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November 6th, 1914.

My dear Sir:-

Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of Fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature or education. The jury for this year has made its selections from the names of all the candidates nominated. Under the requirements of the By-laws of the Institute the name of each candidate so selected must be submitted for approval to the Chapter of which he is a member. Thereafter his name goes before the Convention of the Institute and if confirmed the candidate becomes a fellow. Because of the shortness of time before December 2, the first day of the Convention, it has been suggested that a special meeting be called for those Chapters not having a regular meeting scheduled in time to formally act in the matter.

In the Kansas City Chapter Mr. Benjamin J. Lubschez has been selected by the jury.

You are therefore requested to submit his name to the Chapter for ratification and to advise this office of the result at the earliest possible moment. It would also be greatly appreciated if you will include a brief statement, with the notice of ratification, which can be presented to the Convention with the name of Mr. Lubschez. Such a statement should show when he began independent practice, refer to some of his prominent work in the last five years, indicate what his activities have been for his Chapter, for the Institute, and for his community. It might also contain references to papers, books, or lectures or other professional attainments which the Chapter may desire to include.

Very truly yours,

Acting Executive Secretary.

Mr. Charles Opel, Secretary,
Kansas City Chapter, A. I. A.,
526 National Reserve Bk. Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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KANSAS CITY,

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The American Institute of Architects,

The Octagon,

Washington, D. C,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting held this date, the Kansas

City Chapter A. I. A. has ratified the selection, by the jury of Fellows, of the name of Benjamin J. Lubschez, to be presented for confirmation at the ensuing Convention.

At the suggestion of your Secretary we enclose here-with a statement to be presented to the Convention with the name of Mr. Lubschez.

Yours very truly,

G. M. Siemens

Secretary.

BENJAMIN J. LUBSCHEZ.

Mr. Lubschez began the study of his profession twenty or more years ago in the office of A. Van Brunt & Co. and after some independent practice, entered the firm subsequently known as A. Van Brunt & CO. He succeeded the firm at the death of Mr. Van Brunt in 1913.

Mr. Lubschez is an energetic student, not only of the complex affairs co-related to the Architect's activities, but of fundamental sociological and economic questions as well, and is a prominent member of numerous societies and organizations seeking the solution of civic problems.

He has been an indefatigable worker in the affairs and interests of the Chapter and of the Institute and has accomplished as much as any other individual member toward elevating and maintaining in the estimation of the public the dignity of our profession and the value and importance of the Architect's services.

We recognize in his work on "Perspective" a valuable addition to the text books available to students and practitioners and appreciate its adoption for class work and instruction in Columbia University.

At the last annual meeting of our Chapter he was elected to serve, for a third year, as its President.

We heartily endorse the selection of the jury.

The Kansas City Chapter A. I. A.

G. W. Siemens

Secretary,

Kansas City, Mo.
Nov. 11, 1914.

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BEN J. LUBSCHEZ ARCHITECT
F. A. A. A.
SUCCESSOR TO A. VAN BRUNT AND CO
200 RELIANCE BUILDING · KANSAS CITY MO

February Eighth
Nineteen Seventeen.

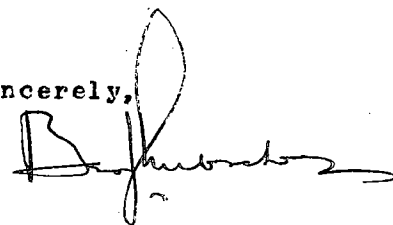
Mr. John Lawrence Mauran, President
American Institute of Architects
Chemical Building
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Mauran:

As I told you Monday, I have made arrangements to go to Washington about March 1st to assist Mr. Whitaker on the Journal. At present this is only an experiment for the year. I shall maintain some sort of business connection in Kansas City for the time being and shall remain a member of the Kansas City Chapter.

The question of the propriety of my remaining, under the conditions above stated, on the Board has come to my mind and as I told you in our conversation, I think best to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of my fellow Board members and write this so that you may take it up with them formally at such time as you think best. With best wishes

Sincerely,



EJL-EE

American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Lubschey

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Date

Subject

From

To

June 2-1917

E. C. K.

Mr. Lubschey

Dear Mr. Lubschey:-

At the May meeting of the Executive Committee your letter of March 1st to President Mauran was read and it was resolved that at least during the experimental period mentioned the Executive Committee can see no reason why you should not continue as a member of the Board.

You will appreciate that this is a routine letter.

Sincerely yours,

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THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

MAY 26, 1919.

Mr. Stanley Parker, Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

As per the request of Mr. Ben J.
Lubschez, a member of the Kansas City Chapter,
I hereto certify that Mr. Lubschez is in good
standing in this Chapter.

Respectfully,

Albert P. Owen
Secretary.

The purpose of these credentials, which Mr. Owen, has omitted to state, is to bring about the transfer of my membership from the Kansas City Chapter to the New York Chapter. I hereby request this transfer of membership.

ASO/M

Respectfully yours,

Ben Lubschez

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January 9, 1922.

Dear Mr. Lubschez:-

I spent the Christmas holidays with my little boy who is in Florida for the winter with his Governess. Upon returning I find your Christmas card and it is much appreciated. The entire staff here at the Octagon joins me in wishing for you a Happy and Prosperous 1922.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez,
101 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Architects' Bldg., 101 Park Ave., New York

April 29, 1922.

