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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 Bishop Senter Date of Nomination January 19 50
2. Address of Nominee 306-7 Philtower Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma
3. Nominee's firm Leon B. Senter, Architect
4. Nominee's principal place of business Oklahoma
5. Nominee's Chapter Oklahoma
6. Nominee's State Association Member
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 19 21
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1921 to Mar. 1 19 27
Feb. 6, 1928 to Dec. 31, 1940
9. Nominee's age 61 yrs. Birthplace Morris, Johnson County, Kansas August 8, 1942-Dec. 31 1950
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Oklahoma Chapter
Fifteen individual members and fellows, AIA
11. Achievement in design, literature, education, service to The Institute, and public service

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LEONARD H. BAILEY

FELLOW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SUITE 1216 COLCORD BLDG.- OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
OFFICE PHONE 3-9611 — RESIDENCE PHONE 2-2307

October 7, 1950

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

Subj: NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

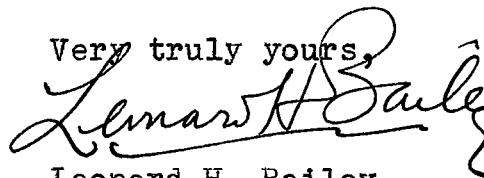
Gentlemen:

I am enclosing, herewith, what is really a double nomination for a Fellowship to be granted to my long time friend Leon Bishop Senter of Tulsa. I have a reason for referring to it as a "double nomination". Some months ago, I started to prepare same on the form used by Individual Members as I was not sure at the time when the next meeting of the Chapter would take place. Just to make the nomination more emphatic, I presented same to the Chapter at its meeting in Tulsa on September 26, 1950 and secured a unanimous vote which is recorded and attached to the application and signed by the President and Secretary.

You may rest assured that after having gone to all this trouble in behalf of Mr. Senter I must have the highest regard for his professional standing as well as for a close friendship which has lasted since he and I were members of the Kansas City Chapter and later helped to form the Oklahoma Chapter. The letters I have secured and which are enclosed, will give you a pretty good idea of the high regard in which Mr. Senter is held by other members of the Chapter. You will also note that the Nomination by Members is signed by no less than 15 of our Chapter members. I could have secured the signature of many more. That is one reason why I asked and secured the Chapters unanimous nomination.

I know you will give this application your most careful consideration. Trusting that you may favor him with this great honor which I think he thoroughly deserves, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,



Leonard H. Bailey
F.A.I.A.

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Enc. photos & letters.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 10, 1950

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows, this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7th, forwarding the nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A., for advancement to fellowship in The Institute, together with a number of letters in support of the nomination, and photographs of Mr. Senter's architectural work.

It is noted, for the record, that this nomination is made by action of the Oklahoma Chapter, as well as by a number of individual, corporate members of the A.I.A.

The nomination will be submitted to the Jury, at its next meeting in 1951, for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Leonard H. Bailey, F.A.I.A.
1216 Colcord Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Copy to the President,
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

MCCORMICK, A. I. A., PRESIDENT
TULSA, OKLAHOMA



MARY CAROLINE COLE, A. I. A., SECRETARY-TREASURER
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1107 Sunset Drive

September 26, 1950

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Washington 6, D. C.

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY CHAPTER

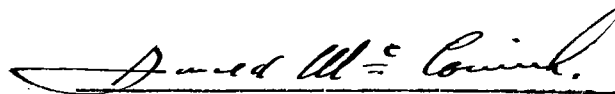
Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of this Chapter and the Chapter itself at a duly called meeting on Saturday, September 23, 1950 nominated Leon Bishop Senter of the Philtower Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma and 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:

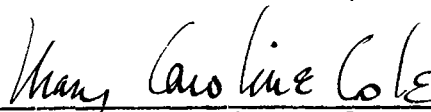
Whereas, this Executive Committee and Chapter believes that Leon Bishop Senter, a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in Design, Science of Construction, Service to the Institute, and Public Service as is appropriate and deserving; and,

Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter since it was first chartered, therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Executive Committee and the Membership of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects do hereby nominate Leon Bishop Senter for Fellowship in the Institute, and the President and Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination.



Donald McCormick, President



Mary Caroline Cole, Secretary

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

THE JURY OF FELLOWS The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue, Washington 6, D. C.

Date JANUARY 1950 Use typewriter except for signatures.

We hereby nominate LEON BISHOP SENTER member of The OKLAHOMA CHAPTER, A.I.A. Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his achievements in *design, *the science of construction, *literature, *education, *service to The Institute, *public service.

Type in full name of nominee. Type in name of Chapter.

*Strike out all inappropriate words.

Evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship is appended.

Table with columns: **Members' Signatures, Chapter of Signer. Includes handwritten signatures and chapter names like 'Oklahoma Chapter'.

**The signatures of five fellows of the nominee's chapter or of state association member to which he belongs; or of any ten corporate members will constitute a nomination. If you are a Fellow place the initials F.A.I.A. after your name.

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

Handwritten signatures: Albert J. Kora, J. E. May

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Nominators show before completion U. I. inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **LEON BISHOP SENTER**
2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of **U. S. A.**
3. Nominee's legal residence **2132 EAST 32ND PLACE, TULSA, OKLAHOMA**
4. Nominee's firm name **LEON B. SENTER, ARCHITECT**
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **306-7 PHILTOWER BUILDING, TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

2. Strike out inappropriate word and write in name of Country.

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 **THE STATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS OF OKLAHOMA**

7. Strike out inappropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~ ~~teacher in science of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired~~.

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	----	----
Elementary School	SCRANTON, PA.	4	----	----
College or University				
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

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10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

EXPERIENCE RECORD OF NOMINEE,

On account of the death of his father he was forced to leave high school in his sophomore year at which time he enrolled in an extensive course in "Complete Architectural Engineering" of the I.C.S., Scranton, Pennsylvania, and secured employment with Moore Brothers, A Construction Company in Kansas City, Missouri. About a year later one of the partners died and the other joined the firm of Taylor & Winn Construction Company, taking Mr. Senter with them. While with this firm he was sent to Streater, Illinois, as clerk-of-the-works on a project for the Santa Fe Railroad Company.

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About 1909, Mr. Senter went with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Kansas City, Missouri, as assistant to R. R. Hill, the Superintendent of bridges and buildings, and a year later Hill was sent to Dallas, Texas, as general superintendent for the Corrigan Lee and Halpin Construction Company on a reinforced concrete viaduct from Dallas to Oak Cliff; this viaduct at that time being the longest multiple arch structure in the United States. He had full charge of placing the reinforcing steel with seven crews under his direction and responsibility. At the completion of this project, the fall of 1911, he returned to Kansas City and entered the office of Smith, Rea & Lovett, Architects, as a draftsman. While thus employed he took up Beaux Arts work in the Selby Kerfus Atelier and also enrolled in a night course of free hand drawing and strength of materials in the Kansas City Polytechnic Institute. In 1913 he was sent by this firm to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, as resident inspector on a school building and then returned to the Kansas City office in 1914. In 1915 this firm had a high school building in Okmulgee and as the Board of Education there had requested that he be sent as resident inspector for the project he returned to Okmulgee. At completion of the work the firm opened a branch office in Okmulgee and retained him as manager. As such he handled all phases of the work such as interviewing the clients, getting out the sketches, preparing the working drawings and specifications, supervising the construction, etc. Mr. Senter built this office up to a seven draftsmen force in 1918 at which time he was taken in as a partner in the Oklahoma office, the firm name being Smith, Rea, Lovett & Senter. The name of the firm was changed to Smith & Senter after the death of the other two partners in the early 20's. In April of 1928 Mr. Senter moved the office to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the Philtower Building where he has been since that time. In 1933, he secured the interest of Chas. A. Smith and has since operated as Leon B. Senter, Architect. Through all of these associations Mr. Senter was in sole charge of all phases of the work, as the other members of the firm lived and worked in Kansas City. It has been his good fortune to have designed and supervised some of the better buildings of the State during his many years as a practicing Architect.

The foregoing is merely an outline showing Mr. Senter's progress from early youth until today where he stands at the head of his profession in this State. His Architectural work has covered such institutions as State Hospitals, 16-story office buildings, Athletic Stadiums, Convention Halls, Federal Buildings, Court Houses, High Schools, and many other outstanding buildings. All of this work he has handled on the highest ethical plain. His buildings are well designed, well planned and soundly constructed. While he learned his profession the hard way, he has been a diligent student of all phases of Architecture and construction. The buildings he has designed show ample evidence of his efforts to become the accomplished Architect he is. In the opinion of our Chapter there are none who so well deserve the honor which we respectfully urge you to bestow upon him.

Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City) (State)		Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(A)	Office Building Service Pipe Line Company (\$3,550,000.00)	Tulsa	Oklahoma	1950	Photos
(A)	High School Booker T. Washington (\$1,775,000.00)	Tulsa	Oklahoma	1950	Photos

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

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

The buildings listed above are the two latest of many fine examples of Architecture from the nominees office. Each of these buildings are outstanding for the capable introduction of materials and colors. Much favorable comment has been expressed in the press and by the many local and out-of-state Architects and construction men who have inspected these projects. Educators have pronounced the high school one of the finest in the United States. Both buildings are well planned for their respective use.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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STANDARDS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	1949
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Photographs,
Drawings, or
Sketches
submitted

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.)

Educational Work. Since 1921 when the nominee became a charter member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects he has been very active in its affairs and has worked untiringly for the advancement of the profession in Oklahoma. He has continuously fought for the principals and importance of ethics in practice. His efforts have been an inspiration to many men who have worked under him the past thirty years, several of whom are now practicing architects in their own name. The nominee's standing and reputation in Oklahoma earned for him a listing in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest", A.N. Marquis Company, 1950 Edition.

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.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
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Literary Work. During 1934 the nominee was State Director for the Federal Government's Survey of Historical American Buildings prior to 1860, and under his direction and supervision measured drawings and photographs we made of nine structures at Fort Gibson and of Sam Houston's home early in the 19th Century. These documents are on file in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

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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.

Since 1921 the nominee has been active in the affairs of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and has continuously been on one or more Committees either as a member or as chairman. Recently he has served as chairman of the "Government Relations" Committee and the "Fees and Practice Committee", doing outstanding work for the Chapter in both assignments.

The nominee served as President of the Oklahoma Chapter four terms and through his work did much for the growth of the Chapter. Before the State Association of Architects was combined with the Institute Chapter he served as its President for five terms.

The nominee is currently a member of the all important Legislative Committee.

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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.

Public Service. The nominee had much to do with the passage of the first License Law for Oklahoma prior to and during 1925 when the bill was first enacted and he served as a member of the first "Board of Examiners" for a period of six years or until 1931. He is now the Vice President of the Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, which is the examining body, having been appointed in 1948 for a period of four years.

The nominee is Secretary of the Tulsa City Plan Commission and has served on this Commission continuously for the past twelve years, being its Secretary for the past six years. He is a member of the Tulsa County Master Plan Committee, and a member of the American Society of Planning Officials. He is a past member of the State Planning Commission for Oklahoma having been appointed by Governor Murray.

The nominee is a member of the Construction Specifications Institute and The Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and serving on its Housing Committee.

LEON B. SENTER, A.I.A.

Activities

Member & Vice President
State Board of Governors
Licensed Architects
State of Oklahoma

Charter Member & Past President
Oklahoma Chapter,
American Institute of Architects

Member
Legislative Committee,
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

Secretary, Tulsa, City Plan Commission
(Have been on this Commission 12 years)

Member, Tulsa County Master Plan Committee

Member, Chamber of Commerce (Tulsa)

Member, Housing Committee, (Chamber of Commerce)

Member, American Society of Planning Officials

Member, Construction Specifications Institute

Past Member, State Planning Commission
(Oklahoma) under Governor Murray

Past President, Oklahoma Association of Architects
(3 terms) now combined with A.I.A.

State Director, Historical American Building Survey
(For the Federal Government, 1934)
(District 34, Territory of Oklahoma)

LEONARD H. BAILEY

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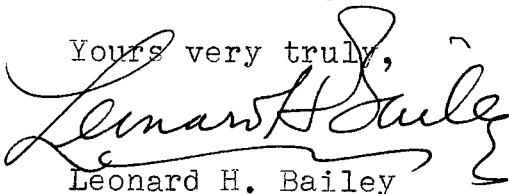
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Gentlemen:

For your further consideration in connection with the application made by the Oklahoma Chapter of the A.I.A. for a Fellowship to be granted to Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, I thought you ought to be advised of a recent development further emphasizing the status of our nominee.

Mr. Leon B. Senter has been recently elected President of The State Board of Governors of Licensed Architects of Oklahoma. I can assure you that his elevation to this position gives the greatest satisfaction to the Architects of Oklahoma.

Yours very truly,



Leonard H. Bailey

LHB:jp

P.S. I also enclose a letter from Mr. William G. Parr



WINKLER & REID - ARCHITECTS

GEO. WINKLER, A. I. A. — GUY C. REID, A. I. A.

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Sept. 27th, 1950

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Jury of Fellows
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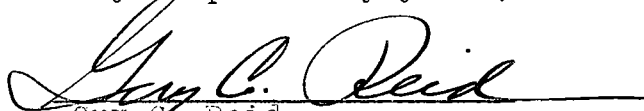
Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that an effort is being made in behalf of Mr. Leon B. Senter, Architect of Tulsa, Okla., toward being made a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

My acquaintance with Mr. Senter has extended over a period of approximately twenty (20) years. During this time he has been an outstanding leader in his City and State. He is recognized to be a very fine architect by both his many clients and the Architects of this State. He has been a tireless worker and has taken a leading part in many projects of advancement in the Oklahoma Chapter and the National American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Senter deserves any favorable consideration that you may see fit extend to him.

Very respectfully yours,



Guy C. Reid
Member of Okla. Chapter, A.I.A.

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The Jury of Fellows
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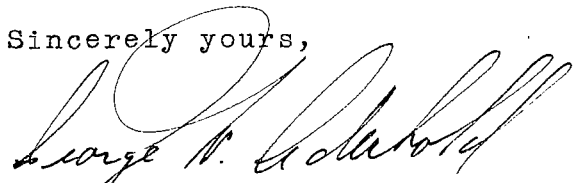
It is indeed a pleasure to recommend Mr. Leon B. Senter to the Jury of Fellows of The American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Senter has long served the profession in this territory in an outstanding manner, and from my personal knowledge I feel that his service with the State Board of Governors Licensed Architects, the Legislative Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter, and as President of the Oklahoma Chapter have all been in a manner to reflect high credit on the man as well as the profession.

In addition to the above, Mr. Senter has served in many posts - such as the Tulsa Master Plan Committee, the Oklahoma State Planning Commission, the State Historical American Building Survey, and others.

I highly commend him to the Jury.

Sincerely yours,



GEORGE W. ADERHOLD, A.I.A.

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WALTER T. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ VAHLBERG

MEMBERS -- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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August 17, 1950

The Jury of Fellows of the
American Institute of Architects
c/o The Octagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to personally recommend Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma for the award of a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

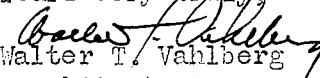
Mr. Senter has been very active in Civic affairs and is an outstanding Architect and has been a loyal and supporting member of the American Institute of Architects for many years.

The following is a list of Mr. Senter's activities:

- Member and Vice President
State Board of Governors
Licensed Architects
State of Oklahoma
- Charter Member and Past President
Oklahoma Chapter
American Institute of Architects
- Member
Legislative Committee
Oklahoma Chapter, American Institute of Architects
- Secretary, Tulsa, City Plan Commission
(Has been on this commission 12 years)
- Member, Tulsa County Master Plan Committee
Tulsa Chamber of Commerce
Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Housing Committee
American Society of Planning Officials
Construction Specifications Institute
- Past Member, State Planning Commission
(Oklahoma) under Governor Murray
- Past President, Oklahoma Association of Architects
(3 terms) now combined with A.I.A.
- State Director, Historical American Building Survey
(For the Federal Government, 1934)
(District 34, Territory of Oklahoma)

I personally think that he is deserving of any honors that may be bestowed upon him.

Yours very truly,


Walter T. Vahlberg
Architect, A.I.A.

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SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 23, 1950

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

Gentlemen:

I recently signed a petition for a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma. My reasons for signing this petition are as follows:

I have known Mr. Senter for 23 years, and have been a fellow member in the local A.I.A. Chapter the past 7 years. During this period I have had considerable dealings with Mr. Senter and have seen the results of his efforts. Mr. Senter is a charter member of the local A.I.A. Chapter and has been very active in the affairs of the chapter. He has also been very active in promoting better architectural relationship in the State. He has been commissioned to do quite a number of the larger building projects in the State and the buildings under his jurisdiction have shown very fine architectural treatment and are structurally and mechanically sound. Through his untiring efforts he has been an example for the younger architects in the State to follow, and in my opinion he has done as much if not more than any architect in the State to promote better architecture. He is a member of quite a number of civic and local organizations in Tulsa, among these being the Tulsa County Master Plan Committee and the Tulsa Housing Committee.

Due to Mr. Senter's activities and experience in the architectural field, I personally feel that Mr. Senter should be given every consideration for a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



Alan G. Mills
American Institute of Architects

AGM:mr

August 18, 1950

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American Institute of Architects
c/o The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter is submitting an application recommending that Mr. Leon B. Senter, of Tulsa, be granted a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, and I am writing this letter as further support of this application.

I have known Mr. Senter for a good many years, having had the privilege of spending more than 5 years in his office in his employ. He has always been a very active participant in public affairs and to my knowledge has generously given more than his share of time to the affairs of the Oklahoma Chapter.

I think that the list of honors and activities that has been prepared with the application is evidence enough that he has earned the right to be called a "Fellow."

Sincerely,


Frederick Vance Kershner
A.I.A. Architect.

FVK:cac

WILLIAM H. WOLAVER A.I.A.
ARCHITECT
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

August 16, 1960

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The Jury of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects
c/o The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Some time ago, I signed an application for a Fellowship which is to be granted to E. W. Denton, Architect, Tulsa, and I am glad to know that this person's name will receive the consideration of your Jury.

I have known Mr. Denton for the past twenty-five or thirty years. He served in his office as Chief Architect for approximately thirty-nine years. It is my opinion that Mr. Denton is one of the best, if not one of the very best, architects to whom the standard of architectural practice in Tulsa has been maintained to one of its highest points in the vicinity and maintains one of the largest architectural offices in the state.

Mr. Denton has always been active in both the local city and state affairs wherever the welfare of architecture is involved. In this respect, he has given a great deal of his spare time for the profession as a whole. He is a Director Member of the local chapter, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Oklahoma Chapter, and is a very active in all Institute affairs.

It is my opinion that his large amount of excellent work and high standard of practice would make Mr. Denton worthy of consideration for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, and I am sure that every other architect in this vicinity would feel the same as I do.

Respectfully yours,

William H. Wolaver

William H. Wolaver, A. A. A. Architect

WHL:jl

WILLIAM H. WOLAVER A.I.A.
ARCHITECT
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

August 17, 1950

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

Gentlemen:

Some time ago, I signed an application recommending a Fellowship to be granted to Leon B. Senter, Architect, Tulsa, and I am glad to know that this recommendation will receive the consideration of your Jury.

I have known Mr. Senter for the past twenty-five or twenty-six years and served in his office as Chief Draftsman for approximately nine years. It is my opinion that Mr. Senter has done as much, if not more, than any one other Architect to raise the standards of architectural practice. Mr. Senter has been commissioned to do most of the larger work in this vicinity and maintains one of the largest and most active offices in the State.

Mr. Senter has always been active in both State and City committees wherever the welfare of architecture is involved. In this work, he has given a great deal of unselfish time for the profession as a whole. He is a Charter Member and past president of the American Institute of Architects, Oklahoma Chapter, and has been very active in all Institute affairs.

It is my opinion that his large amount of excellent work and high standard of practice would make Mr. Senter worthy of consideration for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, and I am sure that every other Architect in this vicinity would feel the same as I do.

Respectfully yours,

William H. Wolaver

William H. Wolaver, A. I. A. Architect

WHW:jtm

HUGH R. HUMPHREYS
ARCHITECT



1622 NORTH CHEYENNE

TULSA 6, OKLAHOMA

August 23, 1950

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

Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter of the A. I. A. is recommending a Fellowship be granted Mr. Leon B. Senter. This letter is to further this application by whole heartedly giving my personal recommendation.

Mr. Senter has been in practice here in Tulsa for a quarter of a century and to my knowledge has never in all this time wavered from the architect's cannon of ethics. He has at all times given fatherly advice to all young architects and encouraged them in the field of architecture. Several of the Tulsa architects started their careers in Mr. Senter's office.

No doubt the chapter's application will list the offices which Mr. Senter has held and admirably ministered in the chapter. He has and is still most active in city and state affairs particularly where actions of the city and state affect the profession of architecture.

Again I wish to most enthusiastically recommend Mr. Leon B. Senter for a Fellowship in the Institute.

Respectfully yours,

Hugh R. Humphreys

HRH:mm

HAROLD F. FLOOD, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
106 WEST BROADWAY
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

August 28, 1950

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

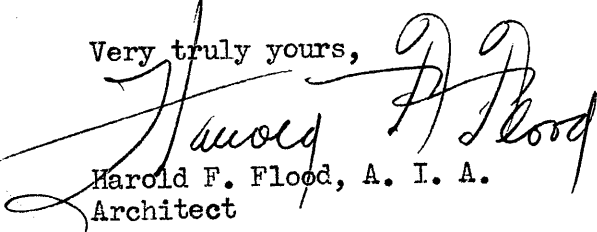
Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend very strongly that a Fellowship
be granted Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I have known Mr. Senter for the past ten years and have
served with him on the Board of Governors for Licensed
Architects for the State of Oklahoma for the past three
years.

Mr. Senter has always conducted his practice in a way that
would reflect to the credit of the Profession and of the
Institute and I know of no one in the State who deserves
the honor of a Fellowship more than Mr. Senter.

Very truly yours,


Harold F. Flood, A. I. A.
Architect

HFF:imo



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GLENN STANTON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

September 29, 1950

Norman, Oklahoma

Mr. Leonard H. Bailey, F.A.I.A.
Chmn. Chapter Committee on Fellowships
Colcord Building
Oklahoma City

Dear Leonard:

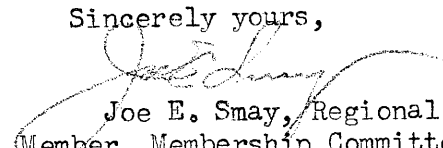
I am pleased to have the opportunity to support the nomination of Leon Senter as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. I have known Leon, he being one of the first architects I knew in Oklahoma. Thru these many years we have kept up his friendship. His good words were always an encouragement for me to carry on the work of attempting to teach the embryonic architects of Oklahoma.

Leon is a past member of the Board of Examiners of the State and is now currently a member of that body. He is past President of the Oklahoma chapter, I being his immediate successor. While my modest practice has not been sufficient to find that competitors for a commission would be extensively unethical to get a commission, I have personally found a number who would not hesitate, if they thought it would help them land a commission. I have never heard of Leon being unethical to get a job.

He is the recent author of a handbook which was published by the Oklahoma Chapter. I have already purchased 100 copies and am sending in an order for more of them. I require each of my students in the senior Professional Practice to get one. Thus I hold it in high esteem.

There is no question but that Leon is one of the best architects who has ever practiced in this state. Not only has his practice been large but the work has also been good. I know of no practitioner who is more worthy of this honor than my friend Leon and I urge the Jury of Fellows to give this deserving individual favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Joe E. Smay, Regional
Member, Membership Committee
A. I. A.

Albert S. Ross

Architect

Member American Institute of Architects
208 Cummings Building

Ada, Oklahoma

September 16, 1950

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

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I learned that the Fellowship Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A. had decided to recommend for Fellowship in the Institute Mr. Leon B. Senter, one whom I consider to be the most outstanding and most accomplished Architect among the members of the Oklahoma Chapter, and as a Director it was my pleasure to move the endorsement of his application by the Executive Committee and to note that the vote was enthusiastic and unanimous.

Some of Mr. Senter's work and his activities in behalf of Architecture in this State and for the Institute are as follows:

1. He was Architect on many outstanding buildings constructed in Tulsa and vicinity in the last 25 years, including the Philtower and Philcade office buildings and the Stanolind office building, all outstanding and recent additions to Tulsa's business district, and many outstanding buildings for the University of Tulsa and the City Schools.
2. I think you will find that he served four years as President of the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A. in the early thirties and did much to lay the foundation for its future growth and present membership, of which he is a Charter Member.
3. He is a member of the present Chapter Legislative Committee and rendered very valuable service in our Chapter's dealings with the Legislature and State Officials, including the Governor, in connection with a \$36,000,000.00 State Bond Issue which was voted last year for construction and repair of State Colleges and State Institutions, which work is now under construction. He has rendered similar services on numerous occasions in the past, especially in connection with revisions of our Architect's State License Law.
4. He was a member of the Legislative Committee that persuaded the Legislature to enact the Architect's License Law in 1925 and has had a strong part in our relations with the State since that date and served as a member of the first State Board of Architectural Examiners.
5. He is a member and Vice-President of the present State Board of Governors of Licensed Architects of Oklahoma.

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6. He served as President for three years and in numerous other capacities in the Oklahoma Association of Architects until it was abolished with unification in 1946.
7. He is a former member of the Oklahoma State Planning Commission.
8. He is Secretary of the Tulsa City Planning Commission and has been a member of the Commission for the past twelve years, the Housing Committee of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and is active in other Civic Affairs of the City.
9. He was State Director of the Historic American Building Survey conducted by the Federal Government in 1934.
10. Mr. Senter gives generously of his valuable time in the interest of the Institute, the Oklahoma Chapter of which he has served many years as Director, the State of Oklahoma, the City of Tulsa and uses every opportunity to advance Architecture, personally and publicly.

Mr. Senter is one of the outstanding citizens of the State of Oklahoma, and of the highest moral character. It is men of his type who have made the Institute the vital force that it is in American life today.

As a past President (1949) and Director of the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A., it is with a great deal of pleasure that I recommend Mr. Leon B. Senter for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,


Albert S. Ross, Architect, A.I.A.

ASR/eu

Donald McCormick, Architect
1238 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa

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September 10, 1950.

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

Gentlemen:

It is a privilege to write this letter asking your earnest consideration to grant a Fellowship to Leon B. Senter of Tulsa; a distinguished member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Institute.

I have known Mr. Senter since 1925. All these years he has given unstintingly of his time, money and effort, to further the best interests of the Architectural profession throughout the Southwest. He has enjoyed a distinguished practice and commands the utmost respect in his community.

He not only has served in any capacity when called upon, in the professional organizations of Oklahoma, but has added great prestige to our profession by taking an active and unselfish interest in civic affairs.

In a sense, this has been a pioneering community. It is difficult for those who have not lived in such a community to realize that the Architectural profession never was an accepted and understood calling in the sense that medicine and the law were. Any acceptance of Architectural practice strictly as a profession, has had to be built up by long, slow effort on the part of those relatively few who had the courage and integrity to adhere to proper canons of professional conduct.

Leon B. Senter has had an outstanding record of achievement, not only in immeasurably adding to the respect in which the profession is held by the public, but by inspiring other members of the profession to follow his example.

Respectfully yours,



Noftzger and Lawrence

Licensed Architects

B. Gaylord Noftzger -- Martin Lawrence

Office:

2756 N. W. 23rd. -- Phone 5-2139

Oklahoma City 7, Oklahoma

August 24, 1950

Jury of Fellows of the A.I.A.
The Octagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We recommend Leon B. Senter for a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. He is one of the finest Architects in the State having done some of the best work in the Southwest. He is a charter member of the Okla. Chapter A I A, past president and has always been active in Civic work in Tulsa. He will be a distinct asset to the A I A as a fellow and will at all times promote the dignity of the profession. Mr. Senter is cooperative, loved by all who know him and is most enthusiastic in the future of Architecture.

Yours truly,
Noftzger and Lawrence,
By B. Gaylord Noftzger
B. Gaylord Noftzger

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Discontinued March 1, 1927

Reinstated Feb. 6, 1928

Discontinued Dec 31, 1940

Reinstated August 8, 1942

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August 31, 1950

Dear Mr. Noftsgers:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th, recommending that Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A. be advanced to fellowship in The Institute.

Inasmuch as a formal nomination of Mr. Senter for fellowship has not been filed, we are sending to you, herewith, proper nomination forms for such use, in case you wish to initiate such nomination.

You will note that one of the forms enclosed is for use when the nomination is to be made by chapter action; and the other for use when the nomination is made by individual members or fellows of The Institute.

If the nomination of Mr. Senter already has been prepared, when it is received your letter will be attached to it for submission to The Jury of Fellows in due course.

Sincerely yours,

JHB
Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. B. Gaylor Noftsgers, A.I.A.
2756 N. W. 23rd Street
Oklahoma City 7, Oklahoma

Enclosures

Kansas State College

Manhattan

Department of Architecture and Allied Arts

October 25, 1950

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

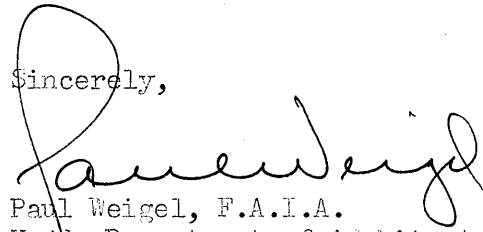
Re: Mr. Leon B. Senter

Gentlemen:

I wish to add my personal endorsement toward the nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter of the Oklahoma Chapter for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known of Mr. Senter for several years, during which time I have learned to hold him in high regard, both as an architect of high standing and an emissary of good will to the Institute. He has always given of his utmost to the profession and, in my opinion, Mr. Senter is deserving of Fellowship status in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



Paul Weigel, F.A.I.A.
Head, Department of Architecture
and Allied Arts

PW:gb

LORENTZ SCHMIDT, McVAY & PEDDIE, Architects
1832 East Second Street, Wichita 7, Kansas

LORENTZ SCHMIDT, A. I. A.
WAYNE M. McVAY, A. I. A.
THOMAS H. PEDDIE, A. I. A.

26 October 50

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

In re: Mr. Leon B. Senter
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter has nominated Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa for a Fellowship. I have known Mr. Senter for at least twenty years and have always had a high regard for his architectural ability and his standing as a citizen in his community.

Mr. Senter has done much for the architectural profession in the State of Oklahoma and has been a leader for the improvement of the profession in many ways.

His standing in Tulsa as a citizen is of a high grade and he has been active in the civic activities casting a creditable reflection on the architectural profession thereby.

I am happy for the occasion to support Mr. Senter's election and I know that it will be considered a fitting tribute by the many architects who have been associated with him through a long period of time.

Sincerely yours,


Lorentz Schmidt
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Gentry & Voskamp
Architects

ALONZO H. GENTRY, A.I.A.
EDGAR B. VOSKAMP, A.I.A.

4 WEST THIRTEENTH STREET

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

October 28, 1950

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

Gentlemen:

Information has come to my attention that the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects have nominated Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa for a Fellowship.

This information is particularly pleasing to me due to the fact that I have known Mr. Senter for over twenty-five years, have watched his progress in his chosen profession, and have personally inspected the results of his efforts in planning many of the outstanding buildings in Tulsa and in the State of Oklahoma. Further, I am fully acquainted with his untiring efforts in behalf of the Institute and his associations with all worthy civic and state affairs.

I am sure the honor and responsibility attached to his election as a Fellow will not be misplaced.

Sincerely and cordially,


Alonzo H. Gentry

AHG/vrf

*Ask to
Mr. Neville
with copy to
Mr. Bailey*

LEONARD H. BAILEY

FELLOW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SUITE 1216 COLCORD BLDG.- OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
OFFICE PHONE 3-9611 — RESIDENCE PHONE 2-2307

November 3, 1950

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Gentlemen:

I have just received a letter from my good friend Homer F. Neville addressed to the Jury of Fellows and supporting the application made in behalf of Leon B. Senter of Tulsa for a Fellowship. I am sending this air mail as I understand that you gentlemen meet in the next few days.

Yours very truly,

Leonard H. Bailey
Leonard H. Bailey

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Enc.

NEVILLE SHARP & SIMON
Architects

301 MIDLAND BUILDING • PHONE HARRISON 6804 • KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

November 2, 1950

EDWARD LAWHON
FRED L. STEVENSON
F. F. MACMURRAY
R. W. TIPPIN

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

Gentlemen:

We understand that Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma has been nominated for a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. It gives us great pleasure to second this nomination and urge that you confer this honor upon him.

We have known Mr. Senter for a great many years and are familiar with much of the work that he has done. He has always striven to maintain the high standards of the profession and the quality of his work has been outstanding in the portion of the country in which he practises. He has been active in the work of the Local Chapter of the American Institute of Architects which he served for several years as president, and has prominently identified himself with many civic and state affairs. We can think of no one whom we consider more eligible or deserving of your earnest consideration.

Very truly yours,

NEVILLE, SHARP & SIMON
Architects

By

James J. Skindler

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Leon B. Senter

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December 13, 1950

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Mr. Purves has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8th, with which you forwarded the red pencil marked forms concerning nominations for fellowship in The Institute.

He also has asked me to let you know that all of the correspondence with you regarding Mr. