

Lahr, Matthew J.  
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 To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,

Ms. T. P. Regal  
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 Apr. 22, 1921

Application for Membership

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Prelim. Fee *Pl. 2.50* .....  
 Initiation *remitted* .....  
 Unan. End. *Yes* .....  
 Exhibits *Not required* .....  
 On Priv. Com. of.....

Name *Matthew C. Lahr*

Address *1622 City Nat'l Bank Bldg. Omaha, Neb.*  
 [Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth *Aurora, Illinois, June 13, 1889*

Graduate in architecture.....  
 [If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....  
 [If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.....  
 [If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter *Nebraska*

If practicing architect, firm name *Ellert & Lahr*

Have been in practice *two* years

If draughtsman, employed by.....  
 [State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training *Six years evening school Chicago Tech. one Columbia University, nine years draughtsman W.G. Bennett & Pond & Pond Chicago.*

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

*Matthew C. Lahr*  
 [Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the *NEBRASKA*

[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date *July 13 1920*  
 [Insert date of election to chapter]

*J. J. Dawson* Secretary.

*Nebraska* Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

*Applicant was duly elected and received unanimous endorsement of the Chapter.*  
 BY *J. J. Dawson* Secretary-Treasurer  
 THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

- (1) .....
- (2) .....
- (3) .....

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 15, 1921.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective August 15, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Nebraska Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first half of the current year.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

c.

Mr. Matthew J. Lehr,  
1602 City National Bank Bldg.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

K:C

Enclosure

COPY TO

FILES    PRESIDENT    SECRETARY    TREASURER

In due order  
November 8, 1949  
J.H. Servais



Dated August 18, 1949.  
Received August 24, 1949.  
Granted November 18, 1949.

MEMBERSHIP NO 7132

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

READMISSION TO  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant... Matthew J. Lahr..... Chapter Nebraska Archs. Asso.
- B Address of applicant... 604 Standard Oil Building, Omaha, Nebraska.....
- C Applicant proposed by... John McDonald..... and..... Noel S. Wallace.....
- D Application received with check for \$ 30.00.... on..... November 8, 19 49
- E Application returned for correction (Payment of \$75. necessary)... August 29, 19 49.  
(Past dues - \$45.60 waived 10/11/49. - \$30. outstanding)
- F Application in due order on..... November 8, 19 49.  
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Nebr..) Aug. 29 19 49. Received. September 6, 19 49
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... 19...., on..... 19 .
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... 19...., on..... 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... August 29, 19 49.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~or that application be denied~~ received on..... August 24, 19 49.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... November 15, 19 49.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... November 15, 19 49.
- M Applicant <sup>was</sup> admitted on..... November 18, 19 49.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on..... November 18, 19 49.
- 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

Matthew J. Lahr

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Nebraska Architects Association Chapter.

Date November 18, 19 49

Secretary  
(a)



NEBRASKA ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION  
A DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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Omaha, Nebraska

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LEO A. DALY, JR., Director 1949      Omaha

Omaha, Nebraska,  
Aug. 22, 1949.

Mr. Clair W. Ditchy, Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

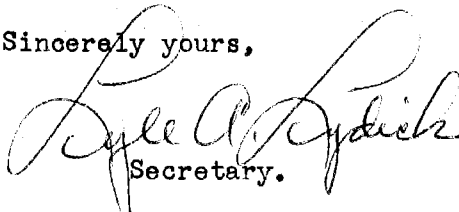
Dear Mr. Ditchy:

Enclosed is application for reinstatement of Mr.  
Matthew J. Lahr for Corporate Membership in the Institute.

Our Executive Committee in session August 18th voted  
to recommend admission of Mr. Lahr for Corporate Membership.

If you will correspond directly with Mr. Lahr regarding  
the remittance required, I feel certain he will remit promptly  
in order to place the application in order. I was unable to  
assist him in this item.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary.



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.  
Mail this original and check for \$10.00 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

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is **Matthew J. Lahr**

2. I am a **Natural** citizen of **United States**

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

County of **Douglas** State of **Nebraska**

4. My address in The Institute records will be  
Number **604** Street **Standard Oil Building**  
City **Omaha** Zone State **Nebraska**

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **Practicing Architect**

6. I desire to be a member of the **Nebraska** 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.

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 \$10.00, 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 \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date **August 18** 19 **49**

*Matthew J. Lahr*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

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State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

State whether residence or office address.