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Reservation made
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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon House,
1741 New York Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

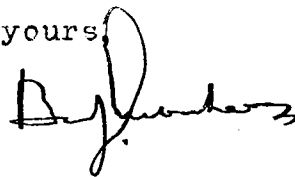
Dear Kemper:-

My brother-in-law, Mr. F. G. Wilson, wants to attend a Motion Picture Convention in Washington May 8th to 11th. The hotels seem to be pretty full, and he has asked me if I could do something for him. In turn, I am asking you. Will you please ^{see} if you can get a double room with bath for arrival May the 8th, preferably at the Washington Hotel, or if that is impossible, at any other, nearer to the Washington the better.

Kindly have the hotel acknowledge the reservation directly to Mr. Wilson, 723 Seventh Avenue.

Thanking you in advance and with the kindest regards,

As ever yours,



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 1, 1922.

Dear Mr. Lubschez:-

Yours of April 29 at hand this morning and we were glad to make a reservation at the Washington Hotel for Mr. F. G. Wilson, such reservation, a double room with bath, to be available on May 8.

The Hotel promises to acknowledge to Mr. Wilson, and I am sending to him a copy of this letter as a check.

If we can be of any service to him when he is in Washington I hope he will call upon us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention, and to the luncheon engagement you have with me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez,
101 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Copy to Mr. Wilson.

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J. Wilson

American Institute of Architects
1922
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May 3rd, 1922

Mr. F.G. Wilson,
723 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

At the request of Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary of the American Institute of Architects, we have reserved for you a double room with bath for Monday, May 8th.

Thanking you for your patronage, and assuring you every attention, we are,

Yours very truly,

R. A. Brown

Manager.

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Copy to Mr. Kemper.

American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

E. C. K.

Mr. Lubschez

2-20-23

Dear Mr. Lubschez:-

It will soon be time for me to make my March trip to New York and I send this reminder of your kind offer to get me a high-speed Ansco, a 4-5 I believe, with finder attachment. I am anxious to begin making some real pictures - hence the hurry.

As ever,

K:VB

American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

E. C. K.

Mr. Lubschez

2-27-23

Dear Mr. Lubschez:-

Mr. J. G. Braecklein of 823 North 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, in writing about several matters states that he knows you and that he would like to get your book on Prospective, for which he would be pleased to send check. We have advised him of this reference to you.

If I get to New York early in March it will be about the 9th or 10th, and I look forward to having you take luncheon with me.

Sincerely yours,

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BEN · J · LUBSCHEZ · ARCHITECT
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Architects' Bldg., 101 Park Ave., New York

March 1st,
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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Kemper:

The worst of the rush is over and yesterday I bought your camera, a much better one than the one I showed you, slightly second-hand. It is worth \$75 and I paid \$40 for it including a very decent case. I think it will be safer to have you take it when you are here, shipping is somewhat risky. I shall be most pleased to hear your voice over the telephone as soon as you get here. Call me at Bryant 2525 or Vanderbilt 1147.

With kindest regards, as ever yours



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March 6, 1923.

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

Was indeed glad to get your note of the 1st, and to note that you have gotten me a camera. I know it will be good—far better than its owner. When I get my first good picture of a peeping bass I shall exhibit it to you triumphantly.

When I get to New York this month I will call you up.

Yours as ever,

Mr. Ben. J. Lubschez,
Architects Bldg.,
101 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 9, 1923.

Gentlemen:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of the 5th re-
questing a copy of the handbook entitled "Over the Drawing
Board", and to advise that we are today referring it to
Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, 101 Park Avenue, New York City.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Thorne-Hold-Fast Metal Bar Co. Inc.,
Troy, New York.

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Copy to Mr. Lubschez.

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

from BEN J. LUBSCHEZ, Architect, 729 Seventh Avenue, New York City

June 4th,
1926

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon House,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Eddie Kemper:

The reasons I did not attend the Convention are several and on the whole somewhat unpleasant to recall because they are partly associated with rather nauseating memories. I am sure it is time to forget all that now, however.

My friend, John Tennant, editor and publisher of "The Photo-Miniature" is preparing a number on Vacation and Camp photography and needs illustrations, I suggested to him that you might be willing to send on some fish portraits if I ask you. Will you?

If you care to send some for Tennant to choose from, you may send them direct to Tennant and Ward, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York or if you prefer to send them to me, I'll see that they are taken care of and returned.

Cordially,



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

June 7, 1926.

Dear Ben:

I was glad to get your letter of June 4th, and you can be assured it will be a pleasure to send to you some fishing and outdoor pictures that I have taken.

Shall I send the negatives, or glossy prints, or what?

I am still in the novice class and my feelings will not be hurt a bit if Mr. Tennant does not find a single picture he can use.

Just let me know what to send.

Yours,

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

from BEN J. LUBSCHEZ, Architect, 729 Seventh Avenue, New York City

August 12th,
1926

W
Mr. Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Treasurer:

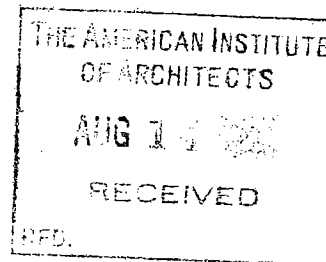
Last January I paid my annual dues to the Institute in full as then prescribed, for the year 1926.

It is my opinion that a Convention acting subsequently could not change my then established status as a member with dues fully paid up for the year. I resent the implication in the bill sent me for "additional" dues and am returning it herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Ben J. Lubschez

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July 1, 1926

TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer

DR.

*Additional Dues, July 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926.

In accordance with Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws.

	\$2	50

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

*For explanation see accompanying card of transmittal.

Please call attention to any mistake in your address or other error in this bill.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

August 14, 1926

Dear Mr. Lubachow:

Your letter of August 12th, in regard to "additional" dues for 1926 is at hand this morning and has been referred to the Treasurer, Mr. Bergstrom, for reply.

A copy of the letter of transmittal is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Ben J. Lubachow,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

K/PNG

Enc.

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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MILTON B. MEDARY, JR., PRESIDENT, PHILADELPHIA
WILLIAM EMERSON, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, BOSTON
C. HERRICK HAMMOND, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, CHICAGO



FRANK C. BALDWIN, SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.
EDWIN BERGSTROM, TREASURER, LOS ANGELES
EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mailed Sept 20, 1926
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Los Angeles, California
September 7, 1926

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

It is evident from your letter that you do not like to pay \$2.50 more for 1926 dues; nor do I. It may be that you have the legal advice that the action of a Convention which increases dues during a current year is illegal; it may be our advice that the Convention had that right and power. In any case, the action was taken, the money was needed, and like all good Institute members we must give way in some of our apparent individual rights.

Of course you have every right to protest a tax you consider illegal - you can refuse to pay the \$2.50, call it "additional dues", "new dues", an "assessment", or what you will - but what will it benefit either you or the Institute to get into that controversy and make the Institute prove its right to act as it did. Only misunderstanding will result and the point would be, probably, that a succeeding convention would get the money in another way.

About all we do in life is to pay, anyhow, and none of us enjoy doing that if we feel that we are getting stuck. I hope you will accept the action of the convention.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer

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9th October, 1926

Ben J Yabscher, Esq.,
Architect,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.,

Dear Uncle Ben,

It is good to hear your voice again - even though the voice speaks through several manifolded copies of correspondence on the "Sins of the late Board". You are entirely right in your stand - in my opinion. The delegation from this (Florida) Chapter went to the last CON-vention instructed to vote against the "additional dues". It did no good. I had previously suggested to the Board the advisability of drawing on the Reserve Fund - but that Board was deaf to all suggestions. Some of that late Board still remains in the Lumber Pile - and so long as such is the case, I have come to the following conclusion concerning Institute matters:-

QUESTION:- What's the use?

ANSWER:- NONE.

I was delighted the other day - during a visit to the new School of Architecture of the University of Florida (where I have certain obligations - thankless like all the others I have - to fulfill), to see that the Classes in Perspective Drawing use the one-and-only Text book on the subject, by dear Uncle Ben.

We missed you at the CON-vention. Or rather at the little side parties which our GANG of Anti-administration rebels staged as an antidote to the Bunk. We only bothered with the ridiculous thing sufficiently to insure the election of Medary - an insurance which we underwrote with some SUCCESS. Maybe he will save the poor deluded Institute. If he does not - nobody ever will. It will mean that it is past saving. Oh! that late Board!

Best luck, old fellow,

Am sending a copy to Kemper in a personal way - not for Institute files. Eddie has a heart, and I love him much. HFC.

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See Book

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Los Angeles, California
October 28, 1926

Mr. Ben. J. Lubschez,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lubschez:

The Institute Counsel has just rendered me an opinion that the Institute probably exceeded its authority in ordering the additional dues for the 1926 period. This opinion upholds the position you have taken.

The matter will be before the Board meeting in December; meanwhile, I have requested that no further demands for the payment of this \$2.50 be made until and unless the Board shall so order after the December meeting.

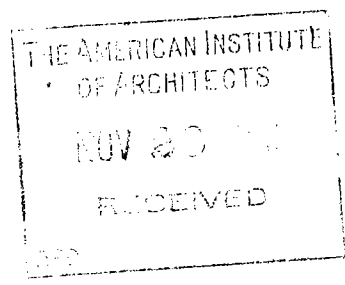
Very sincerely,

Treasurer

EB:C

c.c. to E.C.Kemper

A. I. A.
Washington



Dear Sir

Handwritten scribble

Kindly send me address
of Mr Ben J. Lubliner

Yours truly

A. ZAKHAROFF
59 E. VAN BUREN,
Room 700.
CHICAGO,

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 7, 1930.

My dear Mr. Bird:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 28th, requesting the name of a reliable architectural photographer in New York.

Usually we do not make recommendations in such matters, but in this instance I believe that an exception is fully justified, and wish to refer you to Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, whose address is 250 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York City.

Mr. Lubschez is not only an accomplished architect but he is one of the outstanding photographers of architectural subjects in the United States.

In fact, he is the best in that field of whom we have knowledge and he is recommended without reservation.

I have no knowledge of his rates of service but believe they would be found to be reasonable.

Mr. Lubschez's book - "Manhattan--The Magical Isle" - published by The Press of The A. I. A., is probably the finest collection of photographs of architectural subjects in the city of New York which has ever been issued. You might find it worthwhile to inquire if a copy is available for inspection at the library of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Eno L. Bird, Esq., Assistant Editor,
The Architect & Building News,
Rolls House, 2 Breems Buildings,
London, E. C. 4., England.

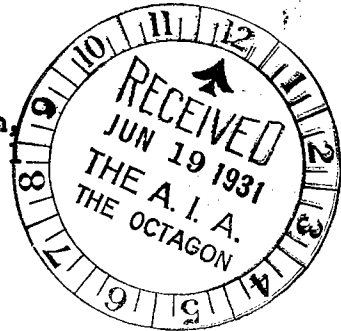
Dear Frank:

The enclosed rather formal note tells
the story. Things have become only
a little worse since I saw you. Truly
kindest regards
As ever yours
Ben

6/18/31

Room 410, 250 West 57th Street,
New York, N. Y.

