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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Leon B. Senter Date of Nomination Oct. 28, 1954.
2. Address of Nominee 307 Philtower Building, Tulsa 3, Oklagoma
3. Nominee's firm Leon B. Senter, A.I.A.
4. Nominee's principal place of business Oklagoma
5. Nominee's Chapter Oklahoma
6. Nominee's State Organization
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1921 (not continuous)
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1921 19 to Dec. 31, 1954.
9. Nominee's age <sup>68</sup>~~65~~ yrs Birthplace Morris, Johnson County, Kansas
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

- Leonard H. Bailey, F.A.I.A.	- William R. Brown, Pres.
- Bryan W. Nolen	- Joe E. Smay, Secretary
Thomas L. Sorey	R. Duane Conner

11. Achievement in Service to The Institute

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP  
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CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 28 1954

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on September 20 1954 \*Type in full name.  
nominated\* LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.  
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\* LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.  
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in\*\* SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE  
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

\*Type in full name.

\*\*Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† THIRTY THREE  
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ OKLAHOMA Chapter,  
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\*

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

\*Type in full name.

LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.  
for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the 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."

✓ Lemart H. Boyle, F.A.I.A.  
✓ Bryan W. Allen  
✓ Thomas J. Loney  
✓ William B. Brown, Pres.  
✓ Jack Snow  
✓ [Signature] Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

William S. Farr

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. Nominee's legal residence 2132 EAST THIRTY-SECOND PLACE

4. Nominee's firm name LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 307 PHILTOWER BUILDING, TULSA 3, OKLAHOMA

6. Type in "N.C.A.R.B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by EXAMINATION, LICENSE #1, OKLAHOMA HOLDER OF N.C.A.R.B. CERTIFICATE #3189. (BLUE COVER)

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~XXXXXX ARCHITECT~~  
~~XXXXXX IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION—PUBLIC OFFICIAL—XXXXXX~~

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

8. Born MARCH 5, 1889 . Place of birth MORRIS, JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	KANSAS CITY, MO.	2		
Private School				
College or University				
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

NOMINEE ATTENDED SEABROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TOPEKA, KANSAS, WAS GRADUATED 1903. ATTENDED MANUAL TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, FOR TWO YEARS AND LEFT ON ACCOUNT OF DEATH OF FATHER. NOMINEE THEN ENROLLED IN "COMPLETE ARCHITECTURAL-ENGINEERING COURSE" I.C.S. SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND ENTERED BEAUX ARTS WORK FOR TWO WINTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, HAS HAD 42 YEARS ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE, 36 YEARS AS A PRINCIPAL.

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LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.  
October 28, 1954

Following is a partial list of work from my office. Some of these projects are listed because of their public relationship:

St. John's Hospital Add. (1954)	\$ 4,250,000.00
St. John's Hospital (addition) (1946)	3,265,000.00
Hillcrest Memorial Hospital (addition)	2,000,000.00
St. Marys Hospital (McAlester) (1949)	175,000.00
St. Marys Hospital " (1954)	250,000.00
Benedictine Heights Hospital, Guthrie, Oklahoma	1,000,000.00
Service Pipe Line Office Building	3,500,000.00
Stanolind Oil & Gas Office Building	2,250,000.00
(Built in 1930, would cost \$4,000,000.00 now)	
First Baptist Church, Religious Educational Building	1,000,000.00
Fred Jones Ford, Sales & Service Building	530,000.00
Coliseum	1,000,000.00
YMCA - Tulsa (Equipment \$150,000.00)	2,000,000.00
Dormitories, Whitaker State Home, Pryor	540,000.00
University of Tulsa, Stadium	300,000.00
Court House, Pawnee County, Oklahoma	250,000.00
University of Tulsa, Downtown Division	360,000.00
Will Rogers High School	1,500,000.00
Booker T. Washington High School	1,779,000.00
Air Base Coffeyville, Kansas	2,600,000.00
Air Base (aux.) Dalhart, Texas	1,000,000.00
Federal Housing Project, McAlester, Oklahoma	750,000.00
Administration Building, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, U.S. Army	250,000.00
" " Tulsa Municipal Airport	364,800.00
University of Tulsa, Athletic Dormitory	178,500.00
Control Tower, Tulsa Municipal Airport	130,000.00
Hangars #11 & #14, Tulsa Municipal Airport	400,000.00
Tulsa Club Building, Alterations	350,000.00
Carter Oil Company, Laboratory Addition	1,000,000.00
Cities Service Oil Company, Office Building, Bartlesville, Okla.	600,000.00
John Marshall School, Tulsa	200,000.00
Petroleum Club, Alteration	75,000.00
Hangar #12, Tulsa Municipal Airport	200,000.00
Park Board, City of Tulsa, Park Improvements & Swimming Pool	1,400,000.00
Continental Baking Company - Plant & Office Building	1,250,000.00
Zoo - Mohawk Park, Tulsa	1,500,000.00

## 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.)

### 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*

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## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

1. Originally a member of the Kansas City Chapter from 1919 till the formation of the Oklahoma Chapter in 1920 at which time he became a Charter member of the Oklahoma Chapter. His contributions started with his first connection with this Chapter and thru his signal efforts and untiring application the Oklahoma Chapter was founded on a firm foundation.
2. He was soon elected to the office of President of the Chapter and he served in this capacity for three terms. His valued leadership placed all members in an enviable position so that, when the more liberal policy of the Institute was established relative to membership, it was easy to induce additional members to join. (The writer was at that time National Membership Chairman and I know to whom credit is due for the phenomenal growth of the Chapter.)
3. He was also elected for three terms to serve as president of the Oklahoma Society of Architects and thru his ethical standards of practice he secured the adoption of the A.I.A. Code of Ethics for the Society. This has been a very large factor in promoting ethical procedure in Oklahoma. The Society was later merged into the Oklahoma Chapter of the A.I.A.
4. The Oklahoma license law was passed in 1925 which was a relatively early date. This accomplishment was made possible thru the untiring efforts of Mr. Senter. He contributed generously to the financial burden which was essential to getting this job done.
5. He was appointed to serve on the Board of Examiners from 1925 to 1929 and served with great fidelity and zeal.
6. As a member of a Chapter Committee he prepared a code of ethics and suggested schedule of fees which he had printed in an attractive booklet paying this cost from his own pocket. This booklet was sent by him to all architects as well as to City administrators and school boards. This booklet is still in use in this state.
7. After a lapse of a few years he was reappointed to the Board of Examiners in 1948 and was promptly elected president in which capacity he has served including the present. He was again reappointed for an additional five years in 1952.
8. His leadership and devotion to duty has inspired other members of the Board to active participation so that the Oklahoma Board stands high today with the NCARB. (The writer is 2nd VP of NCARB and so testifies)
9. His service on Chapter committees has been too numerous to enumerate here but when serving on such committees, his active participation has materially aided in the contribution made by that committee.
10. He has also served on a number of National Committees for the Institute among which was the Committee of Preservation of Historic Monuments. He is currently a member of David Bauer's Committee on Practice and he has attended all meetings and participated with great zeal.
11. He is a member of the Tulsa Architectural League which organization is doing an outstanding job in Public Relations.
12. It cannot be inferred that his service on the Board of Examiners is not a contribution to the Chapter since his high standards of ethical practice and stimulating messages to the young practitioners will leave their mark on the architects of Oklahoma for many years to come.

## 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.

1. Member Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, serving 16 consecutive years, past secretary.
2. Member Chamber of Commerce
3. Member American Society of Planning Officials
4. Member, Construction Specifications Institute
5. Hospital Architects' Representative for Tulsa County Civil Defense
6. Past member, Oklahoma State Planning Commission under Governor William Murray
7. Served as State Director, Historical American Building Survey for Federal Government, 1934, District 34, Territory of Oklahoma.
8. Member, National Affairs Committee, Chamber of Commerce
9. Also Listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest - N. Marquis Publications.

BROWN, A. I. A. PRESIDENT  
NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



JOE E. SMAY, A. I. A. SECRETARY-TREASURER  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 28, 1954

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

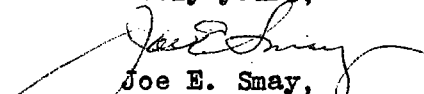
Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find the nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter who has received the unanimous nomination from the Oklahoma Chapter. While this Chapter realizes that election to this high office goes only to those who merit it we do feel that Oklahoma has men who have made substantial contributions to the Institute.

A few short years ago this Chapter was quite unknown in National circles. Now we have a Chapter which will take its place with the most aggressive in the Nation. With a corporate membership exceeding one hundred, we have been honored in the past with but one individual who has been elevated to that high honor namely Mr. Leonard H. Bailey. We know that Mr. Bailey contributed materially to the progress of the organization but we also have other men. Mr. Leon B Senter is one of those most worthy. Whatever success this Chapter has attained it can be attributed to men like Mr. Senter who has worked unceasingly for the advancement and recognition of the architectural profession.

We are honored to place his name in nomination and seek from you a favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joe E. Smay,  
Secretary-Treasurer.



