



The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION NO AP 10901

Dated June 14, 1955.
Received July 18, 1955.
Granted December 20, 1955.

MEMBERSHIP NO 10901

- A Name of applicant Ronald Lee Dirsmith Chapter Chicago
B Address of applicant 1310 Winnemac Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois
C Application received with check for \$20.00 on July 18, 19 55.
D Application returned for correction 19
E Application in due order on December 9, 19 55
F Acknowledgments to applicant and chapter on July 29, 19 55.
G Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that applicant be denied received on July 18, 19 55.
H Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Ill. July 18, 19 55. Received July 29, 19 55.
I The applicant has been examined as to his professional qualifications by Illinois Department of Registration & Education.
J The applicant is currently registered as an architect or licensed to practice architecture in the states of Illinois.
K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on December 13, 1955.
L The Board of Examiners reported on application on December 13, 1955.
M The applicant was requested to furnish additional evidence of his professional qualifications on or before 19 , which was received.

REPORT:

As a result of its findings on the evidence submitted The Board of Examiners unanimously reports that in its opinion the applicant is* qualified for membership in The American Institute of Architects.**

Date December 13, 19 55

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
[Signatures]
Chairman

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Ronald Lee Dirsmith
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Chicago Chapter.

Date December 20, 19 55

[Signature]
Secretary

- N Applicant was admitted on December 20 19 55
O Notice to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter on December 20 19 55
P Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19

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INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.
Mail both copies to the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute, with check for \$20.00 made payable to The American Institute of Architects.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is **Ronald Lee Dirsmith**

2. I am a **natural** citizen of the United States.

3. My legal residence is in the City of **Chicago**

County of **Cook** State of **Illinois**

4. My address in The Institute records will be

1310 Winnemac Avenue
Chicago, 40, Illinois

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **a practicing architect and am also currently part time faculty at the U. of I., Urbana, Ill.**

6. I desire to be a member of the **Chicago** Chapter.

7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and—the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.

8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.

9. I enclose my check for \$20.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$15.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date **June 14, 1955**

Ronald L. Dirsmith
Applicant sign full name in ink

PAID
No. 22255

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State whether natural or a naturalized citizen.

State whether residence or office address.

State whether as a practicing architect, teacher, a public official, etc.

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth

Place of birth

February 27, 1932

Chicago, Illinois

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

Illinois (license no. 01-4279)

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

Illinois

(c) I hold Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Lane Technical High School,	Chicago	4	1949	
University of Illinois, Urbana & Chicago campuses		5	1954	B. Arch.
University of Illinois, Urbana campus		1		will receive M. Arch in Feb., 1956.

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

**Lydia Bates Scholar (twice)
2 nd Prize Ricker competition
Past treasurer-president of the Student Chapter,
Central Illinois Chapter, A.I.A.**

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING *

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

Cook Cnty. Hghwy. Dept., (J. Edwin Quinn, lic. Arch.) Chgo., summers, 1951-52-53
U. of I. Architect (E. L. Stouffer, lic. Arch.) Champaign, Ill., Jan.-June, 1954
Kornacker & Assoc. (George Reihmer, lic. Arch.) Chgo., June,-Sept., 1954
Creative Bldgs., (J.P.Eberhard, lic.Arch.) Champaign, Ill., Sept.-Jan., 1954-55
U. of I. Faculty in Architecture, Champaign, Ill., Jan.-June, 1955
A. M. Richardson, lic. Arch., Champaign, Ill., intermittent Jan.-June, 1955
U. of I. Graduate School, Champaign, Ill., Sept.-June, 1954-55
Perkins & Will, Chicago, present employer from June, 1955

* (NOTE: Applications received after July 1, 1953, must conclusively show that applicant has had three full years of experience in architectural work, in offices, governmental employment, or teaching, in addition to graduation from an architectural school; or eight full years of such experience without formal education; or equivalent combinations of both of the foregoing.)

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges.)