June 18th,
1931



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In answer to your final notice regarding my delinquent dues, I regret that conditions are such that I can do nothing at the present time nor am I warranted in making any definite promise for November 1st. I can only abide by such action as the Board has prescribed.

Sincerely yours,

Ben J. Lubschez

*Mr. M.
Special consultant cost!*

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June 30, 1931.

Dear Mr. Labschetz

Mr. Baldwin came down to Washington on June 22d from Nantucket, to clean up Institute matters accumulated since his previous visit.

Your letter of June 18th received his special attention and he directed that I write to you at once. I failed to do so because I had to leave for the meetings that were being held in Indianapolis.

He wishes you to know that under the authority vested in him by the Board, your membership in the Institute will be maintained - as that of a member in good standing, at least until December 31st of the current year. Thereafter no action will be taken affecting your membership without ample notice to you.

He hopes very much that between now and the beginning of the year conditions will improve generally, and also in your own office, to the end that there may be no chance whatsoever of the Institute losing your affiliation - which it values highly.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ben J. Labschetz,
Room 410 - 250 West 57th St.,
New York City, New York.

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January eleventh,

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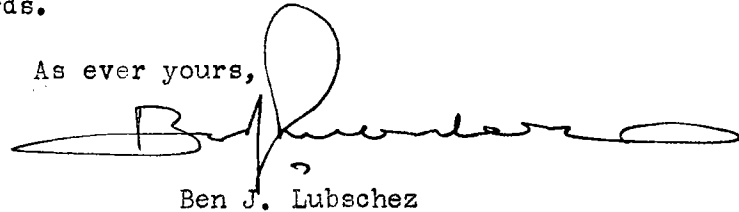
Dear Ed. Kemper:

Many thanks for your holiday greeting. It was the only one I received! I don't deserve any, however, for I stopped sending them several years ago. Many good wishes to you and yours for 1934.

I am somewhat out of touch with Institute affairs. Is THE OCTAGON still being published? I have not received a copy for a year or more. Apparently my change of address sent in early last year went astray for the only Institute mail reaching me is an occasional bill forwarded from the old 57th Street address. I do not believe the reduction in dues to \$15 will do the treasury much good. So many members are in the same position I am: they cannot afford anything for dues in the face of the struggle to meet the elemental obligations of providing food and shelter for their families with practically no income and their reserve used up. Fortunately, for the last half year, ^{and} for the first time in many months, I have been able to earn a scanty living, - not in architecture, however - and have not had to borrow as I had been doing for a long time previously.

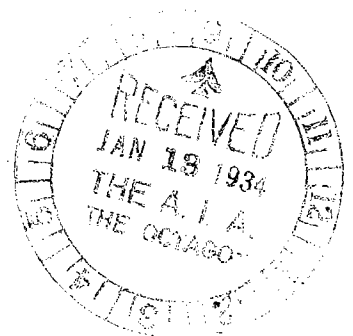
My post-office address minus all frills, is 3959 48th Street, Long Island City, N.Y. Will you please have it corrected on the records.

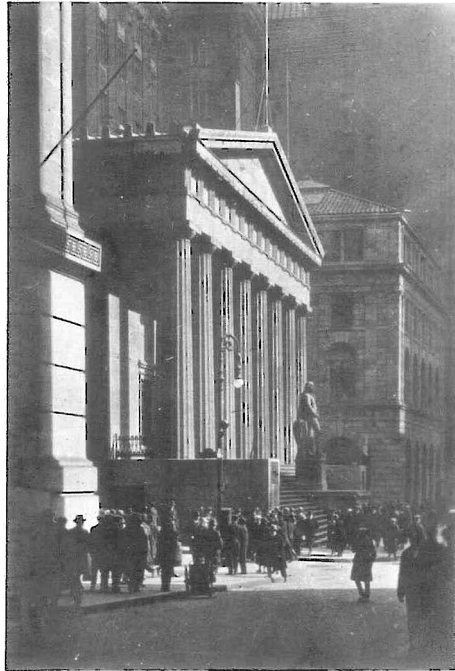
As ever yours,



Ben J. Lubschez

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.





A Photographic Service for Architects
by
BEN JUDAH LUBSCHEZ



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AS a pictorial photographer, Mr. Lubschez has been particularly successful with architectural subjects. His photographs, many of them familiar to members of the American Institute of Architects through publication in their Journal, have been hung in numerous important exhibitions here and abroad. Of "Manhattan, the Magical Island, the book of New York photographs by Mr. Lubschez, Mr. Ray Long, Editor in Chief of Hearst's International and Cosmopolitan Magazine, has said that they "caught and put on paper the romance of New York, a rare achievement;" the late Mr. W. H. Crocker of The American Architect, has said, "the word photograph takes on a new meaning when one examines the pictures in this book." With thirty years experience as an enthusiastic amateur photographer and practicing architect, Mr. Lubschez now offers his services to architects in the photographic portrayal of their works from the sympathetic viewpoint of the trained architect rather than that of the commercial photographer. For appointments, telephone or write:

BEN JUDAH LUBSCHEZ

250 West 57th Street,
New York

Telephone: COlumbus 5-2030



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(PORTRAITS MADE IN YOUR OFFICE OR HOME ANY TIME AT YOUR CONVENIENCE)

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Ed:

Small favors thankfully received!
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 15, 1934.

Dear Ben:

I was glad to get your letter of January 11th, as it has been a long time since I have heard from you. I have not been to New York for several years (there is no money), or you would have seen me.

I am considerably put out because you have not been getting THE OCTAGON. I am sending you the October, November, and December numbers, under separate cover, and will see to it that in 1934 this bulletin reaches you at 3959 Forty-eighth Street, Long Island City, New York.