November 12, 1954

Mr. Joe E. Smay, Secretary  
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.  
University of Oklahoma  
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Smay:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows permit me to acknowledge receipt of the nomination made by the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter for the advancement to Fellowship of Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A.

There are two items which must be taken care of in order to complete this nomination as follows:

- 1) Exhibits of photographs of the nominee's executed architectural work. (See marked paragraph of instructions attached.) Also attached is a mimeographed circular of instructions for preparation of required exhibits.
- 2) Individual letters from all those members who signed the nomination as proposers - i.e., members of your Chapter Executive Committee, excepting Mr. Leonard Bailey and yourself, whose letters are on file.

*Rec'd  
1-2-55*

These exhibits and letters from proposers must be filed by February 1st to permit consideration of the nomination by The Jury of Fellows in 1955.

Letters from others, however, may come along at any time and will be placed with the nomination.

With appreciation of your cooperation in preparing this data,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Enclosures

P.S. - Page 3 of the nomination form also is returned in order that it may be filled in as to exhibits to be furnished.

WILLIAM R. BROWN, A.I.A. PRESIDENT  
113 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



JOE E. SMAY, A.I.A. SECRETARY-TREASURER  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

November 9, 1954

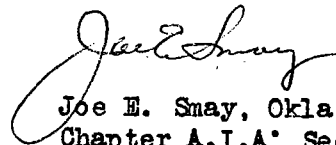
Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

At the time I mailed in the nomination for Mr. Leon B. Senter for Fellowship by unanimous endorsement of this Chapter, I did not supply information as to his practice since it was not at that time in shape to submit. Even tho he is being proposed for his contribution to the Institute, it gives a clearer picture by showing also that he made this contributions by sacrificing time from a very successful practice.

I am therefore enclosing a sheet which enumerates some of the recent work completed by his office and ask you to accept this information as a supplement to the nomination.

Very truly yours,

  
Joe E. Smay, Okla  
Chapter A.I.A. Sec'y

November 18, 1954

Mr. Joe E. Smay, Secretary  
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.  
University of Oklahoma  
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Smay:

Your letter of November 9th has been received, and I am glad to add to the nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter the sheet attached to your letter supplying additional information for The Jury of Fellows in considering Mr. Senter's nomination.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

*done*

BRYAN W. NOLEN A.I.A.  
ROBB W. MOORE A.I.A.

# NOLEN & MOORE • ARCHITECTS

OKLAHOMA NATURAL BUILDING

OKLAHOMA CITY

January 13, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

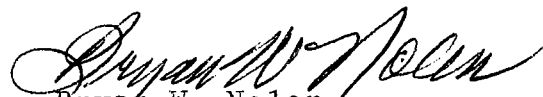
The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A., of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for advancement to Fellowship. This having been done by the unanimous vote of the members present at the meeting, it is understandable that the individual members of the Chapter feel this honor has long been due Mr. Senter.

As the past president of the Oklahoma Chapter I wish to add my personal endorsement to the nomination of Mr. Senter. I became a member of the Oklahoma Chapter in 1939 and at that time Mr. Senter was the outstanding member of the Chapter and the Oklahoma Society of Architects, which organization no longer exists. He has to my knowledge been active in promoting the advancement of architecture in this state since 1929 when I first became acquainted with him. He has served on all committees and in all offices when so named, doing the work required promptly and efficiently. There is no question in my mind that he has no peer in his efforts toward the advancement of architecture and the interest of the AIA in the State of Oklahoma.

His reputation with the contractors who have done work for him is that he is strict in regard to their compliance with the contract and contract documents but is fair in his dealings with them, not trying to obtain an advantage for the Owner.

His ethics are above reproach. To my knowledge they have never been questioned. I sincerely hope that the Jury of Fellows will favorably consider the advancement of Mr. Leon B. Senter to Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Yours very truly,

  
Bryan W. Nolen

BWN:lt

LEONARD H. BAILEY

FELLOW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
SUITE 1217 COLCORD BLDG.- OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.  
OFFICE PHONE RE 6-1666 — RESIDENCE PHONE VI 3-9254

October 13, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

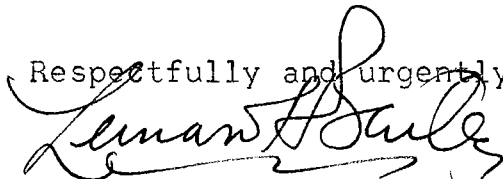
My good friend, Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been unanimously nominated by the Oklahoma Chapter A.I.A., for advancement to a Fellowship in the Institute.

It has been my privilege to have known Mr. Senter for upwards of thirty-five years. In his ethical practice, he has always been an example to his associates in the Oklahoma Chapter. As an Architect, he has an outstanding record of accomplishments having designed many of the most prominent buildings of all kinds in our State, such as Hospitals, State Institutions, Office Buildings, School Buildings, etc. He is freely recognized as the leading Architect of the State. He and I (originally members of the Kansas City Chapter) together with the late Charlie Dawson, organized the Oklahoma Chapter.

Throughout the years I have known him, he has been consistently active in all matters affecting the betterment of the profession. The mere tabulation of Professional and Civic activities does not begin to show his contribution of time, talents, enthusiasm, and leadership. For the past four or five years, he has been a most active member of David Baers, Committee on Office Practice.

Mr. Senter well deserves the honor that his fellow Architects urge you to bestow upon him. I assure you he will do full credit to the wisdom of your selection as well as to the Institute.

I beg to remain,

Respectfully and urgently,  
  
LEONARD H. BAILEY, F.A.I.A.

LHB:sl

PORTER & BRADLEY  
ARCHITECTS  
1009 EAST LINCOLNWAY  
CHEYENNE WYOMING

Phone 7-7816

October 15th, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

It has come to my knowledge that the Oklahoma Chapter of the A. I. A. has unanimously proposed the candidacy of Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa for advancement to the honor of Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known of Mr. Senter's activity in Institute affairs for quite a few years, and have been personally acquainted with him for a little over a year. I had the pleasure of serving with him on the National A. I. A. Committee on Office Practice, and during that association learned to admire him for the qualities which one expects to find in the kind of a gentleman who is worthy of the honor of Fellowship.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I heartily endorse the nomination of Mr. Senter to this high honor.

Sincerely yours,

*Frederic H. Porter*  
Frederic H. Porter

FHP:lw

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EDWARD L. WILSON  
ARCHITECT  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

October 16, 1954

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

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*S*

Gentlemen:

Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A., of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been proposed for advancement to Fellowship by the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A. and I wish to add my endorsement to that of many others in his behalf.

Mr. Senter has been a leader in his profession for many years in the Southwest. I have known him for approximately ten years and had been familiar with his reputation and accomplishments for many years prior.

A list of his achievements in civic affairs is impressive, including such organizations as the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission - 16 years; American Society of Planning Officials; Hospital Architect Representative for Tulsa County Civil Defense; Oklahoma State Planning Commission; State Director, Historical American Building Survey for federal government; and others.

He has been active in support of the Institute and in its affairs for many years, having been a member since 1921. He is President of the State Board of Governors for Licensed Architects for Oklahoma, having served for 13 years.

Personally, Mr. Senter is a man of fine character, a credit to his profession and is highly regarded by his fellow architects. I can recommend him as being entirely worthy of the honor of fellowship.

Yours sincerely,

*Edward L. Wilson*  
Edward L. Wilson

ELW:mt

cc- Mr. Leonard H. Bailey

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LASHMIT, JAMES, BROWN & POLLOCK  
OFFICE OF NORTHUP & O'BRIEN  
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OCTOBER 18, 1954

JURY OF FELLOWS  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

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GENTLEMEN:

IN MY CONTACTS WITH LEON B. SENTER OF TULSA I  
HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH HIS INTEREST IN AND  
DEVOTION TO HIS PROFESSION AND TO THE ACTIVI-  
TIES OF THE INSTITUTE.

I WISH TO ENDORSE HIM FOR ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

LASHMIT, JAMES, BROWN & POLLOCK

  
LUTHER LASHMIT

LL/g

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HOLMAN J. BARNES, A. I. A.  
ARCHITECT  
HENRY BUILDING, PORTLAND 4, OREGON

October 19, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Leon B. Senter, A.I.A. has been unanimously endorsed by the Oklahoma Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have been privileged to become very well acquainted with Mr. Senter in my serving with him on the A.I.A. Committee on Office Practice. The tremendous fund of knowledge possessed by this fine gentleman has been of great value to our committee and his devotion to the highest ideals of our profession has been obvious to all who worked with him.

Mr. Senter's outstanding record in Architecture, in Institute Affairs and in Civic Enterprise certainly justifies my urging your favorable consideration of his chapter's recommendation for this high honor.

Sincerely yours,

*Holman J. Barnes*  
Holman J. Barnes

HJB/m

DAVID C. BAER, AIA

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER, 1200 BISSONNET, HOUSTON, TEXAS

21 October 1954

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Jury of Fellows  
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1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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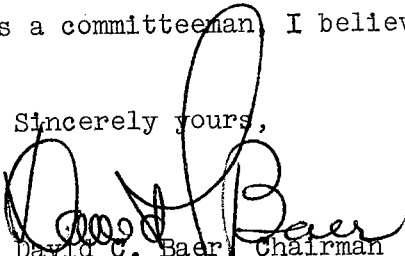
It has come to my attention that Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Senter has served on the Committee of Architectural Practice, A.I.A., and is currently serving on the Committee of Office Practice under my chairmanship.

