



Dated April 20, 1944.  
Received April 29, 1944.  
Granted August 15, 1944.

MEMBERSHIP NO 2555

*In due order  
April 29, 1944  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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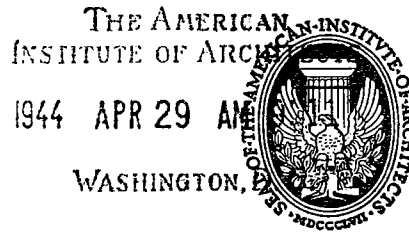
- A Name of applicant.... Ronald Sylvester Senseman..... Chapter..... Washington, D. C.
- B Address of applicant... 1100. Carroll Avenue., Takoma Park, Maryland.....
- C Applicant proposed by... V. T. H. Bien..... and Maurice S. May.....
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00..... on..... April 29, 1944.
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F Application in due order on..... April 29, 1944.  
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Md.)... May 1, 1944. Received. May 5, 1944.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... June 1,..... 1944, on May 1, 1944.
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... July 1,..... 1944, on June 1, 1944.
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... May 1, 1944.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on..... 19 .
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... July 1, 1944.
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... August 8, 1944.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... August 8, 1944.
- M Applicant was admitted on..... August 15, 1944.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on..... August 15, 1944.
- 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  
Ronald Sylvester Senseman  
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

Date August 15, 1944. Alexander C. Robinson  
Secretary

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The American Institute of Architects.

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

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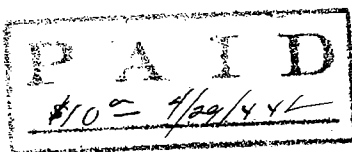
## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is Ronald Sylvester Senseman .
2. I am a natural citizen of U.S.A. .
3. My legal residence is in the City of Takoma Pk. ,  
County of Montgomery State of Md. .
4. My address in The Institute records will be  
Number 1100 Street Carroll Ave.  
City Takoma Pk. State Md. .
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Practicing Architect  
Washington D.C. Chapter.
6. I desire to be a member of the Washington D.C. Chapter.
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.
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 chapters or state association members.
9. I enclose my check for \$ 10.<sup>00</sup>, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date April 20 1944.

Ronald Sylvester Senseman  
Applicant sign full name in ink



STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Place of birth  
 Oct. 19, 1912 Collingswood N.J.
11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:  
 (State or States) By Examination (State or States) By Exemption  
Maryland <sup>5-1-44</sup>

(a) I hold a Certificate No. .... of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:
- Camden County Vocational School  
 Takoma Academy  
 Columbia Junior College  
 Catholic University of America

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:
- 1930-31 J.N. Hettle, Camden N.J. Jr. Draftsman  
 1933-35 Wash. College Mill, Wash, D.C. Detailing  
 1934-43 As a Principal in Private Practice  
 1943 — Technologist O.C.M.C. Wash. D.C.

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).

In private practice in my own name from 1934 till present time. Have been employed as technologist O.P.M.G. Since Jan. 1943

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Junior Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Member of State Association in Maryland from 1936 to 1944

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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

I have known the applicant for 9 years.

I have known the applicant for 6 years.

Signed U.T.H. Biew  
W. H. Biew A.L.A.  
Proposer

Signed Maurice S. May  
Proposer

Greentree & Bendette Rd.  
Address  
Bethesda, Md.

1223 Conn. Ave. N.W.  
Address  
Wash. D.C.

3.

Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

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THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1944 MAY -5 AM 9:04  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AP No 2555

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Ronald Sylvester Senseman, Takoma Park, Md.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Baltimore, Md.  
*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 May 1, 19 44

Alexander C. Robinson III  
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?..... ✓
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
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 last registration June 11 19 36 Registration No. 185-E Is it current? No\*

(X) \*One year in arrears.

M. R. Edmunds  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date May 4 19 44

Maryland Board of Examiners and  
Registration of Architects  
(Name of Board)

(X) Mr. Edmunds telephoned at 10:40 A.M. on May 5, 1944 to advise the above is error and that Mr. Senseman is current. (illegible)

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

COPY

August 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Senseman:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Washington, D. C. Chapter, effective August 15, 1944. 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.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you 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. Ronald S. Senseman  
1100 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Pk., Md.

ACR:ds

cc to: Director, Middle Atlantic District  
Proposers, Mr. Maurice S. May  
Mr. V. T. H. Bien



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

May 24, 1955

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

*Effective Date - April 2, 1955*

TO: *Transferred Member:*

Mr. Ronald S. Senseman, A.I.A.  
7705 Georgia Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

*Secretary of Chapter  
To Which Member is  
Transferred*

Mr. Benjamin P. Elliott, Secretary  
Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.  
855 Pershing Drive  
Silver Spring, Maryland

*Secretary of Chapter  
From Which Member  
Is Transferred*

Mr. Frank J. Duane, Secretary  
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A.  
1612 Eye Street, N.W.  
Washington, 6, D. C.

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated, and as a Charter Member.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of George Bain Cummings in cursive script.  
SECRETARY

*Member  
Senseman Ronald S.*

October 25, 1958

Mr. Ronald S. Senseman, A.I.A.  
7705 Georgia Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 12, D.C.

Dear Ronald:

The members of the American Institute of Architects join me in best wishes and success to you in your forthcoming campaign for the state legislature in Maryland.

This kind of community activity for architects is something which I personally favor very much.

Sincerely

John Noble Richards, F.A.I.A.  
President

JNR/ems

bcc - Mr. E.R. Purves

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*Members  
Senator Ronald S.*

April 23, 1959

Mr. Ronald S. Senocman, A.I.A.  
7705 Georgia Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 12, D. C.