We are making this change of address on all the records here and if you do not get THE OCTAGON in due course (it is usually late), please let me know.

With best regards, and as ever

Sincerely yours,

ECK*B
Encs.

Mr. Ben J. Lübschez, F. A. I. A.,
3959 Forty-eighth Street,
Long Island City, New York.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATOR
OF PUBLIC WORKS
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1935.

File



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin,
1741 New York Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Ben J. Lubschez,
Position: Engineer Inspector.

My dear Mr. Baldwin:

In connection with an application filed by the above named person, your name has been given as reference. Will you please advise, using the enclosed envelope, as to whether you consider the applicant qualified by training, experience, and judgment to perform the duties of this position, which include the inspection of work being done on public works construction projects and making reports on the result. Will you also be good enough to give us a statement as to his character and standing in the community. Your report will, of course, be treated as confidential.

Sincerely yours,

E. K. Burlew

E. K. BURLEW
For the Administrator.

Enclosure.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 8, 1935.

My dear Mr. Burlew:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 7th, with regard to Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, who is applying for a job as Engineer Inspector.

I have known Mr. Lubschez for at least twenty years.

I consider him highly qualified by training, experience, and judgment to perform the duties of the position for which he is applying.

His character and standing in his community and in the architectural profession are of the highest.

If Mr. Lubschez is appointed, you can depend absolutely upon his integrity, ability, and conscientious performance of duty.

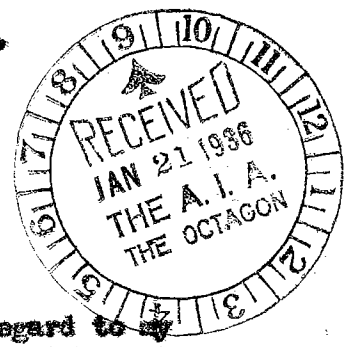
Sincerely yours,

(S) J. I. B.

FCB*B

Mr. M. K. Burlew,
Federal Emergency Administration
of Public Works,
Interior Building,
Washington, D. C.

January 18,
1936



Mr. Hobart B. Upjohn, President,
N. Y. Chapter, A.I.A.,
522 Fifth Avenue,
New York

Dear Mr. Upjohn:

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to my Chapter membership. Although I am fully aware that neither the Chapter nor the Institute can function properly without funds, I certainly do not think that the ruling of the Institute Board of Directors that delinquents shall ipso facto cease to be members January 31st, is for the best interests either for the Institute or the profession. I know several members who cannot afford to pay any dues be they reduced to \$15 or \$10 or less.

As for my own case, for several years I was practically without any income, suffered serious investment losses and was compelled to borrow money for living expenses. A few months ago I procured a position as specification writer in the Department of Parks at less than a subsistence wage. This has now been somewhat increased so that with effort I can make ends barely meet.

Even in case of a further increase in my earnings, which I cannot now foresee, there are so many prior claims to any little surplus I might save, that I do not see how I shall be able to spare anything for Institute or Chapter dues.

I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to Mr. Higgins and to Mr. E.O. Kemper.

Yours sincerely,

Ben J. Lubbock

cc to E. P. Higgins
E. O. Kemper

Wear Ed. K.
There is nothing more I can say
Regards
mjh

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Ben J. Lubschez

Feb 26 1936

10-1-36

CHARLES W. INGHAM, PRESIDENT
EDWIN BERGSTROM, SECRETARY
EDWARD C. KEMPER, TREASURER

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1936

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

The enclosed excerpt concerning conditions of retirement your membership in the Institute are assigned, after the above is self explanatory.

As stated in the enclosed, it may be that you are no longer in the active practice of architecture and that you are eligible under these general provisions. The Officers and Directors extended the time for payment of dues to January 31, 1936, in default of the accounts of those members.

The Officers and Directors have as improved conditions and the Board of Directors is the order that the matter may come before the Board at its April meeting.

We hope very much that you will respond in this matter and thus enable us to take your name from the list of those due for termination for non-payment of dues.

E:G
Enclosure

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

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Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, F.A.I.A.,
3959 Forty-eighth Street,
Long Island City, New York.

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March 11,
1936

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ed Kemper:

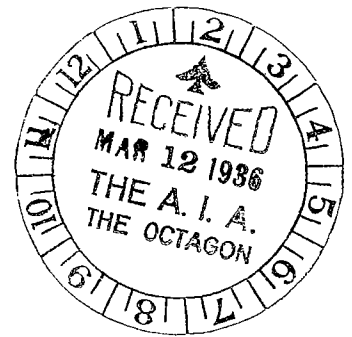
Thank you for the extracts from the By-Laws regarding the requirements for retirement and your suggestion that I should please do something about it.

I am not yet quite 70 years old and whatever earnings still come my way are by virtue of work related to the practice of architecture, so two possibilities must be dismissed.

It did look for a while as if the disability clause might apply, but alas I recovered completely from the attack of neuritis which incapacitated me for a week or ten days recently so the third possibility for retirement is gone.

As I said in my letter to Mr. Upjohn, a copy of which I sent you, I am not in a position to pay any dues. Judging from conditions around me, if I must be relegated to the "ipso-facto non-membership" class, I shall be in pretty good company.

As ever yours,



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS ?
Mrs. Miller - Hur
OFFICE - 701 East
648. 7715

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list

Terminated

Abraham
Brook

March 23, 1936.

Dear Ben:

This is the first moment to acknowledge yours of March 11.