I have found him most diligent in his efforts. He has been an ideal committee member and his suggestions in the fields of architectural and office practice have been pertinent and have shown his large experience which comes from a continued interest in the profession of architecture.

Based upon my experience with Mr. Senter as a committeeman, I believe he merits your every consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
David C. Baer, Chairman  
Committee on Office Practice

DCB:EA  
cc: Mr. Leonard H. Bailey

HARVEY A. SCHWAB, F.A.I.A.  
 REGISTERED ARCHITECT  
 552 CENTURY BUILDING - PITTSBURGH 22, PA.

October 22, 1954

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Gentlemen:

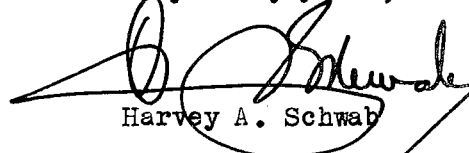
I am advised that Mr. Leon B. Senter of the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A., has been nominated by the Oklahoma Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

During the past two years Mr. Senter has served with me on the Committee on Office Practice, and I have become increasingly aware of his sound judgment, his uncompromisingly high standards of professional viewpoint and his ability to influence others in these matters.

His record indicates his long and valued service to the profession. It is clearly evident that the professional practice of architecture in his state and region would have been less advisable without his guiding influence.

May I endorse his nomination for Fellowship by reason of public service and service to the Institute.

Very truly yours,

  
 Harvey A. Schwab

S/h

cc: Mr. Leonard H. Bailey

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LEONARD H. BAILEY, F.A.I.A.

October 27, 1954

JOHN BOZALIS, A.I.A.

FACTUAL

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
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Gentlemen:

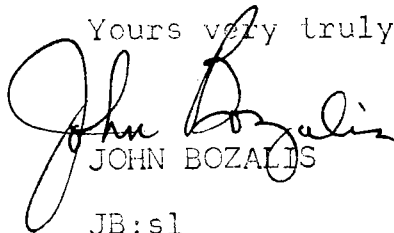
The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is for the second time supporting an application for a Fellowship in the Institute, to be granted to Mr. Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. This application was adopted unanimously at a recent meeting of the Chapter.

Mr. Senter is a man of high integrity and is easily the outstanding Architect of this State. Over a period of years, he has contributed generously of his talents and leadership in raising the ethical practice of Architecture and establishing good public relations. He prepared and had adopted by the Chapter, its code of ethics and its schedule of fees. This he had printed and distributed at his own expense to all members of the profession and many School Boards and City Councils.

His activities have resulted in his being elected at different times, as President of the Chapter and President of the State Society of Architects. He is now serving as President of the State Board of Examiners of Architects. He has held many committee assignments in the Institute for the past three years, and has been actively identified with the David C. Baer's Committee on Office Practice, attending all its meetings.

I shall always hold Mr. Senter in very high esteem. I am sure that my opinion is also shared by every Architect in Oklahoma; and the entire building profession. I therefore urge you to give this application your most careful and favorable consideration.

Yours very truly,

  
JOHN BOZALIS

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

November 1, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, Oklahoma has been proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Senter has served with me on the A.I.A. Committee on Office Practice since 1953, and I have the highest regard for his ability and dedication over a long period to the Profession and the Institute. In reviewing his outline of professional and public service, I have been particularly impressed by his activity over many years in the City Planning field. Having had some twenty years personal experience in this phase, Mr. Senter and I have spent some time discussing this important function of the Profession.

It is my feeling that in view of his long service as a practitioner and as a participant in Institute affairs with particular emphasis on his City Planning service, he is amply qualified for the honor of Fellowship now under consideration. Architects have been too few and far between in the matter of giving public service in City Planning, so much so that the initiative has gone to other professions, and it is refreshing to me to review the work of a man like Leon Senter, who has dedicated so much of his life to this major undertaking.

Sincerely yours

Austin W. Mather - President  
Connecticut Chapter - A. I. A.

AWM.AMF

CC: Leonard H Bailey

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

November 6, 1954

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Gentlemen:

I am proud to support the nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Institute to Fellowship in the Institute. When I first came to Oklahoma in 1929, Mr. Senter was one of the state architects with whom I formed an early acquaintance. That meeting has developed into a very staunch friendship because of the admiration which I hold for him. He is not a college graduate but I only wish that my students whom we have graduated here at the University would do as well professionally and ethically as has Mr. Senter.

Practically every activity which stems from the Oklahoma Chapter has his counsel and guidance behind it. My enthusiasm for him as an individual and successful practitioner is shared by practically every architect in the state. He has more than his share of the architectural work in the state but he has not created any ill will from his competitors because of the ethical way he conducts his practice.

I have served with him on many Chapter committees and more recently as a fellow member of the Board of Governors of Architects of which he is now president. He is tireless in his enthusiasm for the Institute and for welfare of the profession as a whole. The fact that most of his drafts men are licensed and members of the Chapter is an indication of his loyal support to the Institute.

The example he sets as an ethical practitioner and the council he freely gives to the younger men in the profession has an influence far beyond the confines of his office. He has constantly promoted the best of relations with the contractors and professional engineers and this effort has brought a general fine recognition to the Institute as a whole. It is my candid opinion that a man can make signal contributions to the Institute in many ways other than the mere activity on committees.

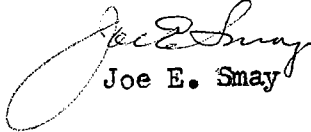
But he has not been lacking even in this point. His activity in Chapter committees has been tremendous. He is the first selection made on many such committees. He has also service on many National committees and he was largely instrumental in helping to establish the Oklahoma Chapter and the passage of the architect's bill in Oklahoma.

The rapid growth of the Oklahoma Chapter can be credited in a large measure to the high standards he set for the members. When the National Institute liberalized the admission to membership, it was a relatively easy matter to get new members in the Chapter. I know this because at that time I was membership Chairman. If you will consult the records, you can see that the Oklahoma Chapter enjoyed a very great increase at that time.

If there was ever a man in the Institute who deserved this honor it is my opinion that Leon Senter is one who should be given favorable consideration. The fact that we have only one fellow in this Chapter should not influence you in your selection but neither should you believe that we do not have worthy candidates in this part of the country.

I have worked unceasingly for the advancement of the Institute in all my endeavors but Mr. Senter has worked harder and it has been more of a sacrifice to him than to me because he has had to take time from a very large architectural practice. It is my sincere hope that you will give Mr. Senter the most favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joe E. Smay

the office of

DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN architect

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November 8, 1954

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I am glad to endorse the candidacy of Leon B. Senter  
of Tulsa, Oklahoma for advancement to the honor of Fellow  
of the Institute.

I have observed Leon Senter's devotion to the Institute  
in his work as a member of the Committee on Office Practice.

He has obviously dedicated himself to the advancement  
of the profession of architecture in his native state of Oklahoma  
and has received recognition for his many acts of public service  
which have enhanced the prestige of the profession of architecture  
in his community.

Sincerely,

  
DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN

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Dennis E. Donovan  
AIA  
Architect & Engineer  
618 N.W. 23rd St.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Jackson 4-8589

November 20, 1954

AIA Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Ave  
Washington DC

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Gentlemen

May I be included among those supporting Leon B Senter  
for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Members of this chapter do not read very much and do  
not write very well, so you may not hear from many of  
us; but I do not know of any member who does not like  
Leon or does not feel that he is well worthy of this  
honor.

Since his record, which speaks for its self, is before  
you, I will not attempt to recite his many qualifications.

Very truly yours

*Dennis E. Donovan*

Dennis E Donovan

# PAUL L. MURPHY, A.I.A.

ARCHITECT

COURT ARCADE BUILDING, TULSA 3, OKLAHOMA

FACTUAL

NOVEMBER 23, 1954

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS  
1735 NEW YORK AVE.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SUBJECT: LEON B. SENTER, ARCHITECT  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

GENTLEMEN:

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU A FEW FACTS ABOUT MR. SENTER, WHO WAS UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BY OUR STATE CHAPTER. IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOMMEND THIS GENTLEMAN FOR SUCH A HIGH HONOR. IN ORDER THAT YOU WILL BE PROPERLY INFORMED AS TO HIS ABILITY AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION I WISH TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

ORIGINALLY A MEMBER OF THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER FROM 1919 TIL THE FORMATION OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER IN 1920 AT WHICH TIME HE BECAME A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS STARTED WITH HIS FIRST CONNECTION WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THROUGH HIS SINGLE EFFORTS AND UNTIRING APPLICATION THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER WAS FOUNDED ON A FIRM FOUNDATION.