State whether a practicing architect, a teacher or public official.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **June 13, 1889** Place of birth **Aurora, Illinois**

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

**Iowa, Nebraska**

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

**Iowa 1929**

(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:

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<b>Columbia University</b>	<b>New York City</b>	<b>One</b>		
<b>Six years Night School</b>	<b>Chicago Tech.</b>			
<b>Nine years arch. draftsman</b>	<b>W.A.Bennett &amp; Pond &amp; Pond, Chicago</b>			
<b>30 years practicing architect</b>	<b>in Omaha, Nebr.</b>			

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

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:

	From	To
<b>W.A.Bennett, Architect, Chicago,</b> <b>Junior Draftsman</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>1910</b>
<b>Pond &amp; Pond, Architects, Chicago,</b> <b>Draftsman</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>1916</b>
<b>Columbia University, N.Y.C.</b> <b>School of Architecture</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>1917</b>
<b>Master Engineer, U.S. Army, (World War I)</b> <b>491st Aero Construction Squadron, France</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>1919</b>

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>
Ellert & Lahr, Omaha, Nebr.	1919	1921
M.J.Lahr, Architect, Omaha, Nebr.	1921	1925
Lahr & Stangel, Architects, Omaha,	1927	1939
M.J.Lahr, Architect, Omaha, Nebr.	1939	To Date, 1949

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 **1921** to **1924 or 1925** *owes dues for 1924 & 1925 in amount of \$45.*
17. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
18. Associate of **NEBRASKA** Chapter from **1920** to **1921**
19. Junior Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
20. Student Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
21. Member of State Organization in **Nebraska** from **1946** to **date**

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 **30** years. I have known the applicant for **30** years.

Signed John McDonald  
Proposer

Signed Neil S. Keenan  
Proposer

604 Standard Oil Bldg  
Address  
Omaha Nebr.

354 Omaha Nat. Bank Bldg  
Address  
Omaha Nebr



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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Matthew J. Lahr, Omaha, Nebraska  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Lincoln, Nebr.

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 August 29, 1949

[Signature]  
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? (Section 10, Basis of
3. What was the scope of the examination? long professional practice)
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 1-18-38      19      Registration No. A-11 Is it current? Yes

[Signature]  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date 9-3 1949

Nebraska State Bd. of Examiners for Pro. Engrs. & Archs.  
(Name of Board)

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*Lahr*

*(Handwritten mark)*

August 29, 1949

Dear Mr. Lahr:

Your application for readmission to membership in The Institute and the Nebraska Architects Association, a Chapter of the A.I.A., dated August 18, 1949, was received here from the Chapter on August 24. Your desire to again become a member of The Institute is appreciated by The Board.

The Institute by-laws require that a member applying for readmission pay up any indebtedness which he may owe to The Institute and to his former Chapter. The record here shows that at the time you terminated your membership, you were indebted for Institute dues for the years 1924 and 1925 in the amount of \$45.00.

Former members requesting readmission must pay the admission fee of \$5.00 plus the regular dues of \$25.00 for one year in advance. Therefore, the remittance required to complete your reinstatement would be in the amount of \$75.00.

Otherwise, your application is in due order and as soon as the remittance is received, it will be put forward for action by The Board. If we can be of any assistance in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

*JHG*

Secretary to  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. Matthew J. Lahr  
604 Standard Oil Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

PHG/kk

cc to: Secretary of the Nebraska Archs. Asso., A.I.A. - Mr. Lydick

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NEBRASKA ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION  
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354 Omaha National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
HOWARD E. JEPSEN, Director 1950  
LEO A. DALY, JR., Director 1949  
Lincoln  
Omaha  
Omaha

Omaha, Nebr. Oct. 10, 1949.

Miss Florence H. Gervais,  
Secretary to Board of Examiners,  
American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Reference is made to your letter of August 29th to Mr. Matthew J. Lahr with copy to me, regarding payment of dues for the years of 1924 and 1925 in the amount of \$45.00, in connection with his application for re-admission to membership.