From

To

See item 13

15. Is architecture your principal vocation?

Yes

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

16. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

None

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 17. Member of Institute from to
18. Junior of Institute from to
19. Associate of Chapter from to
20. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
21. Student Associate of Chicago, & Central Illinois Chapters Chapter from 1950 to 1954
22. Member of State Organization in from to

REFERENCES

Five references are required, at least three of whom shall be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

A. M. Richardson, Architect 702 Hessel Blvd., Champaign, Ill
W. S. Kinne, Jr., Architect U. of I., Champaign, Ill.
Philip Will Jr., Architect 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Chgo, Ill
George Reihmer, Architect c/o Perkins & Will 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Chgo, Ill
Joseph A. Kloke, Engineer 5024 N. Broadway, Chgo., Ill

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RONALD L. DIRSMITH

Chicago address:

1310 Winnemac Avenue
Chicago 40, Illinois

Champaign address:

A 74 Stadium Terrace
Champaign, Illinois

August 11, 1955

Mr. Ronald Lee Dirsmith
1210 Winnemac Avenue
Chicago 40, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dirsmith:

The American Institute of Architects has been gratified to receive your application for corporate membership therein and for assignment to its Chicago Chapter.

We regret to advise that you are not quite eligible for corporate membership at this time, as we find the total of your experience in the practice of architecture is two years and five months, whereas the requirement of The Institute now is for a minimum of three years of experience and practice where the applicant is a graduate of an architectural school.

We shall hold your application in abeyance for seven months until you are eligible; or, if you prefer, we will return your application to you and refund your payment of \$20.00.

We look forward to hearing from you when your three-year period has been accomplished.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD L. WILSON, Secretary

ELW/mjj

Copy to the Executive-Secretary,
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA

December 5, 1955

Mr. Edward L. Wilson, Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

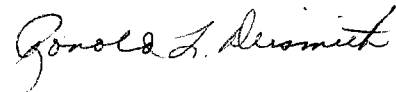
Dear Mr. Wilson:

In June of 1955, I applied for corporate membership in the American Institute of Architects through the Chicago Chapter, and was subsequently advised that I had not fulfilled the minimum experience requirements of three years, as set up in the by-laws of the Institute. At that time I had two years and five months.

Since the original date of my application I was employed by Perkins and Will, Architects and Engineers in Chicago, Illinois, until September of 1955, and then returned to the faculty of the Department of Architecture, University of Illinois, where I am also practicing on my own.

I would appreciate your reconsidering my application at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



RONALD L. DIRSMITH

Copy to:
Executive-Secretary
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

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December 9, 1955

Mr. Ronald L. Dirsmith
1510 Winnamac Avenue
Chicago 40, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dirsmith:

Thank you for your letter of December 5th, which arrived today, advising that you have completed the minimum experience requirements of three years, and that you are eligible for corporate membership at this time.

We wish to advise that your application is in due order and as soon as the Secretary is in a position to proceed toward election you will be notified promptly of the result of the Board's action on your application.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy to the Secretary,
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.



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DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION
AND EDUCATION

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Ronald Lee Dirmsmith - Chicago 40, Illinois

(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Springfield, Illinois

Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date July 18, 1955

Edmund L. Wilson
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Architectural Design; Graphic Statics; Architectural Composition; Structural Design; Selection, Use of Materials; Mechanical Equipment of Bldgs; History of Architecture; Supervision; Counseling and Administration
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 36 hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of first registration February 16, 1955 Registration No. 4279 Is it current? Yes

Fredric B. Selcke
Superintendent of Registration (Signature) (Name of Board)

Date July 27 1955 Illinois Department of Registration & Education
(Name of Board)

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December 20, 1955

Mr. Ronald Lee Birsmith
1310 Winnemac Avenue
Chicago 40, Illinois

Dear Mr. Birsmith:

The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects takes pleasure in informing you that it has acted favorably on your application and welcomes you to corporate membership in The Institute. You will receive shortly a certificate of membership duly executed by the officers of The Institute.