HE WAS SOON ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER AND HE SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY FOR THREE TERMS. HIS VALUED LEADERSHIP PLACED ALL MEMBERS IN AN ENVIABLE POSITION SO THAT, WHEN THE MORE LIBERAL POLICY OF THE INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP, IT WAS EASY TO INDUCE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO JOIN.

HE WAS ALSO ELECTED FOR THREE TERMS TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS AND THROUGH HIS ETHICAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE HE SECURED THE ADOPTION OF THE A.I.A. CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE SOCIETY. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY LARGE FACTOR IN PROMOTING ETHICAL PROCEDURE IN OKLAHOMA. THE SOCIETY WAS LATER MERGED INTO THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A.

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THE OKLAHOMA LICENSE LAW WAS PASSED IN 1925 WHICH WAS A RELATIVELY EARLY DATE. THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE UNTIRING EFFORTS OF MR. SENTER. HE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY TO THE FINANCIAL BURDEN WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL IN GETTING THIS JOB DONE.

HE WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FROM 1925 TO 1929 AND SERVED WITH GREAT FIDELITY AND ZEAL.

AS A MEMBER OF A CHAPTER COMMITTEE, HE PREPARED A CODE OF ETHICS AND SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF FEES WHICH HE HAD PRINTED IN AN ATTRACTIVE BOOKLET, PAYING THIS COST FROM HIS OWN POCKET. THIS BOOKLET WAS SENT BY HIM TO ALL ARCHITECTS AS WELL AS TO CITY ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL BOARDS. THIS BOOKLET IS STILL IN USE IN THIS STATE.

AFTER A LAPSE OF A FEW YEARS HE WAS REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN 1948 AND WAS PROMPTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT IN WHICH CAPACITY HE HAS SERVED INCLUDING THE PRESENT. HE WAS AGAIN REAPPOINTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS IN 1952.

HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAS INSPIRED OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION SO THAT THE OKLAHOMA BOARD STANDS HIGH TODAY WITH THE NCARB.

HIS SERVICE ON CHAPTER COMMITTEES HAS BEEN TOO NUMEROUS TO ENUMERATE HERE, BUT WHEN SERVING ON SUCH COMMITTEES, HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION HAS MATERIALLY AIDED IN THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THAT COMMITTEE.

HE HAS ALSO SERVED ON A NUMBER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR THE INSTITUTE AMONG WHICH WAS THE COMMITTEE OF PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS. HE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF DAVID BAUER'S COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE AND HE HAS ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATED WITH GREAT ZEAL.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TULSA ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE WHICH ORGANIZATION IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN PUBLIC RELATIONS.

IT CANNOT BE INFERRED THAT HIS SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IS NOT A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHAPTER SINCE HIS HIGH STANDARDS OF ETHICAL PRACTICE AND STIMULATING MESSAGES TO THE YOUNG PRACTITIONERS WILL LEAVE THEIR MARK ON THE ARCHITECTS OF OKLAHOMA FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIVITIES MENTIONED ABOVE HE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN CIVIC AFFAIRS AND HAS PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS METROPOLITAN CITY SINCE HE BECAME ACTIVE AND COULD SEE THE POSSIBILITIES. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS, PAST AND PRESENT:

MEMBER TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION, SERVING 16TH  
CONSECUTIVE YEAR, PAST SECRETARY,  
MEMBER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
MEMBER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANNING OFFICIALS,

MEMBER, CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE,  
 HOSPITAL ARCHITECTS' REPRESENTATIVE FOR TULSA COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE,  
 PAST MEMBER, OKLAHOMA STATE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER GOVERNOR  
 WILLIAM MURRAY,  
 SERVED AS STATE DIRECTOR, HISTORICAL AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY FOR  
 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 1934, DISTRICT 34, TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA,  
 MEMBER, NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND ALSO  
 LISTED IN WHO'S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST - N. MARQUIS PUBLICATIONS.

NOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION I AM LISTING SOME OF THE PROJECTS HE HAS DONE IN  
 THIS AREA WHICH I BELIEVE REPRESENT SOME OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING BUILDINGS  
 IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

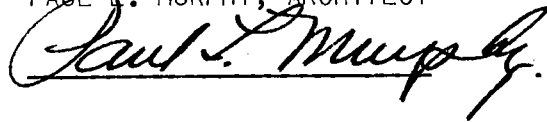
ST. JOHNS HOSPITAL ADDITION (1954)	\$4,250,000.00
ST. JOHNS HOSPITAL ADDITION (1946)	3,265,000.00
HILLCREST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (ADDITION)	2,000,000.00
ST. MARYS HOSPITAL (McALESTER) 1949)	175,000.00
ST. MARYS HOSPITAL (McALESTER) 1954)	250,000.00
BENEDICTINE HEIGHTS HOSPITAL, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA	1,000,000.00
SERVICE PIPE LINE OFFICE BUILDING	3,500,000.00
STANOLIND OIL AND GAS OFFICE BUILDING	2,250,000.00
(BUILT IN 1930, WOULD COST \$4,000,000.00 NOW)	
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING	1,000,000.00
FRED JONES FORD, SALES AND SERVICE BUILDING	530,000.00
COLISEUM	1,000,000.00
YMCA TULSA (EQUIPMENT \$150,000.00)	2,000,000.00
DORMITORIES, WHITAKER STATE HOME, PRYOR	540,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF TULSA STADIUM	300,000.00
COURT HOUSE, PAWNEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA	250,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF TULSA, DOWNTOWN DIVISION	360,000.00
WILL ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL	1,500,000.00
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	1,779,000.00
AIR BASE COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS	2,600,000.00
AIR BASE (AUX) DALHART, TEXAS	1,000,000.00
FEDERAL HOUSING PROJECT, McALESTER, OKLAHOMA	750,000.00
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, FT. SILL, OKLAHOMA, U.S. ARMY	250,000.00
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TULSA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	364,800.00
UNIVERSITY OF TULSA, ATHLETIC DORMITORY	178,500.00
CONTROL TOWER, TULSA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	130,000.00
HANGARS #11 & #14, TULSA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	400,000.00
TULSA CLUB BUILDING, ALTERATIONS	350,000.00
CARTER OIL COMPANY, LABORATORY ADDITION	1,000,000.00
CITIES SERVICE OIL Co. OFFICE BUILDING, BARTLESVILLE, OKLA	600,000.00
JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL, TULSA	200,000.00
PETROLEUM CLUB ALTERATION	75,000.00
HANGAR #12, TULSA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	200,000.00
PARK BOARD, CITY OF TULSA, PARK IMPROVEMENTS & SWIMMING POOL	1,400,000.00
CONTINENTAL BAKING COMPANY - PLANT & OFFICE BUILDING	1,250,000.00
ZOO-MOHAWK PARK, TULSA	1,500,000.00

IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU LEON B. SENTER, WHO THROUGH HIS PAINSTAKING EFFORTS HAS HELPED TO BUILT A PROGRESSIVE STATE AND WILL CONTINUE, I AM SURE, TO LIVE UP TO THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT HE HAS SET FOR HIMSELF AND CERTAINLY HAS SET PRECEDENT FOR OTHER ARCHITECTS LIKE MYSELF IN THIS AREA TO FOLLOW AND HELP COMPLETE THE JOB.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY OTHER INFORMATION NECESSARY, PLEASE ADVISE.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

PAUL L. MURPHY, ARCHITECT

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul L. Murphy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

W. H. S C H U M A C H E R      A R C H I T E C T  
TOWER BLDG. ☆ 443½ N. W. 23rd STREET ☆ OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.  
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS      +      +      TELEPHONE 5-5995

December 28, 1954

Committee on Fellowships,  
1735 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

For a number of years our Oklahoma Chapter of the A.I.A. has been dominated by four or five members, mem nearing sixty years and better, three of which have been on the examining Board for licensing of Architects.

The majority of the members in the Chapter are young men who have become Architects and hold license to practice, in our State, and who in most case go along with the wishes of these older men, because they feel they dare not oppose these men.

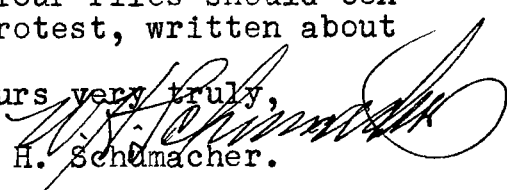
One Leon Senter, Architect, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was in business, or practicing before our license law was enacted, and was given a license to practice. The writer has known him since he was a very young man in Kansas City, Mo. He later came to Tulsa and set up an office to practice Architecture. He is a good mixer, or politician and as a result has built up a large practice.

He has had no college training in Architecture, nor any college training, only highschool. He is not an architect, not a designer, but is a good business man. He has had the good judgement of employing good draftsmen etc., He has been active in civic affairs; this is the only thing under which he could qualify for a Fellowship. Otherwise he cannot qualify under the Principles Underlying The Bestowal Of Fellowships.

In a recent meeting of the Chapter Mr. Center's name came up for the second time in two or three years, for approval for recommendation to send his name in to the Committee on Fellowships. It was approved by a majority, mostly young Architects.

Hence this letter protesting the bestowal of a Fellowship on Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, Okla. Your files should contain the writers former letter of protest, written about two years ago.