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Dear Ronald:

At the direction of The Secretary of The Institute, Edward L. Wilson, we are writing to advise you that your name and that of Daniel A. Hopper, Jr., have been officially placed in nomination as candidates for the office of Regional Director of the Middle Atlantic Regional District of The Institute.

In accordance with the Bylaws of The Institute, your names will be placed on a ballot which will be mailed from the Octagon on Friday, May 15, 1959, to all corporate members assigned to chapters in the Middle Atlantic Region. Ballots must be received in the Octagon not later than June 1, 1959, at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time to be counted. Three corporate members will be appointed tellers.

If any individual or chapter or other component wishes to circularize the membership of the Region on behalf of a candidate, The Institute will address envelopes or cards at the usual rate of \$10.00 per run. Arrangements should be made several days in advance, because of the possibility that the addressograph machine might not be immediately available. It should be noted that addressing is the only work which we can perform. We regret we are not set up to print, insert or post literature.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

FR:W  
cc: Mr. Wilson  
Mr. Carroll  
Mr. Soule

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8 February 1960

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.  
American Institute of Architects  
Octagon Bldg.  
1735 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

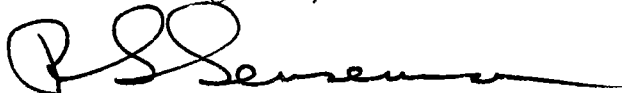
Dear Ned:

In discussing a new design assignment with Johns Hopkins University, we have been asked for a professional reference.

We have submitted your name for this purpose and hope that, should the client contact you, it will be possible for you to say a kind word for us.

Thanks sincerely for any help you may wish to give in this regard.

Kindest regards,



RONALD S. SENSEMAN, A.I.A.

WAS/mr

*Member, Ronald S.  
Senseman,*

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February 10, 1960

Mr. Ronald S. Senseman, A.I.A.  
7705 Georgia Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Ron:

Yours of the 8th is at hand.

I will certainly be delighted to put in a kind word for you  
should the occasion arise.

Wishing you all success.

Sincerely,

Edmund R. Purvas, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

ERP:nm

Members  
Senseman, Ronald S.

FILE COPY

January 18, 1961

Mr. Ronald S. Senseman, AIA  
7705 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ron:

Just read your article on the Buenos Aires FPAA Congress in the "Potomac Valley Architect." It is very well written and very informative.

Congratulations!

Cordially,

Wolf Von Eckardt  
Public Information

WVE:ekb

No. NF 1036

Received Oct. 1 19 63

Voted On April 9 19 64

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Voted On April 19 66

Granted April 19 66

No. M 1036



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

Ronald Sylvester

1. Name of Nominee. Senseman, / Date of Nomination August 7 19 63
2. Address of Nominee. 7705 Georgia Ave., NW - Washington 12, D. C.
3. Nominee's firm Ronald S. Senseman, AIA
4. Nominee's principal place of business same as #2 above
5. Nominee's Chapter Potomac Valley Chapter, AIA
6. Nominee's State Organization none
7. Nominee admitted to Institute August 15, 1944
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 8 19 44 to Jan. 1 19 64
9. Nominee's age 51 Birthplace Collingswood, New Jersey
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Potomac Valley Chapter
  - (1) Theodore R. Cormar, Jr.
  - (2) Dennis W. Madden
  - (3) John W. Lawrence
  - (4) Jack C. Cohen
  - (5) John E. Moore
  - (6) Andrew MacIntire
  - (7) Harold L. Esten
11. Achievement SERVICE TO INSTITUTE - DESIGN

Science of Const (66)  
Public Service (66)

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Nomination for Fellowship by Chapter

revised

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

Date September 26, 1963
Revised October 22, 1965

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on August 7, 1963 (DATE OF MEETING)

nominated RONALD SYLVESTER SENSEMAN (NAME OF NOMINEE), corporate member of this Chapter, for fellowship in the Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, this Executive Committee believes Ronald Sylvester Senseman (NAME OF NOMINEE) a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement to the profession because of his achievement in Service to the Profession, Public Service, and Science of Construction (NAME OF CATEGORY(S) FOR WHICH NOMINATION IS MADE—I.E., DESIGN, SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION, LITERATURE, EDUCATION, SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, PUBLIC SERVICE)

Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for ten (NUMBER OF YEARS) years prior to this date; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland (NAME OF CHAPTER) Chapter, AIA

does hereby nominate RONALD SYLVESTER SENSEMAN (NAME OF NOMINEE) for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of the Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

\* Signatures of Members of Executive Committee

John E. Moore, President
John W. Lawrence, President
Harold L. Esten, Treasurer
\* must be personally signed and typed

Edwin F. Ball, Director
Eugene A. Delmar, Director
Dennis W. Madden, Director
Phillip W. Mason, Secretary

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT DATA IS SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION. ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHERS.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS**

*Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 2 to 7, inclusive.*

**Typewriting only**

1. Nominee's full name: Ronald Sylvester Senseman
2. Nominee is a  natural  naturalized citizen of United States  
(NAME OF COUNTRY)
3. Nominee's legal residence (address): 901 McCeney Avenue, Burnt Mill Hills, Silver Spring, Maryland
4. Nominee's firm name: Ronald S. Senseman, A.I.A.
5. Nominee's principal place of business (address): 7705 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by: Maryland in 1934, and later by National Council of Architecture Registration Boards.  
(NAME OF STATE BOARD, NCARB, AS CASE MAY BE)
7. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states of: District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Florida, Delaware.
8. Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: A practicing architect.  
  