We are taking the liberty of holding it for the May Board, in the thought that your dues should be remitted - as in many other cases.

Will let you know after the Board meeting and the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK+B

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, Architect,
3959 Gosman Avenue, Sunnyside Gardens,
Long Island City, New York.

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June 15, 1936

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

At the May, 1936, meeting of The Board of Directors, your membership in The Institute and the New York Chapter was discontinued for the non-payment of Institute dues, effective December 31, 1935.

The Board expressed regret at the necessity for taking such action, and it is hoped that when conditions in the architectural profession improve, you will apply for reinstatement to membership.

The Secretary of the chapter has been advised accordingly.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

X/e

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez,
3959 Gosman Avenue, Sunnyside Gardens,
Long Island City, N. Y.

In due order
May 21, 1952
J. Gerovais



3/12/52 Dated January 28, 1950.
3/17/52 Received January 30, 1950.
Granted July 1, 1952.

MEMBERSHIP NO 8626

Published Date: April 1, 1952
Expiration Date: June 1, 1952

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

READMISSION TO
APPLICATION FOR/MEMBERSHIP

(Follow)

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant... Ben J. Lubesz... Chapter New York
101 Park Ave-c/o Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith, New York 17, New York
- B Address of applicant... ~~3959 York St. New York, N.Y.~~
- C Applicant proposed by... Ralph Walker... and... Alonzo W. Clark
- D Application received with check for \$ 30.00 on... January 30 19 50.
15.00 March 17, 1952
- E Application returned for correction... Wrote re: payment of \$30.00... February 8, 19 50.
\$30.00 May 12, 1952
- F Application in due order on... May 21, 1952
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (N.Y.)... Feb. 3, 1950. Received. February 13 19 50.
New York April 25/52 Received April 1, 1952
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee: June 2, 1952 May 2, 1952
(a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... March 8 19 50, on February 8, 19 50.
(b) Form S12, 30-day extension ending on... May 3, 19 50 on April 3, 1950.
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, ~~proposers~~, and chapter on... February 8, 19 50.
May 2, 1952
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~to the applicant as a member~~ received on... May 16, 19 52.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on... June 3, 19 52.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on... June 3, 19 52.
- M Applicant was admitted on... July 1, 19 52.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter ~~and to the~~
~~proposers~~ on... July 1, 19 52.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$...
returned to applicant on... 19 .

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
Ben Judah Lubesz
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the New York Chapter.

Date July 1, 19 52.

Ben Judah Lubesz
Secretary

(a)



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

Mail this original and check for \$15.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

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APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is Ben Judah Lubchez
2. I am a naturalized citizen of the United States. (Father's papers 1889)

3. My legal residence is in the City of New York (Long Island City)

County of Queens

State of New York

4. My address in The Institute records will be

~~101~~ ^{Street} 101 Park Avenue c/o Voorhees Walker Foley and Smith
 City Zone State
 New York 17 New York

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as practicing architect
6. I desire to be a member of the New York 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 \$15.00, 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 \$10.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date March 12 1952

PAID

DATE \$15.00 3/12/52

Ben Judah Lubchez

Applicant sign full name in ink

1.

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **May 10, 1881** Place of birth **Odessa, Russia**

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

New York

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

(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>
Central High School	Kansas City, Mo.	4	1898	

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

All over United States and most of Canada

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:

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Adriance Van Brunt, Kansas City, Mo.	1898	1908
A. Van Brunt & Bro. " " "	1908	1911 Chief Draftsman
A. Van Brunt & Co. " " "	1911	1913 Partner
H. VanBuren Magonigle, New York	1922	1923 Associate & Spec.
Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith, New York	1944 to date,	Specifications

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).

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
A. Van Brunt & Co., Kansas City, Mo	1911	1913
Own name " " " "	1913	1916
" " , New York	1917	off and on to date

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

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

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from 1911 to 1935 (Fellow, 1914)
- 17. Junior of Institute from to
- 18. Associate of Chapter from to
- 19. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
- 20. Student Associate of Chapter from to
- 21. Member of State Organization in from to

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 15 years. I have known the applicant for 6 years.

Signed *Ralph W. Miller*
Proposer
101 Park Ave NYC
Address

Signed *Alvyn W. Clark*
Proposer
101 Park Ave NYC
Address

Ralph W. Miller

Alvyn W. Clark

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March 14th, 1952

The Secretary,
New York Chapter, A. I. A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In regard to item 8 of my enclosed application for re-instatement as member of the Institute, it was my understanding that when after having been a member of the Institute for twenty-five years, I was dropped from membership in 1936 for non-payment of dues during the hard, dark years of the depression, my indebtedness to the Chapter was remitted. It seems, however, that the books of the Chapter do not show this and there is still a sizeable amount due recorded against me. I realize that this matter will have to be adjusted in some way before my application can be acted on. My Institute record is clear in as far as I know.

Sincerely yours,

Ben J. Lubshetz

Dr. for non-pay'd dues

12-31-35-

Paid defaulted dues in full 2-2-50

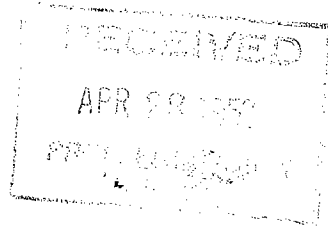
My Chapter

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Ben Judah Lubschez - New York 17, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, New York
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, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, 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 April 25, 19 52

Earl A. Dwyer
Secretary

- 1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? yes
- 2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption? yes
- 3. What was the scope of the examination?
on the basis of a practical examination given March 7, 1952
under provisions of Section 79 of the laws
- 4. What was the period of the examination? 6 days. Written examination..... 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 March 7, 19 52 Registration No. 1414 Is it current? yes
license license

John W. Pange
Chief (Signature of Secretary of Board) Er 3

Date 4/29 19 52 New York State Education Department-Bureau of Professional Examination and Registrations
(Name of Board)

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January 28
1950

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Mr. E. R. Purvis
Executive Director, A.I.A.
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Purvis:

In May 1936, my Institute membership was terminated for non-payment of dues. Previous to that I had promised to pay the delinquent dues when I could although I did refuse to give the Institute a promissory note for the amount due. I recently discovered that I had failed to keep that promise, so on the theory of "better late than never", I am enclosing memo bill and my check in payment, herewith.

Respectfully yours

Ben J. Lubschez
3959 48th Street
Long Island City 4, N.Y.

P.S. If you see Ed Kemper at any time, please give him my kindest regards.

BJL

PAID
30 = 1/31/50

for 1934-35 due

Term. 12-31-35
owed for 1934-35 #302
N.Y. chapter ✓

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
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RECORD OF REGISTRATION

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Ben J. Lubschez, Long Island City, New York
(Name of Applicant)

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SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, N.Y.
Address

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To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, 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 Feb. 3, 19 50 _____ Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption? yes
3. What was the scope of the examination? Practical examination given March 7, 1918 under provision of Section 7.9 of the law.
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....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 license March 7, 1918 Registration No. 1414 Is it current? yes

John W. Paige
(Signature of Secretary of Board)
Chief, Bureau of Prof. Education
New York State Education Dept.
(Name of Board)

Date Feb. 10 19 50

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THE OCTAGON, 1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

May 2, 1952

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

We are pleased to receive your application for readmission to corporate membership in The Institute and the New York Chapter, and it will receive our best attention.

Your check in the amount of \$15.00 also is acknowledged; however, we must call to your attention the payment which will be required to complete the application.

Former members are not permitted to pay the reduced dues now in effect for newly-elected members, but must pay the full, current dues for all members. Such current dues are \$40.00 if the member's income from his practice of architecture in the preceding year was over \$5,000; and the dues are \$25.00 if the member's income was \$5,000 or under.

As you have sent payment of \$15.00, this has been applied as follows: \$5.00 for the readmission fee, and \$10.00 on account of your full current dues in advance.

When your further check is received we will be in a position to put your application forward.

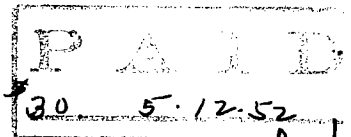
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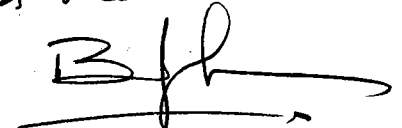
Secretary

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez
101 Park Avenue
c/o Voorhees Walker Foley and Smith
New York 17, New York

CWD/mjj
Copy to the Secretary,
New York Chapter, A.I.A.



Enclosed check for \$30 which I hope will straighten this matter out. I only followed the instructions on application blank.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

July 1, 1952

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for readmission to membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were readmitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the New York Chapter and the New York State Association of Architects, effective July 1, 1952. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

The Board of Directors welcomes you again to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak you active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, A.I.A.F.
101 Park Avenue
c/o Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith
New York 17, New York

CWD/mjj



NEW YORK CHAPTER

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

May 13th, 1955

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Membership & Records
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6 D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

I learned today that Mr. Ben J. Lubschez has reached an age of 74 years, and the question came up if he could not become a member Emeritus of the Institute.

Will you please let me know if, in accordance with your records, he could be made a member Emeritus?

Sincerely yours

Margot A. Henkel
Executive Secretary

MAH/ao

Suspense

May 19, 1955

Mrs. Margot A. Henkel, Executive Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Henkel:

Responding to your inquiry of May 13th, with regard to the possibility that Mr. Ben J. Lubschez might be eligible for Membership Emeritus in The Institute:

Upon examining our records I find that he first was elected to membership in 1911 and continued as such until December 31, 1935, when his membership lapsed. He was readmitted as of July 1, 1952 and has been a member in good standing since that date, with his A.I.A. dues paid through the year 1955.

As you will note from the enclosed Request to be made a Member Emeritus, one of the requirements is that the member shall have been a member for at least fifteen years prior to the date of his request. Mr. Lubschez' prior membership has not been continuous, but if the Chapter would wish to recommend favorable consideration by the A.I.A. Board of Directors, I feel sure the Board would be glad to act accordingly.

Therefore, we leave it to the Chapter to forward the application to Mr. Lubschez with the suggestion that he sign, fill it in and return it - either to the Chapter or to us, accompanied by the Chapter's recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the
inappropriate
reason, a, b,
or c, as the
case may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

a. I am more than 70 years of age.

~~b. I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~

~~c. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in
name of
chapter.*

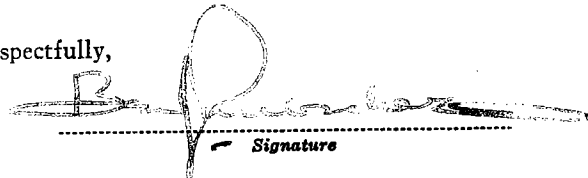
I have been in good standing in The Institute and the
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

chapter

Date

June 8th 1955.

Respectfully,


Signature

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements of a, b, or c.