Yours very truly,

  
W. H. Schumacher.

R. BROWN, A. I. A. PRESIDENT  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



JOE E. SMAY, A. I. A. SECRETARY-TREASURER  
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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

November 18, 1954

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

Attention Miss Florence Gervais

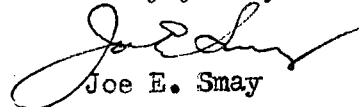
Dear Miss Gervais:

I have your letter of November 12, concerning our nomination of Leon B. Santer's ~~nomination~~ for Fellowship. Since we are nominating him "for service to the Institute" I was under the impression that he did not need to submit an exhibit. There is no doubt that he can do so and if it would strengthen his case we will do as your request.

I am sure that there are others who have been nominated thru this method who may not have done practice, such as professors etc. We did fill in that part about the jobs he has done because we want to show that his service to the Institute has been made by sacrifice of time from a large practice. This is much more creditable than had he had no practice and was merely giving time which was very "free".

We have just informed other Chapter members to write letters on Leon's behalf so they should be coming in soon. We thank you for this information but will await your further word before we prepare and send an exhibit. We want to all all we can to advance our can didate in every way.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joe E. Smay

DONALD MCCORMICK, ARCHITECT

2454 East 34th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

FACTUAL

December 29, 1954.

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

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Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter has nominated Leon B. Senter to Fellowship in the Institute. I want to urge the Jury to give favorable consideration to this nomination.

I have known Senter for almost thirty years. Besides being a very successful architect, he has made outstanding contributions to the profession and to the community. Through his years of service on the Planning Commission in Tulsa, he has done more to bring recognition and prestige to our profession than any other individual. He has served unstintingly in furthering the work of the Institute and has always set a very fine example to the profession in the way he has conducted his practice.

I came to Tulsa many years ago, from Philadelphia; a community where the architect is so well established that his prestige is unquestioned. It is difficult for those who have lived in the East to realize the long, hard struggle in this new country to establish the architect as a true professional man. Leon Senter has set an example of ethical conduct and unselfish service to his profession and the community that cannot be overestimated. His many years of service on the examining and licensing board of Oklahoma are alone worthy of recognition.

Aside from the personal reward Senter so justly deserves, his elevation to Fellowship would in some measure acknowledge the debt the Institute owes the Oklahoma Chapter for the work it has done establishing the profession in a pioneer community. Many of us feel that such recognition is long overdue.

Very truly yours,

*Donald M. McCormick*



M R. BROWN, A. I. A. PRESIDENT  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



JOE E. SMAY, A. I. A. SECRETARY-TREASURER  
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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

December 30, 1954

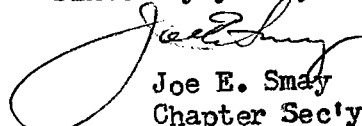
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Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed a number of photographs showing the work of the candidate whom we have nominated for Fellowship in the Institute, Mr. Leon B. Senter.

We trust that after you review the qualifications of our candidate that you will elevate him to this very high honor. We know that Oklahoma with its great growth in the last decade merits more than the one Fellow which it now has. We know that we also have "quality architects" in this part of the country. We also know that Mr. Senter is very deserving of this election.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joe E. Smay  
Chapter Sec'y

January 11, 1955

Mr. Joe E. Smay, Secretary  
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.  
University of Oklahoma  
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Smay:

Your letter of December 30th arrived here on January 7th, with which you forwarded photographs showing the work of Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A., who has been nominated for Fellowship.

The photographs will be brought to the attention of The Jury of Fellows with the nomination at the next meeting in March.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

WILLIAM R. BROWN, A. I. A. PRESIDENT  
213 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
January 24, 1955

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Gentlemen:

I wish to take this opportunity of adding my personal support to the nomination of Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Senter for the last twenty years; and on many occasions I have had the opportunity of observing how he has, at all times, done everything possible to improve our organization and develop better public relations.

I am sure that our Secretary of the Oklahoma Chapter, Mr. Joe E. Smay, has sent you a list containing the many and varied assignments and services he has performed in behalf of our organization, as well as the public as a whole. He has made substantial and outstanding contributions to the Institute in personal services on committees at both the State and National levels.

During my past year as President of the local Chapter, as well as the beginning of my second term this year, Mr. Senter has always served willingly and well on any assignment given to him. Although he is a very busy man, he has always had time for the Institute and its affairs.

He has also carried out many assignments in connection with civic affairs in his community.

In closing, I personally recommend him without reservations of any kind.

Most sincerely,

  
William R. Brown

WRB:dc

IOWA STATE COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS  
AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE  
AND  
ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

January 31, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the Oklahoma Chapter of the A.I.A. is nominating Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

During 1935 to 1937 I was a member of the staff of the School of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma. Those were the days of P.W.A., "Alfalfa" Bill Murry, and oil wells on the State Capitol grounds.

The real backbone of the profession in Oklahoma in those days (other than the school men) were Leonard Bailey, Winkler & Reid, William Parr and Sorrey, Hill & Sorey of Oklahoma City, and Leon Senter and Donald McCormick of Tulsa. Of these men, Leonard Bailey and Leon Senter were leaders in professional and public service and in my opinion, Donald McCormick was certainly one of the top men in design. Sorrey, Hill & Sorey were gaining recognition very rapidly.

I have tried to keep myself informed about the profession in Oklahoma since those days. There have been many changes since then but Leon B. Senter is certainly one of the leaders of the profession in Oklahoma who is worthy of receiving your very careful consideration for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Respectfully yours,

*Leonard Wolf*

Leonard Wolf  
Head of Department

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

FACTUAL

March 21, 1955

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

Re: Nomination of Leon B. Senter

Gentlemen:

The Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Architects wishes to heartily endorse the nomination of Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma to a Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Senter was a member of this chapter before the Oklahoma Chapter was in existence. He was to a large extent instrumental in founding the Oklahoma Chapter and has been active in developing it since then. We have watched his work and its results and accredit him, almost individually, with the acceptance of the practice of architecture in Oklahoma as a profession. The Oklahoma license law was passed in 1925; Mr. Senter was instrumental in its formation and has served on the State Board of Examiners for many years; at the present time he is President of this Board.

Mr. Senter has been very active in civic affairs. He is now serving on the City Planning Commission for the 16th consecutive year. He has also served on the Oklahoma State Planning Commission. He is a very active member of the Chamber of Commerce and has served on the National Affairs Committee of that organization.

Mr. Senter's architectural practice has been general in nature and he has successfully completed many large projects in the State of Oklahoma. Recently he has done St. John's Hospital, Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, and Benedictine Heights Hospital, all costing over a million dollars and totalling approximately ten million dollars. In the office building classification he has done the Service Pipe Line Office Building, Stando-lind Oil & Gas Office Building, to name a few. In the educational field he has done the Will Rogers High School and the Booker T. Washington High School.

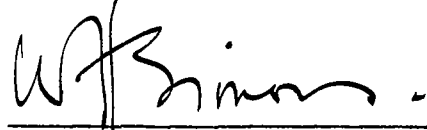
The Jury of Fellows

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March 21, 1955

The Kansas City Chapter considers the qualifications of Leon B. Senter to be worthy of a Fellowship in the Institute and highly recommends him for your consideration for this honor.

Respectfully yours,



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W. H. Simon, President  
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER, A. I. A.

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**ALBERT S. ROSS**  
**ARCHITECT**  
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
208 CUMMINGS BUILDING  
P. O. BOX 100

ADA, OKLAHOMA

July 14, 1955

Air Mail

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

Subject: Fellowship Application of  
Leon B. Senter,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

I am shocked to learn that the Fellowship application of Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been deferred.

I am fully convinced that, if properly presented, and properly handled, his Fellowship could be granted on either Public Service or Design or both.

Mr. Senter was very active in securing the passage of the Oklahoma License Law in 1925, served on the first Board of Examiners, and for several years thereafter, and has been serving on the Board again for about ten (10) years, the last six (6) years as president of the Board. During the time, Mr. Senter has devoted an unusual amount of time, and under his direction, our examination questions and problems have been re-studied and brought up to date to such extent that I am quite sure it is not excelled by any other state in the union.

The design of Mr. Senter's buildings are of the very highest quality and their construction is of the very highest quality as evidenced by the office building of the Pipe-Line Company, and the University of Tulsa alone should entitle Mr. Senter to the honor of Fellowship.

State chapters which cover such wide areas as the Oklahoma chapter does, apparently are at a disadvantage. In the first place, we do not meet often enough to carry on a proper campaign, as several of our members frequently have to travel 200 miles to attend the meetings.

Albert S. Ross, Architect, Ada, Oklahoma

Page Two.  
Jury of Fellows  
July 14, 1955

The treatment received by the Oklahoma chapter and the Texas chapter, acting through the Texas Society, will serve to illustrate what I mean. We, in Oklahoma, are very familiar with the architects and their work in the State of Texas, and we are not questioning their right to be honored with Fellowships. However, it is not clear to me why all through these years, the Oklahoma chapter has only one (1) member honored with a Fellowship, and our neighboring State of Texas with approximately three times as many members, appears to have 20 members thus honored, including the latest group listed in the bulletin.