(CURRENT STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND POSITION)
9. Nominee's date of birth: October 19, 1912. Place of birth: Collingswood, New Jersey

10. Nominee's education:

(a) Name of High School, College, University, Private Schools, Post Graduate, etc. (chronological order)

LOCATION	NO. OF YEARS	YEAR OF GRADUATION	DEGREE
Technical Camden County, New Jersey	2	1930	Architectural graduate
Columbia Union College Takoma Park, Maryland	4	-	-
Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.	4	-	-

(b) Scholarships held by nominee:

11. Nominee has traveled in the following countries: Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Venezuela, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Dutch Antilles Islands, Bermuda, Bahama, Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, England, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Egypt, India, China, Japan, Thailand, Hawaii (USA).

12. Other data concerning nominee's record: *(important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record)*

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

(Part I of this page must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.)

### 1.\* Works

TYPE (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK		COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK (Year)	PHOTOGRAHPS SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS
		(City)	(State)		
A	Park Arlington Apts.	Arlington,	Virginia	1963	1
B	Montgomery County Office Building	Rockville,	Maryland	1952	1
A	Stow-Away Motel	Ocean City,	Maryland	1958	1
A	Fink Office Building	Arlington,	Virginia	1961	1
D	Bethune Jr. High Sch.	Prince George's County Maryland		1962	1
A	Park Arlington Motel	Arlington,	Virginia	1961	1
D	Springvale Home for the Elderly	Silver Spring,	Md.	1965	1
D	Sligo Parochial School	Takoma Park,	Maryland	1964	1
D	St. Martin's Evangeli- cal Lutheran Church	Annapolis,	Maryland	1963	1
D	Wytheville S.D.A. Ch.	Wytheville,	Virginia	1964	2

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Mr. Senseman's philosophy, in connection with the design of his structures is that: "It is not the architect's prerogative to create a building that expresses his identity; rather it is the responsibility of the architect to the client to provide him with a facility that will function as it should and express the aesthetic desires of the client; the building should, in its aesthetic appeal, reflect the purpose for which it was intended to serve; it is also the architect's grave responsibility that the completed project be economically feasible."

Most of the buildings designed by Mr. Senseman have incorporated this philosophy wherein the structure and design are synonymous. This is particularly well illustrated in the nine schools that he has designed and built in Levittown, New Jersey, which incorporate the lightweight steel construction frame (see Science of Construction).

\* Part 1 above must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.



**NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION**

1. Construction Work

TYPE OF WORK CONSTRUCTED	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK	COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK (Year)	PHOTOGRAPHS DRAWINGS, OR SKETCHES SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS
D	Levitt Jr. High School	Willingborough New Jersey	1963	2
D	Somerset Park Elementary School	Levittown New Jersey	1958	1

2. Books, Treatises, or Articles Written

	SUBJECT TITLE	WHERE PUBLISHED	DATE PUBLISHED
Article	Standard Classroom Units	"Construction Journal"	1949
Article	The Case of Changing School Design	"Better Lighting Better Sight"	1962
Brochure	Modular School Design	"Modular School Design Brochure"	1958 (enclosed)
Consultant	"Environmental Engineering for the School"	U. S. Department Health, Education and Welfare	1962

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Carrying out his philosophy of design and structure being synonymous, as previously mentioned under Architectural Design, this philosophy has led Mr. Senseman to become expert in the science of construction and, by incorporating this knowledge of structure in the many buildings which he has designed, he has become particularly well known for lightweight, steel frame school buildings. This initial effort was to prove that well designed buildings by architects can be built as rapidly and more economically than the so-called "packaged deals" offered by some industries. This has been effectively proved due to Mr. Senseman's efforts, and many School Boards have lost their interest in packaged deals after seeing what can be done by an architect who is sensitive to the science and design of buildings. Pietro Belluschi was one of the jurors who distinguished two of these buildings with awards.

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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction . . .  
(continued)

As expert consultant with the O.Q.M.G. during World War II, Ronald Senseman was assigned the task of developing a portable 16-man shelter to replace the tent. After much experimenting with existing systems, all were abandoned and a complete new system of folding telescopic parts was designed and adopted by the Army. There were no loose parts or bolts; every part was attached, and the entire system boxed with minimum weight and bulk. Erection time was six (6) hours.

As a result of this experience, when challenged after the War in the school building program with temporary and prefabricated package schools, he met the challenge and created a permanent type of rigid steel frame and masonry building at less cost than proposed temporary units. (Two of the buildings received awards from the Washington Board of Trade, and the certificates were signed by Pietro Belluschi.)

Having always felt that light steel frame construction was safer and more flexible than wall bearing for schoolhouse construction, a continuous effort was maintained to develop a lightweight modular construction that would increase the speed of construction and economy without sacrifice of quality.

In the search, the system that Macomber had developed for warehouses, etc., was investigated. This so-called V-Lok system was adapted to school construction through the efforts of Ronald S. Senseman early in 1950; the first school addition was completed in 1953. The weight of this structural system is the lightest ever designed, thus saving much steel and making the components much more readily handled.

The advantages to this modular system included flexibility in planning and in making additions to the buildings. Standardization of the components permitted rapid production and simplification. This modular system lends itself to any type of exterior surfacing. The waiting time on steel during this period was three to five months and through standardizing all columns and joists, with columns all the same size and joists all the same size, these members could be stock-piled and ordered by the number needed, saving time on shop drawings and fabrication.