You are assigned to the Chicago Chapter and the Architects Association of Illinois, effective December 20, 1955.

I sincerely hope that you will take an active and interested part in your chapter activities since it is through these activities that Institute policies are developed. Your cooperation and participation will contribute to the advancement of Institute objectives and increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I want you to know that my office is always at your service to the fullest extent of its powers.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Wilson
Secretary

Enclosures

gian luigi campanile ronald l. dirsmith, a. i. a.
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8 April, 1958

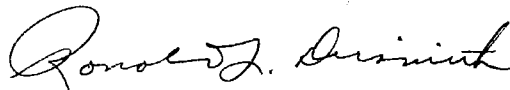
Edmund R. Purves,
Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N W
Washington, 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

In September, 1958 I will be travelling to Europe on a Rome Prize Fellowship in Architecture and will be abroad for the following two years. Is there any consideration regarding my annual dues that the Institute could afford me as I will not be practicing Architecture for the entire period of the Fellowship.

I am currently a member in good standing of the Chicago Chapter and have maintained this status for the past three years.

Respectfully,



Ronald L. Dirsmith, A. I. A.

cc: Chicago Chapter, A. I. A.
221 No. La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

April 16, 1958

Mr. Ronald L. Dirsmith, A.I.A.
1330 No. State Parkway
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dirsmith:

In reply to your letter of April 8 with regard to the status of your membership while you are travelling and living abroad.

We advise that there are no conditions under which any change in your obligations as a corporate member to the A.I.A. and the Chicago Chapter may be extended.

So long as you are a member of the A.I.A. you also must retain your membership in the local chapter.

The only course which could be followed to be relieved of dues payments would be to resign your corporate membership if you feel that would be desirable under the circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership & Records

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4 May, 1958

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

Att'n: Florence Gervais

Gentlemen:

I deeply regret that I must resign my corporate membership in the American Institute of Architects. The financial circumstances under which I will be travelling as a Rome Prize Fellow in Architecture for the next two years will not allow me the additional funds to retain my membership.

I do intend, however, to reapply for corporate membership upon my return to this country.

Respectfully,



Ronald L. Dirsmith, A. I. A.

D:c

cc Ceil Garneau, Executive Secretary
Chicago Chapter, A. I. A.
221 No. La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

*Good thanks
in reply
m.f.*

*Resignation
Suspense*

May 5, 1958

Mr. Ronald L. Dirsmith
2801 North Sheridan Road
Chicago 14, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dirsmith:

It is with regret that we have received your letter resigning your corporate membership in The Institute and the Chicago Chapter to which you are assigned.

Inasmuch as the resignation of a corporate member must be approved by his Chapter also, we are writing to the Chicago Chapter for this information. When approval is received final action can be taken on your resignation and you will be notified.

If, at some future date, you wish to renew your affiliation with the A.I.A. let us know and we shall be glad to send you information as to the procedure to be followed.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Garvais
Secretary of Membership and Records

Copy to the Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

Please let us know if Mr. Dirsmith is in good standing in the Chapter, and oblige

CHICAGO CHAPTER



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Dear Miss Gervais:

Re: Resignation of
Ronald L. Dirsmith

Our records indicate that Mr. Ronald L. Dirsmith does not have any indebtedness to the Chicago Chapter. His dues have been paid up to July 1, 1958.

We regret Mr. Dirsmith's decision to resign his membership, but since the situation is such that he will be unable to participate in Chapter affairs while he is away, the Board agreed to accept his request.

Sincerely,

Morton Hartman
Morton Hartman, Secretary
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.
MH/cg

May 8, 1958

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To **Mr. Ronald L. Dirsmith**
2801 North Sheridan Road
Chicago 14, Illinois

Your resignation from The Institute, dated **May 4**, 19 **58**, is effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of **May 5**, 19**58**, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that you will return to it soon.

Date **May 15**, 19 **58**.

Edward Wilson
Secretary.

*Chicago Chapter
Copy to accty Dept*

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