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## Institute Reorganization

### *Southern California Chapter.*

At its meeting on July 14, the Secretary presented the subject of Institute reorganization. After giving a clear outline of why the new policy seemed desirable, and the reasons that led up to its initiation, the Secretary read the outline report as presented in the Journal of June, 1914. A general discussion followed this reading, whereupon the report was again read in sections, discussed, and approved in all its sections with the following exceptions:

Relative to the payment of dues, a suggestion was made by Mr. Tilden Norton that dues of both members and candidates be paid to the Institute and not to both Chapter and Institute; that the Chapters be responsible for the proper payment of such dues to the Institute. The suggestions were made in an effort to do away with any notions on the part of members or of the public as to the existence of a dual organization. Previous to putting a motion on this matter, Mr. J. J. Backus moved, seconded by Fernand Parmentier, that the Chapter indorse the changes reported by the Committee on Chapters, with the modifications to be hereinafter proposed.

Following the adoption of this motion, it was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Norton, that dues for Institute members and candidates be paid quarterly by the Chapter to the Institute. This motion was unanimously passed.

The question as to the uniformity of dues was next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. John G. Austin, seconded by Mr. Parmentier, that the dues for candidates be made approximately 50 per

cent less than for members. A discussion followed, and an amendment was offered by Mr. Norton that a reduction be made to candidates for the first year only, thereafter the dues to be uniform for both members and candidates. Upon the acceptance of this amendment by Mr. Austin and his seconder, the motion was so put and unanimously passed.

Relative to the question of examination and fee for membership, Mr. Krempel moved that, in localities where state laws requiring the certification of architects now exist, that no such examination as noted in the committee's report be required. Following a discussion this motion was carried.

Relative to the rights of candidates, it was moved by Mr. Backus, seconded by Mr. Norton, that members and candidates may have equal rights and power to vote in matters of local interest. This motion was adopted.

Relative to the status of the present junior members, it was suggested by Mr. Parmentier that present Juniors, as well as Chapter members, automatically become candidates.

Relative to the election of honorary members, it was moved by Mr. Austin that such members be selected and voted upon by each local Chapter for the honorary members within that territory. No second being presented to this motion, the recommendation of the committee as presented in the report was approved.

Relative to the section on Associates of the Chapters, it was moved by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Erkes, that such a form of membership should not be endorsed by this Chapter.

All other sections of the committee's report were indorsed.

## Education

### *Oregon Chapter.*

Mr. Lawrence submitted a report showing a comparative summary of the courses of study at twenty-four schools of architecture in the country, from which averages were established. The course

as suggested by Mr. Lawrence for the University of Oregon was given in comparison with these averages, and the support of the Chapter was urged for this new School of Architecture. The report was submitted to the Educational Committee.

## The Resolutions of the Illinois Chapter on the Death of William M. R. French

The committee to draw up suitable resolutions with reference to the death of Director Wm. M. R. French of the Art Institute, consisting of George Beaumont, Allen B. Pond, and H. B. Wheelock, presented the following resolutions which were

unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Chapter:

On the 3d day of June, Wm. M. R. French passed away. Only a memory remains where once was the presence of a man who, by his unwavering

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enthusiasm for the beautiful, his consistent devotion to a high ideal of life, his kindly humor, and his manliness, had endeared himself to all who knew him. His memory is recorded for generations to come by the influence he exerted in shaping the policies of the Art Institute of Chicago, which chiefly was the scene of his manhood labors. The exceptional breadth of view, the far-sighted and broadly democratic public spirit, and the just sense of proportion, that so signally and so exceptionally characterize the Art Institute, must, in large measure, be credited to the attitude toward life of the man who for many years was its director.

The Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is one among many organizations devoted to the service of beauty and to the advancement of the community welfare, which has been greatly assisted in its work by the sympathetic cooperation of the Art Institute. The Chapter has been advantaged by the hospitality of the Art Institute, and its members have seen at close range

and have felt an increasing pride in the broad scope of the Institute's activities and influence. But, to the pride of the Chapter members as citizens of Chicago, in the effectiveness of the Art Institute as a factor in the higher life of this community, there has been added a more intimate note; for, through their close contact, they have individually come to feel a keen appreciation of the high qualities of the man who for years was the center of all the Institute's work; and gradually they have become aware that with their pride and appreciation were linked a personal affection for the man himself.

The members of the Illinois Chapter feel deep gratitude that it was the good fortune of our city to secure the intelligent and devoted service of such a man; and feeling keenly the city's loss and their personal bereavement in his death, they cherish his memory and spread on the records of the Chapter this testimonial of their high regard and their affectionate remembrance.

### In Memoriam

SAMPSON JAMES FOUNTAIN

Died at Cleveland, Ohio, August 15, 1914

Admitted to the Institute in 1913