Would you please advise me what can be done by the Oklahoma chapter to enable us to receive proper recognition?

Yours very truly,



Albert S. Ross, Past President  
Oklahoma Chapter of AIA

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July 29, 1955

Mr. Albert S. Ross, A.I.A.  
208 Cummings Building  
P. O. Box 100  
Ada, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Ross:

Upon my return to the office from my vacation, this week, I find your letter of July 14th relative to the pending nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter for Fellowship, awaiting attention.

After its last meeting, The Jury of Fellows left with me a list of nominees for whom additional data will be needed by the time of the next meeting of the Jury in 1956, but nothing has been requested in connection with Mr. Senter's nomination.

For your information and guidance I am enclosing the latest, revised instructions for submitting supporting letters on behalf of nominees prepared by the Jury at its last meeting. You will note the particular emphasis placed upon letters from those who signed the nominations. In examining Mr. Senter's file I find that two signers have not sent in such letters. They are Thomas L. Sorey and R. Duane Conner.

You will also note the Jury's insistence upon factual letters. If you wish to secure additional letters on behalf of Mr. Senter, they can be placed with his file up until the time of the Jury meeting - probably in early March.

Mr. Senter was nominated for Service to The Institute and any letters should support those achievements.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the Jury of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Enclosure

Copy to the Chairman, The Jury of Fellows, AIA

WILLIAM R. BROWN, A.I.A. PRESIDENT  
213 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



JOE E. SMAY, A.I.A. SECRETARY-TREASURER  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 24, 1955

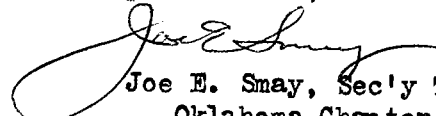
JURY OF FELLOWS  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been directed by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to re-new the nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter of this Chapter for the honor to become a member of the College of Fellows. This nomination was made on the regular forms and submitted to you last year. We were notified that consideration was being held over.

Also you have all information on his qualifications and examples of his work. If we have left any stone unturned to bring about the recognition of this man for his many acts which merit this award, we would appreciate learning what more we can do towards the end that he will become one of those honored few who enjoy the great distinction of being included in the college of Fellows.

Resp submitted,

  
Joe E. Smay, Sec'y Treas.  
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

October 27, 1955

Mr. Joe E. Smay, Secretary-Treasurer  
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.  
University of Oklahoma  
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Smay:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows, this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24th with regard to the pending nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute, which will be considered again by The Jury at its next meeting in 1956.

After its last meeting, The Jury of Fellows left with me a list of nominees for whom additional data will be needed by the time of the next meeting of the Jury, but nothing has been requested in connection with Mr. Senter's nomination.

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Your letter will be brought to the attention of the Jury.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Enclosure

Copy to the Chairman, The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 28, 1955

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

Attention Jury of Fellows  
Gentlemen:

On October 22, 1955 the Oklahoma Chapter met and thru the action of the Board of Directors elected to nominate four Chapter members to be considered for the great honor of Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. This late meeting of the Chapter and the Board has posed a problem of securing all the information and securing the signatures of all Board members after the information was typed on the forms. In view of this problem accentuated because of the varied geographical location of Board members and nominees and individual sponsors, it has been impossible to enclose all statistics of all nominees under the same cover.

For your information the nominees are Donald McCormick, Philip Wilbur, Albert S. Ross and the Secretary Joe E. Smay. We have already nominated Mr. Leon B. Senter who was a candidate last year. In your consideration of these nominees we urge you to give consideration to the fact that Oklahoma Chapter composed of almost 125 corporate members has only one Fellow. We fully realize that geographical distribution is of no consideration when the final awards are made but we do wish to emphasize the fact that there are well qualified and deserving men here as there are in other geographical distribution. We do not imply in any way that your honored committee would be partial in making such awards but we do feel that because of the quality of members here that there should be a more even distribution of recipients, assuming our contention of even distribution of qualified men is true.

Under this cover you will find the statistics for Albert S. Ross and Joe E. Smay. Other statistics will be sent as they are completed by sponsors.

Resp. submitted,

  
Joe E. Smay, Sec'y Treas

DAVID G. MURRAY, A.I.A.  
ARCHITECT

LEE C. MURRAY, A.I.A.  
ASSOCIATE

4232 SOUTH PEORIA  
TULSA 5, OKLAHOMA

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DECEMBER 14, 1955

JURY OF FELLOWS  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

RE: LEON B. SENTER, AIA  
NOMINEE FOR FELLOWSHIP

GENTLEMEN:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF LEON B. SENTER, A MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, TO THE COLLEGE OF FELLOWS.

THOUGH MY KNOWLEDGE OF MR. SENTER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INSTITUTE AND HIS COMMUNITY COVERS ONLY THE LAST TEN YEARS OF A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER, HIS ACTIVITIES DURING THIS TIME ALONE WOULD, IT SEEMS TO ME, QUALIFY HIM FOR ELEVATION TO FELLOW.

THREE SPECIFIC THINGS STAND OUT IN MY MEMORY REGARDING THE WORK OF MR. SENTER, ABOVE THE GENERAL HIGH LEVEL OF HIS PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:

FIRST, HIS PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER'S FIRST, AND STILL CURRENT, BOOKLET ON "STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE". ITS CONTINUOUS USE FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS TESTIFIES TO THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE PREPARATION OF IT.

SECOND, HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS. SINCE BEING REAPPOINTED TO THIS BODY, AND BEING ELECTED ITS CHAIRMAN, AN UNUSUALLY THOROUGH JOB HAS BEEN DONE BY THE BOARD. THIS APPLIES TO ITS ACTIVITIES BOTH IN EXAMINING APPLICANTS FOR LICENSING AND IN EXERCISING THE RESTRICTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE LAW.

THIRD, IN COMMUNITY SERVICE MR. SENTER'S RECORD IS UNUSUAL. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, MANY OF WHICH AS AN OFFICER OF THE GROUP. RECENTLY HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDSIGN FOR THE CIVIC CENTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TULSA.

I SINCERELY HOPETHIS ENDORSEMENT OF THE NOMINATION WILL BE HELPFUL IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE JURY.

  
DAVID G. MURRAY, AIA

W. H. SCHUMACHER ARCHITECT  
TOWER THEATRE BLDG. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS TELEPHONE JA 5-5995

December 26, 1955

The Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

The following names of Architects have been nominated by the Oklahoma State Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, for your consideration for Fellowships.

1. Donald McCormick, A.I.A.
2. Albert Ross, A.I.A.
3. Joe E. Smay, A.I.A.
4. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A. (re-submitted the third time) to which the writer has made vigorous protest the first and second year nominations. (See the writers letters in your files. The writer still vigorously protests.

The writer heartily indorses the nomination of Donald McCormick, who has done meritorious work, is truly an accomplished Architect. His design id of good quality and has been consistently carried out to final completion of projects. He has done fine work in the Chapter, and the up-building of the profession generally. He speaks his own mind, always, and cannot be influenced by the "Old Guard" part of the names listed above. He has a high quality of leadership.

As to Albert S. Ross and Joe E. Smay,--they have been very active in the Chapter, but nothing is known about their background, whether or not they have had college training in Architect, or even finished high school. From what can be learned, they just grew like topsy. They, like Leon Senter, were supported in the nomination by young men--former draftsmen, in their employee, now licensed and are members of the A.I.A.

These young men, as well as the majority of Architects in the Chapter of this State, came up under the domination of the above named men, and two or three others, known as the "Old Guard" and therefore dared not oppose the names submitted, fearful of their future progress in the Chapter, namely officers in the Chapter.

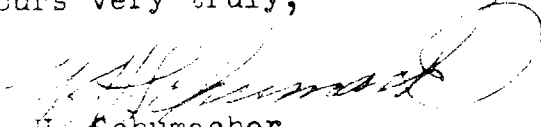
The only qualifications for fellowship of the men who have been nominated, is under the heading of "Achievement in the Service to the Institute." and stressing at length their services in Boy Scout work, Civic Club work, and Church service promotion. This is not unusual, since most of the Chapter members, are going this, and so are most business men, who are not architects, therefore such services should not be given special consideration, as the first considerations should be --is he an Architect, in the sense, is he a designer, does he achieve in construction. Can he do his own designing, the necessary engineering etc., The fact is they employ others to do this. They are business men, business promoters and politicians.

There are four or five other Architects in Oklahoma, who are far more qualified for Fellowships, than those nominated.

When the writer thinks of the time when he was at the University of Penna. with such outstanding men as Stanton, McMurray, Francis Kealy, Shay, Harbeson, Sternfield, Simons and others, whose work is nationally known, and whose efforts have been an outstanding contribution to the Institute. Then when the writer makes the comparison of the above men with those nominated from Oklahoma, it is most discouraging.

The writer vigorously opposes the nominations of Senter, Ross and Smay.