NEW YORK CHAPTER



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

June 7th, 1955

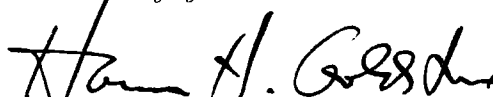
Miss Florence H. Gervais
Membership & Records
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6 D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

At the meeting yesterday, the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter reviewed the membership record of Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, and voted to recommend that the Board give favorable consideration to his application for Emeritus status.

While he has not had fifteen years of continuous membership immediately prior to his application, he has had a total of twenty-seven years of membership in the Institute, which the Executive Committee feels more than qualifies him for this status.

Sincerely yours


Harmon H. Goldstone
Secretary

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NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, F.A.I.A.
C/o Voorhees, Walker, Smith & Smith
101 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

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of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective *c.r.* January 1, 1956.

Date August 22, 1955 .

Edward Wilson
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New York Chapter

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May 14th
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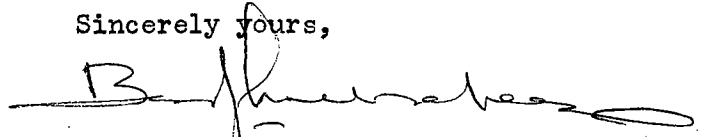
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Mr. J. Winfield Rankin, Director
Staff Administration A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 N.Y. Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Rankin:

At the last Convention you said if I reminded you by letter after the rush, you might be able to get me one of the old type A.I.A. pins (or buttons) with the first seal of the A.I.A. on it, to replace the one I lost after forty-seven years of wearing. If you can do so, please mail it to me with memo of charges involved. I shall be duly grateful. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Ben J. Lubaszewski
39-59 48th Street
Long Island City 4, N.Y.

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Do you have a source?*

*I have a source
I will try to find out
I will call you*

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May 18, 1960

Mr. Ben J. Lubschez, F.A.I.A.
39-59 48th Street
Long Island City 4, New York

Dear Mr. Lubschez:

This is in answer to your inquiry of May 14 as to where you might find an old type A.I.A. pin with the first seal of the A.I.A. on it to replace the one you lost. Since returning from San Francisco we have tried to find one for you but have been unable to do so and, unfortunately, we have no idea where you might locate one.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



J. W. Rankin, Director
Staff Administration Division

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**BEN LUBSCHEZ, 82,
ARCHITECT, WRITER**

NY Times, 8-22-63
Ben Judah Lubschez, an architect, died here Saturday at the age of 82. He lived at 38-59 48th Street in Woodside, Queens.

Mr. Lubschez was born in Odessa, Russia, and was brought to the United States in 1884. His family settled in Kansas City, Mo. He attended school there, and in 1911 he founded the Kansas City chapter of the American Institute of Architects and was its president for five years.

In 1918 he came here to work for H. Van Buren Magonigle. He later opened his own office. In 1944 he joined Voorhees, Walker, Foley Smith, now Voorhees Walker Smith Smith & Haines of 101 Park Avenue, and remained there until retiring in 1961, when he was senior specification writer.

Mr. Lubschez wrote two architectural textbooks, "Perspective," published in 1913, and "Over the Drawing Board," published in 1920. He also wrote a photographic book on Manhattan, and contributed to architectural and photographic magazines.

He was a member of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the New York Society for Ethical Culture and the Amateur Astronomers Association of the Museum of Natural History.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Theodore Brender of Jackson Heights.

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BEN JUDAH LUBSCHEZ
82 - Retired Architect

Services were held today for Ben Judah Lubschez, who died on August 17, 1963. Mr. Lubschez, a retired architect, was the oldest living Fellow of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Born in Odessa, Russia on May 10, 1881, the son of the late David and Fanny Berkowitz Lubschez; he came to the United States with his parents in 1884 and soon settled in Kansas City Missouri.

In 1916, he married the late Bessie R. Wilson, and they had two children, Dr. Rose Lubschez, who worked in cancer research died several years ago. Davida May, the present Mrs. Theodore Brender of Jackson Heights survives him.

Mr. Lubschez founded the Kansas City chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1911 and served as its first president for five years. In 1914, he was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, for his work in the founding of the Kansas City Chapter. At the age of thirty-three he was one of the youngest men to receive this honor.

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LOBSCHEZ

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Later he served as a director of the national organization of the American Institute of Architects and as a member of various committees.

He attended the Central High School in Kansas City, Missouri, from which he graduated in 1898. He was self taught in advanced math, calculus and other technical subjects. Before graduating from high school, he started his career in architecture as an office boy in the office of A. Van Brunt. He became the firm's chief draftsman and later a partner. In 1913 he inherited the business of the firm and carried it on under his own name until 1917, when he moved to Washington D. C. to do editorial work on the Journal of the American Institute of Architects.

In 1918, he came to New York as office manager in the firm of H. Van Buren Magonigle, and later opened his own practice. From 1936-43 he was a specification writer with the Parks Department, Alexander D. Crossett, and Alfred Hopkins Associates. In 1944 he joined the staff of Voorhees Walker Foley Smith, now Voorhees Walker Smith Smith & Haines, Architects, where he remained as senior specification writer until his retirement in 1961.

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He was the author and editor of two architectural textbooks: "Perspective" published in 1913 and "Over the Drawing Board" published in 1920. His interest in photography led to the publication of "Manhattan-The Magical Island" in 1927, a photographic essay on Manhattan. He was also a contributor to architectural and photographic magazines and at various times an associate Editor of Photo-Miniature.

He was a member of the New York Chapter-American Institute of Architects, the New York Society for Ethical Culture and of the Amateur Astronomers Association of the Museum of Natural History.

His late residence was at 39-59 48th Street, Woodside, Queens, New York.

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