of Design from September 1933 until June 1956, excepting the years 1943-1946 when he was given a leave of absence for service in the war effort. His rank during all that time was Head of the Department of Architecture. During the years of his service Rhode Island School of Design raised its status from a technical school to a college. In 1953 the National Architectural Accrediting Board gave the Department a two year provisional accreditation and in 1955 it was fully accredited for the five year period. During the early years of our efforts to raise standards on the way to becoming a college, Mr. Creer was one of a group of five to do most of the planning. His interest extended beyond the area of his special field.

Philip Creer, because of his service in the field of education both general and professional, is deserving of most serious consideration for the honor for which he has been nominated.

Very sincerely,

John R. Frazier

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President

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Jury of Fellows A. I. A.
1735, New York Ave.
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen

It is a pleasure to recommend for
a Fellowship Mr. Philip Douglas Crace
of Rhode Island. As head of the Arch-
itectural Department of the School of
Design he did an outstanding piece
of work, and many of his students
have worked in my office more
intelligently and satisfactorily.

I cannot speak with equal
knowledge of his service to the Institute,
as for several years I have been
more or less on the retired list.

I do find that his work as a
practicing architect has been and

is of a very high degree of excellence.

I know that his election as
a Fellow is a richly deserved
honor and hope that it be
awarded him.

Sincerely yours

Wallis E. Horn
F. A. I. A. (Committee)

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January 4, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Philip Douglas Creer, A.I.A.

To Members of
The Executive Committee, Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A.

An architect is advanced to Fellowship in recognition of exceptional ability or of exceptional service. The Jury of Fellows always tries to choose wisely and with discrimination, but it is limited in precise knowledge about the nominees.

To complete Nomination this form must be filled and returned before February 1st. Otherwise, no action will be taken at the forthcoming Jury meeting.

It is the opinion of the Jury of Fellows that a designer, however talented, should not be advanced to Fellowship if he possesses deficiencies of character which reflect discredit upon the profession: and that no architect, regardless of outstanding service, should be advanced if the buildings which he has designed are so notably inferior in architectural design as to reflect discredit upon the profession.

To help the Jury learn such aspects, which are not normally completely supplied through regular nomination procedure, fill in the lines below which in your opinion apply to Philip Douglas Creer, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.

1. He has many friends who speak well of him but cannot vouch for his accomplishments. _____
2. His character is beyond reproach. THIS IS TRUE . _____
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. _____
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. _____

Sincerely yours,

Member of the Executive Committee, Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A.



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4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. His character is good

Sincerely yours,

Sumner Cornell

Member of the Executive Committee, Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A.

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David Alden

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Sincerely yours,

Stacy S. Wilcox, A.I.A.

Member of the Executive Committee, Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A.



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Sloyd H. Turaff

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Carroll E. Green

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