Yours very truly,

  
W. H. Schumacher,

WHS/c

LEONARD H. BAILEY

FELLOW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
SUITE 1217 COLCORD BLDG. - OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.  
OFFICE PHONE RE 6-1666 — RESIDENCE PHONE VI 3-9254

December 21, 1955

Miss Florence H. Gervais  
1735 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

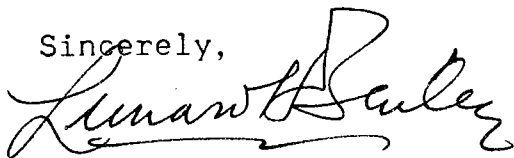
I thought perhaps you could give me some idea as to the possible shortcomings or lack of sufficient or proper support accorded so far to the nomination of my friend, Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is among those nominated for a Fellowship in the Institute.

I understand his name comes up again and perhaps for the last time for consideration by the Jury of Fellows. If some additional effort is needed, I can perhaps do something about it.

My anxiety in connection with Mr. Senter's chances of favorable consideration is aroused by four recent nominees by the Oklahoma Chapter. These recent nominees bear little or no resemblance in their ability, standing, performance, or contribution to the profession either locally or nationally. I grant that they are capable and agreeable gentlemen and later on may well deserve the honor they seek. This sudden rash of mediocre nominations by our chapter may, I fear, adversely affect the election of Leon B. Senter.

Would you be so kind as to drop me a line with any suggestions you may see fit to offer? Wishing you Christmas Joy and happiness, and with kind regards,

Sincerely,



LEONARD H. BAILEY, F.A.I.A.

LHB/mw



January 4, 1956

Mr. Leonard H. Bailey, F.A.I.A.  
1217 Colord Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Bailey:

It was nice to receive your letter of December 21st and your very kind good wishes for Christmas which I greatly appreciated. I hope your Christmas was a joyous one also, and that the year 1956 will prove to be the best ever.

During the month of December I had been drafted to do jury duty in the District of Columbia, so my times at the office were few and brief; hence, this delay in writing in response to yours of December 21st.

After its last meeting, The Jury of Fellows left with me a list of nominees for whom additional data will be needed by the time of the next meeting of the Jury, but nothing had been requested in connection with Mr. Senter's nomination.

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Mr. Senter was nominated for service to The Institute, and any letters should describe achievements in this category.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Enclosure

# PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

January 11, 1956

Fellowship in the American  
Institute of Architects  
Leon B. Senter, A.I.A.  
Holt-5-56

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

Gentlemen:

By means of this letter, I wish to second the nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects of Leon B. Senter. Mr. Senter has been a member of the Institute since 1919 and has put forth great and untiring effort to place the Oklahoma Chapter on a firm foundation. He has served as President of the Oklahoma Chapter three times.


The Oklahoma License Law was passed in 1925. Mr. Senter served on the original Board of Examiners for four years and after an interlude was reappointed and promptly elected President of the Board. His present appointment runs into 1957. Mr. Senter is a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board. He has served on a number of National committees for the Institute.

Mr. Senter is a member of the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (now in for the sixteenth year), a member of the American Society of Planning Officials, Member of Construction Specifications Institute, member of the Oklahoma State Planning Commission and in many other activities.

It is my personal opinion that Mr. Senter's work in design would meet the highest standards of the Institute. His office has done work for St. John's Hospital, Tulsa; Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Tulsa; St. Mary's Hospital, Guthrie; Service Pipe Line Office Building; Standard Oil Corporation Office Building; Fred Jones Ford Sales and Service Building; YMCA, Tulsa; Cities Service Oil Company Office Building, Bartlesville; Zoo, Tulsa, and many others.

Mr. Senter has my complete indorsement for the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

  
C. P. Holt, <sup>A.I.A.</sup> Supervisor  
Architectural Design  
Design Division

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January 12, 1956

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

Re: Leon B. Senter

Gentlemen:

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It has come to my attention that I have failed to write a letter in support of Mr. Leon Senter's candidacy for a fellowship.

I have known him since 1930 and believe him to have those qualities which should fit him for a fellowship. He has been a diligent and effective worker in the state chapter, and he has never hesitated to stand up for the high principles of ethics and practice for which the Institute stands.

He has served on many national committees of the Institute, and is a member of the Tulsa Architectural League. His practice has been a large and representative one.

I would like to highly recommend him to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas L. Sorey*  
Thomas L. Sorey

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WILLIAM R. BROWN, A.I.A. PRESIDENT  
213 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA



JOE E. SMAY, A.I.A. SECRETARY-TREASURER  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 17, 1956

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Jury of Fellows,  
1735 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing in behalf of Leon B. Senter, who I understand is being considered for "Fellowship in the Institute".

I have known Mr. Senter for 18 years and regard him as one of our most outstanding Architects in Oklahoma.

The following is a summary of his service to the Institute and achievements in public service:

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. Originally a member of the Kansas City Chapter from 1919 till the formation of the Oklahoma Chapter in 1920 at which time he became a Charter member of the Oklahoma Chapter. His contributions started with his first connection with this Chapter and through his signal efforts and untiring application the Oklahoma Chapter was founded on a firm foundation.
2. He was soon elected to the Office of President of the Chapter and he served in this capacity for three terms. His valued leadership placed all members in an enviable position so that when the more liberal policy of the Institute was established relative to membership, it was easy to induce additional members to join.
3. He was also elected for three terms to serve as president of the Oklahoma Society of Architects and through his ethical standards of practice he secured the adoption of the A.I.A. Code of Ethics for the Society. This has been a very large factor in promoting ethical procedure in Oklahoma. The Society was later merged into the Oklahoma Chapter of the A.I.A.
4. The Oklahoma License Law was passed in 1925 which was a relatively early date. This accomplishment was made possible through the untiring efforts of Mr. Senter. He contributed generously to the financial burden which was essential to getting this job done.

Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.  
January 17, 1956  
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5. He was appointed to serve on the Board of Examiners from 1925 to 1929 and served with great fidelity and zeal.

6. After a lapse of a few years he was reappointed to the Board of Examiners in 1948 and was promptly elected president in which capacity he has served including the present. He was again reappointed for an additional five years in 1952.

7. His leadership and devotion to duty has inspired other members of the Board to active participation so that the Oklahoma Board stands high today with the NCARB.

8. He was also a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board.

9. As a member of a Chapter Committee he prepared a code of ethics and suggested schedule of fees which he had printed in an attractive booklet paying this cost from his own pocket. This booklet was sent by him to all architects as well as to City administrators and school boards. This booklet is still in use in this state.

10. His service on Chapter committees has been too numerous to enumerate here but when serving on such committees, his active participation has materially aided in the contribution made by that committee.

11. He has also served on a number of National Committees for the Institute among which was the Committee of Preservation of Historic Monuments. He was on the National A.I.A. Committee on Office Practice for a second term, and has attended all meetings and participated with great zeal.

12. He is a member of the Tulsa Architectural League which organization is doing an outstanding job in Public Relations.

13. It cannot be inferred that his service on the Board of Examiners is not a contribution to the Chapter since his high standards of ethical practice and stimulating messages to the young practitioners will leave their mark on the architects of Oklahoma for many years to come.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Member of Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, serving his 16th consecutive years. He was also past secretary.

2. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

3. Member of the American Society of Planning Officials.

4. Member of Construction Specifications Institute.

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Washington, D. C.  
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5. He was Hospital Architects' Representative for Tulsa County Civil Defense.

6. Past member of Oklahoma State Planning Commission under Governor W. Murray.

7. Served as State Director, Historical American Building Survey for Federal Government, 1934, District 34, Territory of Oklahoma.

8. He was a member of National Affairs Committee, Chamber of Commerce.

9. He was also listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest - N. Marquis Publications.

The following is a partial list of work from Mr. Senter's Office. These projects are listed because of their public relationship:

St. John's Hospital Add. (1954)	\$4,250,000.00
St. John's Hospital Add. (1946)	3,265,000.00
Hillcrest Memorial Hospital (Addition)	2,000,000.00
St. Marys Hospital (McAlester - 1949)	175,000.00
St. Marys Hospital (McAlester - 1954)	250,000.00
Benedictine Heights Hospital, Guthrie, Okla.	1,000,000.00
Service Pipe Line Office Building	3,500,000.00
Stanolind Oil & Gas Office Building	2,250,000.00
First Baptist Church, Religious Educational Building	1,000,000.00
Fred Jones Ford, Sales & Service Building	530,000.00
Coliseum	1,000,000.00
YMVA - Tulsa (Equipment \$150,000.00)	2,000,000.00
Dormitories, Whitaker State Home, Pryor	540,000.00
University of Tulsa, Stadium	300,000.00
Court House, Pawnee County, Oklahoma	250,000.00
University of Tulsa, Downtown Division	360,000.00
Will Rogers High School	1,500,000.00
Booker T. Washington High School	1,779,000.00
Air Base, Coffeyville, Kansas	2,600,000.00
Air Base (aux.) Dalhart, Texas	1,000,000.00
Federal Housing Project, McAlester, Okla.	750,000.00
Administration Building, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, U. S. Army	250,000.00
Administration Building, Tulsa Municipal Airport	364,800.00
University of Tulsa, Athletic Dormitory	178,500.00
Control Tower, Tulsa Municipal Airport	130,000.00
Hangers #II & #14, Tulsa Municipal Airport	400,000.00
Tulsa Club Building, Alterations	350,000.00

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Carter Oil Company, Laboratory Addition	\$1,000,000.00
City Service Oil Company, Office Building, Bartlesville, Oklahoma	600,000.00
John Marshall School, Tulsa	200,000.00
Hanger #12, Tulsa Municipal Airport	200,000.00
Park Board, City of Tulsa, Park Improvements & Swimming Pool	1,400,000.00
Continental Baking Company - Plant & Office Building	1,250,000.00
Zoo - Mohawk Park, Tulsa	1,500,000.00

I sincerely hope the "Jury of Fellows" will find Leon B. Senter eligible for this distinction.

Very truly yours,

*F. Allen Whiteside*  
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# ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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January 18, 1956

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter of A. I. A. has recently nominated three of its members as candidates as Fellows in the Institute. One candidate was already before the jury, thus making four which should come up for consideration this year. These four are as follows:

Leon B. Senter, Tulsa  
Albert S. Ross, Ada  
Donald M. McCormick, Tulsa  
Joseph E. Smay, Norman

The qualifications of these four men are, of course, before the jury and it seems superficial that I should repeat them here. All are widely known and respected in architectural circles in the State and abroad.

The Architectural League of Oklahoma City has officially passed a motion of indorsement for all of these candidates and authorized me to write this letter urging your careful consideration of their candidacies. We feel we cannot too strongly urge their election. We further feel that all are imminently qualified to become fellows. Of course, should it become necessary to select one or more and omit the others we are sure your judgement will be sound. However, we are certain that these men, and the Oklahoma Chapter, are deserving of every consideration in this matter.

The Architectural League represents most of the important firms in Oklahoma City.

Very sincerely yours,

Oklahoma City Architectural League

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 24, 1956

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

Subject: Leon B. Senter, Sr.,  
Fellowship Nomination

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the nomination of Leon B. Senter, Sr., for Fellowship by the Oklahoma Chapter, A. I. A.

Mr. Senter is a charter member of the Oklahoma Chapter and has served three terms as President. He also served three terms as President of the Oklahoma Society of Architects which was disbanded and its activities taken over by the Oklahoma Chapter in 1946. He is an outstanding leader and active in all efforts of the Chapter to advance the profession of Architecture.

It was under Mr. Senter's inspiring leadership as Chairman of the committee that the Oklahoma Chapter adopted its first Standards for Architectural Service and Fee Schedule in 1946, which schedule has continued to be in force to this date. He is untiring in his efforts to improve the Practice of Architecture.

Mr. Senter was an active leader and very influential in inducing the Legislature to adopt the Architect's License Law in 1925, served on the first Architect's State Board through 1929, and again from 1948 to date. He has been President of the Board for the past seven years, and as Vice-President of the Board, I wish to state that he is untiring in his efforts to administer the Law, and through his inspiring leadership, Rules and Regulations have been adopted governing the practice of Architecture in Oklahoma, our examination questions have been re-studied and brought up to date, and the Practice of Architecture in Oklahoma has been elevated to a higher plane due to his efforts.

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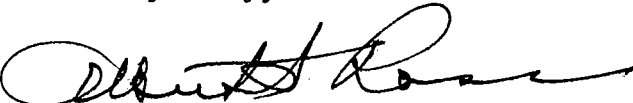
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He is serving his 16th year as a member of the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, and is a former Secretary of the Commission. He is also an active leader in the Tulsa Architectural League. Due, in a large measure, to his efforts, the City of Tulsa has recently purchased several blocks of property in the business district for a Civic Center where the first building has recently been completed.

Mr. Senter's buildings are of the highest quality and outstanding in design. The Service Pipe Line Building and the new YMCA in Tulsa, are typical examples.

I wish to assure you that Mr. Senter's efforts on behalf of Architects and Architecture entitle him to the high honor of Fellowship. It is indeed a pleasure to endorse his nomination.

Yours very truly,

  
Albert S. Ross, First Vice-President

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DONALD MCCORMICK, ARCHITECT

2454 East 34th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

January 27, 1956

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American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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Subject: Mr. Leon B. Senter  
Fellowship Nomination

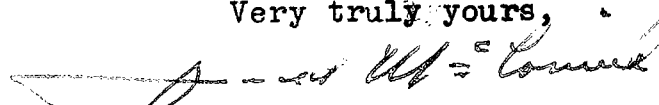
Gentlemen:

When Mr. Senter was proposed for candidacy for Fellowship some two years ago, I then wrote my strong opinions about Mr. Senter's qualifications for this honor.

One of his outstanding contributions has been his uncompromising adherence to the ethical principals of practice. He has been an example for the younger men that has been all too rare in this part of the country.

I want to again urge your consideration of Mr. Senter's nomination.

Very truly yours,



Donald McCormick  
Architect AIA

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American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

This is written in support of the candidacy of Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A.,  
for the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter, I was  
one of the signers of Mr. Senter's nomination.

It is my conviction, shared with a great number of my colleagues in the  
Oklahoma Chapter with whom I have talked, that Mr. Senter's contributions  
to the maintenance of high standards of professional ethics alone would  
make him deserving of such recognition. However in addition to this,  
as a member of the profession whose productive output has been of such  
volume as to place his office among the largest in the Chapter, his  
public contracts and services have been of a nature which has brought  
only credit and respect to the profession of architecture. His numerous  
large hospitals, schools and other institutional and commercial buildings  
have made their mark on this area and are a credit to their community  
as well as to his office, the profession, the Chapter and the Institute.

A man of Mr. Senter's accomplishments, and of the regard in which he is  
held by architects, the building industry, and the general public, is  
certainly deserving of this honor, and it is my hope that you will act  
favorably on his nomination.

Very sincerely,



R. DUANE CONNER, ARCHITECT

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GENTLEMEN:

LAST YEAR AT ABOUT THIS TIME ILLNESS PREVENTED MY WRITING YOU AS I AM DOING NOW.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY MOST HEARTY ENDORSEMENT TO THE ELEVATION OF LEON B. SENTER, SR. TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

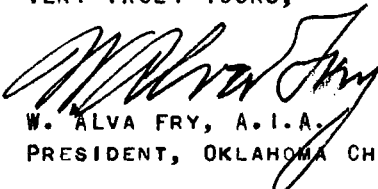
YOU HAVE IN YOUR FILES THE RECORD OF THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NOMINEE, SO I SHALL NOT REITERATE HERE THE LONG LIST, EXCEPT TO ADD THAT HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF AWARD AND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS.

MR. SENTER HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ME PERSONALLY FOR MANY YEARS AND FOR ALMOST TWELVE YEARS I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN HIS ORGANIZATION, PRESENTLY AS HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. HE IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY EVERY ETHICAL ARCHITECT IN THE STATE AND BY MANY IN NUMEROUS OTHER STATES, INCLUDING EDWARD L. WILSON, NATIONAL A.I.A. SECRETARY AND FRANK N. MCNETT, DIRECTOR CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT.

IT CAN TRUTHFULLY BE SAID THERE IS NOT AN ARCHITECT IN THE STATE WHO IS MORE INSTITUTE MINDED NOR MORE ETHICAL IN HIS PRACTICE. HE HAS GIVEN MOST GENEROUSLY OF HIS TIME OVER A LONG PERIOD IN THE INTEREST OF THE INSTITUTE. CURRENTLY HE IS SERVING ON MR. DAVID BAER'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON OFFICE PRACTICE AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS. HIS SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE IS IMMEASURABLE.

ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP WOULD BE A VERY WELL-MERITED HONOR TO MR. SENTER AND I DEEM IT AN HONOR TO ENDORSE HIS NOMINATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

  
W. ALVA FRY, A.I.A.  
PRESIDENT, OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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D A N W. J A M E S, P R E S I D E N T A N D G E N E R A L M A N A G E R

Dear Alex,

Monday, December 6th

This is written to you, very spontaneously, as a member of the Jury of Fellows. It is purely in the nature of a report, and must not be considered my personal request or recommendation. I am in Oklahoma City judging their annual Honor Awards, and have just spent a pleasant evening with their Chapter officers during which I learned that Leon Deuter is up this spring for his last try at a fellowship.

I do not know him or his work well enough to have an opinion about his merits. I tried to give his sponsor some information as to exactly what he should do to strengthen the case.

But what I wish to transmit to you is this information: The Oklahoma Chapter apparently feels that Deuter is their strongest man. They are inclined to feel that the strongest man which the Oklahoma Chapter can nominate will rank



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lower in the mind of the jury than any man nominated by a more populous or more sophisticated chapter. I tried to deny this, but in my own mind I am inclined to wonder whether they may not be partly correct — in view of the fact that the jury is human.

Again, I emphasize that I am not supporting Neute's nomination, or implying anything. I merely am telling you of a reaction which is probably common to a number of chapters in what Bostonians call the "Quitterlands".

Yours,  
J. W. James