Approximately 3 years ago the Nebraska Chapter secured cancellation of dues in arrears for some former members, in similar circumstances, in order to strengthen the Chapter prior to our re-organization.

Our Executive Committee met on September 10th and voted to intervene on Mr. Lahr's behalf and request that these 1924 and 1925 dues be cancelled since they are 25 and 25 years old; further it is advantageous to both the Institute and our Chapter to re-admit these former members without penalty or prejudice.

We trust you will be in a position to act favorably on this cancellation and inform Mr. Lahr of your decision.

Sincerely yours,

*Lyle A. Lydick*  
Secretary

P.S. The delay in forwarding this request to you was caused by my attempt to locate the files of the Nebraska Chapter in order to give you a direct reference of the previous cancellations. I was unsuccessful in this attempt.

cc to M. J. Lahr  
Frank N. McNett



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

EDMUND R. PURVES  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 21, 1949

Dear Mr. Lahr:

It gives me pleasure to advise you that The Board of Directors of The Institute, on the recommendation of the Nebraska Architects Association, has waived your past Institute dues for the years 1924 and 1925 in the total amount of \$45.00, which accrued during your previous affiliation.

Accordingly, your application may now be put forward to election just as soon as you send your check for \$30.00 for the readmission fee and for one year's dues in advance.

The next meeting of The Board of Examiners, where applications are reviewed for recommendation to The Board of Directors, will be held early in November. If your check is received in time, your application will be put forward at that meeting.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, and with assurance of prompt attention to your application thereafter,

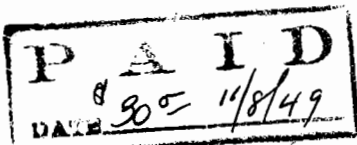
Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Matthew J. Lahr  
604 Standard Oil Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

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Copy to the Secretary,  
Nebraska Architects Association, A.I.A.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 18, 1949

Dear Mr. Lehr:

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 Nebraska Architects Association, a Chapter of the A.I.A., effective November 18, 1949. 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 the 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 your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Matthew J. Lehr, A.I.A.  
604 Standard Oil Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

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March 13, 1958

Mr. Matthew J. Lahr  
604 Standard Oil Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Lahr:

As you know, every corporate member of The Institute must be assigned to a local chapter and pay dues to that chapter.

When local dues remain unpaid, the chapter may request The Institute to suspend or terminate the membership.

It is a long-established policy of The Board of The Institute to support the chapter in this procedure, but not without making every effort to bring about the restoration of the good standing of the corporate member concerned.

The Nebraska Architects Association, to which you are assigned, has requested that your membership in The Institute and the chapter be suspended for non-payment of chapter dues.

The purpose of this letter is to suggest that you clear your account with the chapter and The Institute for defaulted dues, thus preserving your corporate membership in good standing.

Your response to the above will be greatly appreciated not later than April 13, 1958 for we must proceed to act on the chapter's recommendation to suspend your membership at the next meeting of the Committee on Membership held thereafter if the past dues are not paid by that date.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee, Nebraska Architects Association, is Mr. Dale L. Gibbs, 509 Federal Securities Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, should you wish to communicate with him in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary of Membership and Records

FHG:mp

cc: Mr. Gibbs

*Handwritten notes:*  
L. J. Lehr  
Box 42, Ralston, Neb.



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Office of The Secretary

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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To: **Matthew J. Lehr**  
**Box 42**  
**Ralston, Nebraska**

It is with much regret that we send to you, and to those indicated below, this notice of termination of your corporate membership in The Institute, and in its component organizations to which you are assigned—because of non-payment of Institute dues.

This termination is effective as of December 31, 58. The sending of this notice has been delayed with the earnest wish that you might take some action in the matter.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will make it convenient for you to meet your present obligation to The Institute and to apply for readmission.

The Institute values and needs your active support. The other Officers join with me in the hope that the loss of your membership is only temporary.

Sincerely yours,

*Handwritten signature of Edward L. Wilson*

Secretary.

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

~~James G. Porter, Jr.~~.....Secretary

~~Nebraska Architects Association~~.....Chapter, A.I.A.

.....Secretary

.....State Organization Member

This copy of notice to the former member named herein is your official notice of the termination of his membership in The Institute and in the chapter to which he was assigned. Please change your records accordingly.

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