This system standardized all sizes, all joists erected without bolts, rivets or welding. Erection is rapid and requires a minimum of equipment.

Modular system has been used on many buildings in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland. Articles on this system were written and a brochure prepared by Mr. Senseman and was reproduced and published by Macomber (see attached folder).

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction . . .  
(continued)

As a result of an investigation by Mr. Len Haeger, Architect for William Levitt, for the best possible design concept for speed, flexibility, cost and efficiency for a large group of schools for their proposed community, this system then being used in Prince George's County was investigated and selected, and Mr. Senseman selected to design the Levitt schools.

The first 24 classroom school for Levitt using this system was completed and occupied in three (3) months (see attached brochure for photos). The system is still in use on the schools Levitt is building today and in Prince George's County.

A Junior High School was designed for Levitt and American Bridge built this building, attempting to develop a competitive system. As a result, American Bridge subsequently came out with a competitive system, which can be seen in their publications.

Today, sixteen years after Mr. Senseman first developed a modular, lightweight school construction system, several other component systems have emerged and are being marketed on the basis of flexibility, economy and stability. Ronald S. Senseman, by his imagination, research and development of an economical component system for school buildings truly can be called the Pioneer Architect of the component structural systems for schools.

**NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE**

**1. Education Work**

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

Mr. Senseman's tremendous interest in his own profession has led him to the desire of teaching others something about the principles of architecture.

\* With no remuneration whatsoever, he has taught various courses at the Columbia Union College and the Potomac University, both located in Takoma Park, Maryland, in connection with the students' liberal arts education. This endeavor is to stimulate interest in the profession of architecture among the student body, and as a result some of the students have gone on to study architecture and become registered architects. Mr. Senseman has been teaching continuously in both of these schools since 1948 to date, and the subjects of the courses are as follows:

- Principles of Architecture
- Engineering Drafting
- Church Architecture
- Planning School Plants

In addition to the above, Mr. Senseman has been a guest lecturer on architectural design at the Johns Hopkins University.

\*No remuneration from Potomac University only.

**2. Literary Work**

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

BOOK, TREATISE OR ARTICLE	SUBJECT	NAME OF BOOK OR PERIODICAL CONTAINING WORK	YEAR WORK PUBLISHED
Article	Forest Grove Elementary Schools	"Progressive Architecture"	1950-July
Article	Oakview Elementary Schools	"School Board Journal"	1949-September
Article	Feature Story on Schools	"Washington Evening Star"	1951-April 14
Articles (4)	Church Building	"Review & Herald"	1951 Series
Articles (4)	Firesafe Home	"Life and Health"	1950 Series
Articles (8)	Building a Home	"Life and Health"	1948 Series
Article	World Trek	"Potomac Valley Architect"	1959
Article	Hous. for Elderly in Scandanavia	"Potomac Valley Architect"	1962-March
Reports	Mont.Co.School Bd. by Joint Comm., A.I.A.-Pub. of the Month		1958
1 - 5	Advisory Committee-Criteria for Selection of Architects		
Book	Architectural-"The Residential Architecture of Richardson Brognard Okie of Philadelphia" (compiled by R.S.Senseman, Leon Brown, Edwin Bateman Morris and Charles T. Okie)		1955

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### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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In the last twenty years Mr. Senseman has attended all but three national conventions and has served as Chapter delegate from either the Washington Metropolitan Chapter or the Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland at all but two of these conventions. He has showed a continuous devotion to the profession for almost thirty years, serving in important positions in Chapter, Regional Councils, as well as various important committee assignments in the national organization and in the Institute. In addition to his direct service to the Institute in his many and varied functions, he has also continuously devoted time, effort and money to public service in his professional responsibilities as a practicing architect.

**NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

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City Planning and Zoning Committee  
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Program Committee  
Membership Committee

Home Builders Association  
City Planning & Zoning Committee

Washington Board of Trade  
Membership Committee

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  
Airport Committee

Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce

Silver Spring Board of Trade

Church Architectural Guild of America

Aircraft Owner's and Pilots' Association

Washington Air Derby Association, Inc.

Also, Mr. Senseman has somehow found time for community service, and this is displayed by the following appointments.

1959-1960 President, Burnt Mills Citizens Association

1956-1960 Served on the Board of Directors, Community Psychiatric Clinic

1950-1952 Member of the Executive Committee, United Givers Fund

1956-1960 Member of the Board of Directors, Atlantic Union College

1965 Chairman, Committee for a More Beautiful Montgomery County



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By resolution of the Montgomery County Council, Ronald S. Senseman was appointed Chairman of the Beautification Committee for a More Beautiful Montgomery County for all major County organizations. He immediately appointed subcommittees for dealing with the short and long range action programs and organized a rally to acquaint the public with his major objectives. Mr. Senseman presented his ideas for upgrading the ordinances governing signs and billboards so that this form of advertising will be done uniformly and aesthetically; developing guides for attractive parking lots, to include planting and trees and shrubs to alleviate the bleak, desert-like appearance of these areas. He proposed that specifications on the type, height, quantity, and location of planting be required and that planting arrangement be in keeping with the surrounding landscaping and that it be properly maintained under county budgets. More artistic design of trash receptacles and miscellaneous street furnishings were also included in the face-lifting proposal.

Another program urged home owners, business establishments and local governments to beautify their buildings and surroundings by recognition campaigns with awards for evidence of best effort. This effort also includes a litter bag campaign, and will eventually include an educational program in the schools by distribution of brochures to students to see what results can be obtained. In conjunction with the Foundation of America's "Heritage Mastermapping," the committee is preparing to plan a master map of the entire county with a series of overlays which will show monuments and historic buildings, parks, public buildings and all other essential information, providing both the Planning Commission and the public with a comprehensive master map of the entire county.

One of the committees under Mr. Senseman's direction seeks to have zoning ordinances revised to require undergrounding of all utilities on new construction, and urges immediate undergrounding of existing utilities in the major commercial districts. They will request that the Montgomery County Council require modern and attractive street lighting systems and that electric transmission right of ways be attractively landscaped and carefully maintained.

Another committee appointed by Mr. Senseman will work with the Mass Transit System to assure that county transportation problems are given consideration in the design and planning of the suburban and rural extensions of the Transit System.

A slogan campaign is underway to make everyone in the county conscious of his responsibility for a "More Beautiful Montgomery County" by posters and articles in local newspapers, highlighting these activities.



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Through his efforts, copies of the film, "No Time for Ugliness" have been made available for showing in all service clubs. Films have also been supplied to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the County Film Library.

In such a rapidly developing county, it is a gigantic task to deal with not only what is currently transpiring but all the mistakes of the past. Ronald S. Senseman, long respected for his community interest, efforts and leadership was not only instrumental in having such a resolution adopted but is now heading the work with outstanding administrative ability. This most recent "Public Service" merges with "Service to the Profession" in demonstrating to this large community that the architect is a vital part of shaping a better community.

## B I O G R A P H Y

Ronald Sylvester Senseman, A.I.A.

### PREFACE:

The Writer of this Biography has known Ronald Sylvester Senseman since 1946, at which time I was given summer employment in Ron's Office, while completing Architectural studies. Since that time I have maintained a close personal and professional relationship with Ron; served a two year term as Vice President of The Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A., during Ron's Presidency; I have worked with him on Chapter Committees and have shared the opportunity of joining him as a Delegate to several National and Regional Conventions.

My personal observation of Ron has been that he is not only a responsible and highly competent Architect, but he is a leader in Institute affairs, and has given of his time and energy unselfishly, with such high purpose and vigor, that his leadership and philosophy is much more than admirable - it has been inspiring.

The information contained herein has been compiled from personal and Chapter records.

Benjamin P. Elliott, A.I.A.  
Chairman, Past President's Committee  
Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.

RONALD S. SENSEMAN, A.I.A.

Born: October 19, 1912 in Collingswood, New Jersey.  
Married - 2 daughters - 1 Grand-child.

Present Residence: Burnt Mills Hills, Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Education: Graduate of the Camden County, New Jersey Vocational School in Architectural Drawing - 1930.  
  
Attended Columbia Junior College and Columbia Union College from 1933 to 1935.  
  
Majored in Architecture at The Catholic University of America from 1934 to 1937.

Practice: Mr. Senseman's practice as a Principal of his own Firm, dates back to 1933, to date, except for the war years. His practice is general in nature, having designed office buildings, motels, public and private schools, hospitals, etc.

Registration: Ronald S. Senseman is registered with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and is licensed in 13 States and the District of Columbia.

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE:

The following are facts which will deal with Ron's different activities, and one cannot help but be impressed by the many ways in which Ron has served the Profession and the Community.

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PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

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In 1960, Ron was an active candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates, and although he won more support than was anticipated, he was truly "on the wrong ticket."

ARTICLES AND REPORTS PUBLISHED:

- "Progressive Architecture"  
Article on Forest Grove Elementary Schools, July 1950
- "School Board Journal"  
Article on Oakview Elementary Schools, September 1949
- "Construction Journal"  
Article on Standard Classroom Units, September 1949
- "Washington Evening Star"  
Feature Story on Schools, April 14, 1951
- "Better Lighting Better Sight"  
The Case of Changing School Design, June 1962
- "Review & Herald"  
Church Building, 1951 Series - 4 Articles
- "Life and Health"  
Building a Home, 1948 Series - 8 Articles  
Firesafe Home, 1950 Series - 4 Articles
- "Potomac Valley Architect"  
Article on World Trek - 1959  
Article on Housing for the Elderly in Scandinavia, March, 1962
- "Reports 1 - 5" - Montgomery County School Board by Joint  
Committee, A.I.A.  
Publication of the Month - 1958  
Advisory Committee - Criteria for Selection  
of Architects.
- Ronald S. Senseman served as Technical Consultant in 1962 to  
the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare,  
for their publication, "Environmental Engineering for  
the School."
- "Modular School Design Brochure" - July 1958
- "The Residential Architectural of Richardson Brognard Okie of  
Philadelphia."  
(Compiled by Ronald S. Senseman, Leon Brown, Edwin Bateman  
Morris and Charles T. Okie). - 1955

AWARDS FOR DESIGN:

Washington Board of Trade:

- Oak-View Elementary School - 1950
- Viers Mills Elementary School - 1951
- Rolling Terrace Elementary School - 1951

Washington Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A.

- Oak-View Elementary School - 1949

Maryland Division - Washington Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A.

- Dormitory - Washington Missionary College - 1950 - Honorable Mention
- Residence - Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kessinger - 1952 - Honorable Mention
- Office Bldg. - United States Travel Agency - 1954 - Honorable Mention
- Remodelling - Takoma Park Fire House - 1950

Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.

- Residence - Helen Marino - 1956 - Harold Esten, Assoc. Architect - 1st Place
- Motel - Dallas Park Motel, Dallas, Texas - 1956 - 2nd Place
- Motel - Stow-A-Way Motel - 1958, Award of Merit
- Office Bldg. - Park Office Building - 1956 - 3rd Place

DESIGN:

It is the Philosophy of Ronald S. Senseman that:

"It is not the Architect's prerogative to create a building that expresses his identity, rather it is the responsibility of the Architect to the client to provide him with a facility that will function as it should and express the ascetic desires of the client; the building should, in its ascetic appeal, reflect the purpose for which it was intended to serve; it is also the Architect's grave responsibility that the completed project be economically feasible."

This Philosophy has led to a continuing expert knowledge in the science of construction. Ron has incorporated both this knowledge of structure and expert design in the many buildings which he has designed, particularly in school buildings where he has designed lightweight steel frame buildings, that were built for less money than some temporary buildings of equivalent size. Peter Belluschi was one of the Juror's who gave Ron four awards for these buildings. This expounded his Philosophy somewhat.



Design - continued:

A broader knowledge in design and substantiation of his Philosophy has been gained by extensive world travel to England, Northern Europe, the Scandinavian Countries, and many of the Central and South American Nations.

As an ardent photographer, Ron has an extensive catalogue of photographs from all parts of the World, illustrating the design and building techniques in these different parts.

Ron's strong capabilities as a designer lead him to teaching in Principles of Architecture from 1948 to 1963, and also teaching Engineering Drafting from 1958 to 1960, at the Columbia Union College. He has also taught at the Potomac University - Church Architecture, from 1950 to 1957 and Planning School Plants from 1957 to 1959. Ron has also been a Guest Lecturer on Architectural Design at Johns Hopkins University.

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### COMFORTABLE SHOES TO FILL

With the Chapter's June election, Ron Senseman will have headed the Maryland group of A.I.A. architects for three terms - once during its Division of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter status--and for two successive terms since the granting of an A.I.A. charter.

He has given the chapter the leadership and healthy take-off a new organization unit needs but seldom finds. Organizers and the hardest of workers, while being invaluable, often do not make the best officers. Ron was the best of exceptions as all members know. Through all the years the present members may be active, they will gratefully remember the inspiring administratorship-we might almost say indispensable generalship, he has provided during the chapter's tender and membership-building years.

Having won many of the highest awards of the profession and the respect and friendship of architects everywhere, Ron Senseman's character, gentlemanly qualities and helpfulness have brought him the love of all those knowing him best and who so greatly benefit from his association and leadership.

Such a leader has inspired loyalty and had ready workers because of his own excellent example. He has kept everything rolling by making considered suggestions, not by being a boss and giving orders. The Chapter, and all his office and its help could do for it, came first.

In the same efficient, productive manner Ron has appointed interested, competent chairman and then kept his nose out of their activities. And so executive and chapter meetings heard no bickering, saw great attendance and heard to-the-point reports of work done. To keep things relaxed, Ron usually had a funny story, or if he didn't, Eddie Morris was called on.

There is only one way to reward a President like Ron Senseman - that is by maintaining a growing organization which will always be one of the most active and responsible chapters in A.I.A.

The shoes being left by Ron are big. But they are well broken in and comfortable. They need only to be kept well laced, shined and pointed in the same direction.



WASHINGTON-METROPOLITAN CHAPTER  
OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, INC.  
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September 9, 1963

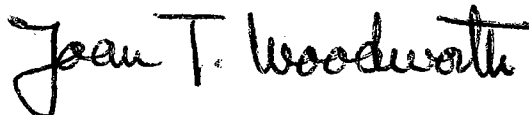
Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington D. C. 20006

Gentlemen:

A search of the records of this Chapter indicates that Mr. Ronald S. Senseman, who has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, was a corporate member in good standing in this Chapter from his election to Institute membership on August 15, 1944 until his transfer to the Potomac Valley Chapter in 1955.

Mr. Senseman applied for, and was granted unassigned membership in this Chapter in 1956. In this capacity also, he is, and has always been, a member in good standing with this Chapter.

Very truly yours,



Joan T. Woodworth  
Executive Secretary



POTOMAC VALLEY CHAPTER OF MARYLAND  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

912 THAYER AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

September 9, 1964

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

Re: Nomination for Fellowship - Ronald S. Senseman, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to report that at the Executive Committee meeting of the Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, American Institute of Architects on Wednesday, September 2, 1964 the following Resolution was passed unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, American Institute of Architects vigorously reaffirms the nomination of Ronald S. Senseman, A.I.A., for elevation to Fellow of the Institute for Service to the Institute and Design.

The nomination of Mr. Senseman was originally made by the Committee last year and all of the information pertinent to this nomination is on file at the Institute.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis W. Madden, A.I.A.  
President - Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland  
American Institute of Architects

cc: Mrs. Amalie B. Dobres

Mr. Benjamin P. Elliott, A.I.A.

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DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

THE following certification must accompany the photographic exhibit. It may be signed by anyone in possession of full knowledge concerning the development of the design. This might be the Chapter President, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, a partner of the nominee, or even the nominee himself. If the various examples were developed under different conditions respecting authorship, the various statements below should be keyed to the proper exhibits.

The accompanying photographs show examples of work with which the nominee's connection was as follows:

- The nominee was solely responsible for the design.
- The nominee was largely responsible for the design.
- The design was under the direction of the nominee.
- The nominee's firm executed the design.
- Science of Construction

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- Park Arlington Motel
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  - Montgomery County Office Building
  - Pink Office Building
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  - Levittown Jr. High School
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  - Wythville S.D.A. Church
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  - St. Martin's Lutheran Church
  - Springvale Terrace Home for Aged

Signed R. S. Senseman Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee Ronald Sylvester Senseman

May 6, 1964

Mr. Dennis W. Madden, President  
Potomac Valley Chapter, AIA  
912 Thayer Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Mr. Madden:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on the nomination before it of a corporate member of your Chapter who was considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Referred to Meeting of The Jury in 1965

✓ Ronald Sylvester Senseman

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with this nomination should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by November 15, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

Clinton Gamble, FAIA  
Secretary

CG/m

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April 20, 1965

Mr. John E. Moore, President  
Potomac Valley Chapter, AIA  
912 Thayer Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you that the nomination for Fellowship of Ronald S. Senseman was considered at its recent meeting and will be referred to the meeting of the 1966 Jury of Fellows for consideration again.

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with this nomination should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by November 15, 1965.

Sincerely yours,



Oswald H. Thorson, FAIA  
Secretary

OHT/s



*Sensiman, R. S. FAIA*

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April 18, 1966

Mr. Ronald Sylvester Sensiman, FAIA  
7705 Georgia Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sensiman:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows, in accordance with the action of the Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting, for your notable contribution in service to the Profession.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1966 AIA Convention of the Institute to be held in Denver, Colorado, June 26-July 1, 1966.

Those who have been advanced to Fellowship will receive their certificates and medals at the Annual Dinner on the evening of Friday, July 1, 1966, in the Grand Ballroom, Denver Hilton Hotel. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly desirable that each of the newly advanced Fellows be present.

The Officers of the Institute and the Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person. Please send your response to the Institute at an early date.

A memorandum from the Department of Public Services regarding the public announcement of your advancement to Fellowship is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Oswald H. Thorson, FAIA  
Secretary

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

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To the Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects

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I hereby apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reason:

(Check the appropriate reason)

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am more than 60 years of age and retired from the profession of architecture.
- I am unable to engage in the profession of architecture because \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE NATURE OF INCAPACITATION

I have been in good standing in the Institute and the Potomac Valley Chapter Chapter for 15 successive years.

If and when elected to Membership Emeritus, I wish to continue to receive AIA mailings.

Yes  No  (If Yes, please attach a check for \$40 if your current dues are not paid.)

Name RONALD S SENSEMAN FAIA

Address 10718 Gatewood Ave  
Silver Spring Md.

Phone 301-593-1991 Off 703-329-2300

Ronald S. Senseman April 11, 1988  
DATE & SIGNATURE

**Information for Applicant:** The applicant may supplement the above reasons on a separate sheet. In exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, the secretary of the Institute may lessen the required period of good standing but the other conditions are immutable.

Upon election to Membership Emeritus, all rights and privileges of membership, including the use of the title Member Emeritus written in full after the initials "AIA" or "FAIA," as the case may be, remain intact while the member is exempted from further dues payments to the Institute and the member's chapter and state.

Members Emeriti have the option to remain on the AIA mailing list for \$40 per year. This fee helps defray mailing costs. Members Emeriti who do not wish to receive AIA mailings and publications need not pay this mailing charge. Membership Emeritus dues rates (\$40) will apply to those members who upgrade their status to Emeritus by March 31 of the current year. After that date, Emeritus dues rates will be effective the year following acceptance to Emeritus status.



June 1, 1988

Your Membership No. Is: 7009806

Ronald S Senseman FAIA  
Senseman Vander Myde  
5845 Richmond Hwy Ste 800  
Alexandria, VA 22303

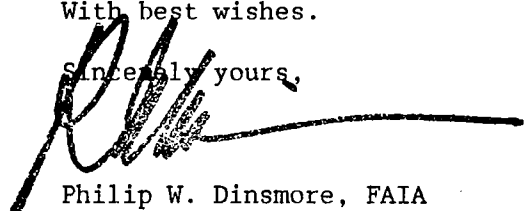
Dear Mr. Senseman:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your membership classification has been changed to Member Emeritus.

We are grateful for your many years of support and we hope that your participation and interest will continue, though you are now relieved of further dues payments.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Philip W. Dinsmore, FAIA  
Secretary

cc: Potomac Valley Chapter, AIA  
Virginia Society of Archts AIA

FOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Qualifications

EDUCATION

Grade School and High School, Collingswood, N. J.; graduated from Camden County (N. J.) Vocational School in Architectural Drawing, 1930; worked in Office of Joseph Norman Hettle, Architect, 1930-31; attended Columbia Junior College, Washington Missionary College, Washington, D.C., 1931-34; attended Catholic University, Washington, D. C., 1934-36.  
Member Bd. of Trustees, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass.

CIVIC

Membership in the following: Washington Bd. of Trade, Home Bldr's. Assn., City Zoning and Planning Committee, Washington Bldg. Congress, Church Architectural Guild of America, Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce, Silver Spring Bd. of Trade, Mont. Co. Chamber of Commerce, Aircraft Owners' and Pilots' Assn., Airport Committee, Washington Air Derby Assn., Inc.

TEACHING

Theological Seminary, Washington Missionary College -  
"Church Architecture" - yearly  
Washington Missionary College -  
"Class in Principals of Architecture" - yearly

PUBLICATIONS

Standard Classroom Units "Construction Journal"	Jan. 1950
Modular School Design Brochure	July 1958
The Residential Architecture of Richardson Brognard Okie of Philadelphia (compiled by Ronald S. Senseman, Leon Brown, Edwin Bateman Morris, and Charles T. Okie)	
Reports 1 - 5, Mont. Co. School Bd. as a member of a Joint Committee of Wash. Met. and Potomac Valley Chapters "A.I.A. Document of the Month"	June 1958



ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Building a Home - "Life & Health" (6 Articles)  
Firesafe Home - "Life & Health" (7 Articles)  
Church Building - "Review & Herald" (12 Articles)  
Feature Story on Schools - "Evening Star" - April 14, 1951

MILITARY

Employed by Office of Quartermaster General, Office of Research and Development, as Expert Consultant, Washington, D. C., 1942-45.

## AWARDS

Takoma Park Fire House Remodelling, Silver Spring Bd. of Trade	1950
Oak View Elementary School, Award in Architecture, A.I.A.	1950
Oak View Elementary School, Washington Bd. of Trade	1950
Dormitory, Wash. Missionary College, Honorable Mention	1950
Viers Mill Elementary School, Washington Bd. of Trade	1951
Rolling Terrace Elementary School, Washington Bd. of Trade	1951
Residence, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Kessinger, Honorable Mention Maryland Division, Wash. Met. Chapter, A.I.A.	1952
United States Travel Agency Office, Honorable Mention Maryland Division, Wash. Met. Chapter, A.I.A.	1954
Stow-A-Way Motel, Ocean City, Maryland - Award of Merit Potomac Valley Chapter, A.I.A.	1958
Residence, Mrs. Helen Marino, Annapolis, Maryland Award in Architecture, Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.	1956
Office Bldg. for Park Offices, Inc., Certificate of Award Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.	1956
Dallas Park Motel, Texas - Award in Architecture Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.	1956

## PROFESSIONAL

Years of Practice: 1934 to date (except for 3 years 1942-45), employed by the Office of Quartermaster General).

Registration: The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards - June 23, 1946.

States: Maryland, 6/17/36; District of Columbia, 10/28/44; West Virginia, 10/6/45; Massachusetts, 10/2/45; Virginia, 3/11/46; Ohio, 8/9/47; New York, 9/27/47; Pennsylvania, 9/29/47; Michigan, 3/25/48; New Jersey, 2/15/49; Indiana, 7/9/53; Florida, 6/16/54.

Personnel varies from 25 to 35. Association with H. Fred Gehrke, Moorestown, New Jersey.

### Major Projects

	<u>Est. Constr. Cost</u>
Industrial College of the Armed Forces Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C.	\$4,000,000
Graduate School Add., Walter Reed Army Medical Center	4,000,000
D. C. Elem. School, Govt. of D. of C.	1,000,000
Washington San. & Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland	1,500,000
Treatment & Cafeteria Bldg., St. Eliz. Hospital	3,400,000
Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Maryland	2,542,000
Somerset Park Elem. School	
Willingsboro Township Bd. of Ed.	350,000
Willingsboro Township, N. J.	

PROFESSIONAL - cont'd

Major Projects - cont'd

Est. Constr. Cost

Buena Vista Elem. & Jr. High School Borough of Buena - Bd. of Ed. Atlantic County, New Jersey	\$650,000
Buckingham Park Elem. School Levittown, New Jersey	350,000
Levittown Jr. High School Levittown, New Jersey	1,500,000
Emmanuel Miss. College (S.D.A.), Student Apts., & Seminary Bldg., Berrien Springs, Michigan	3,000,000

INSTITUTE SERVICE

Corporate member, American Institute of Architects; past President of the Maryland Division, Washington Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A.; First President, Potomac Valley Chapter of Maryland, A.I.A.

Co-host for Centennial Convention

Committees for foreign dignataries

A.I.A. representative at National Chamber of Commerce meetings - 1957.

Judge for A.I.A. Commemorative Stamp

Leader A.I.A. Trek 'Round the World - 1959

Delegate to Pan American Conference

Attended nine A.I.A. Conventions during 15 years of membership.



NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE MAY 14, 1966

WASHINGTON D.C., May 14, 1966 -- Four local architects are among 60 architects in the nation advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. The AIA announced 1966 recipients of the lifetime honor today.

The four, whose offices are in the District of Columbia, are Grosvenor Chapman of 3335 Que Street N.W., Washington D.C.; Francis D. Lethbridge of 4605 Drummond Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md.; A. Stanley McGaughan of 100 Lucas Lane, Bethesda, Md., and Ronald S. Senseman of 908 McCeney Avenue, Burnt Mill Hills, Silver Spring, Md.

The 60 new Fellows bring the number of Institute members using the letters FAIA after their names to 698, representing only 3.8 percent of the more than 18,000 architects who are corporate AIA members. The Washington metropolitan area has 25 Fellows.

Investiture of the new Fellows will take place at the annual banquet and ball, Friday, July 1, climaxing the 98th annual convention of the Institute to be held in Denver, Colo., beginning June 26.

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Agency in 1952, and he has been responsible for the recent design of a relocatable house for the Air Force.

McGaughan has been a board member of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter AIA since 1957, and in 1963 he was its president. Since 1962 he has served the Office of Civil Defense as professional adviser for its annual competitions for fallout shelter design, and he also served as professional adviser for the competition for design of a presidential reviewing stand for the 1965 Inaugural.

Ronald S. Senseman, 53, has operated a private architectural practice in this city since 1933. Licensed in 13 states, he has employed lightweight construction in school architecture to bring new economies and speed to this field of design. He has also published articles and served as consultant to the government on design and construction of school buildings.

Since 1948 the architect has taught classes in architecture at Columbia Union College and Potomac University, both in Takoma Park, and he has been guest lecturer at John Hopkins University. He majored in architecture at Catholic University.

Senseman was one of the founders of the Potomac Valley Chapter AIA in 1955, and he served as its first president. He has been a member of several national committees, and has also worked on planning and zoning committees of the Washington Building Congress, Home Builders Association and Washington Board of Trade.

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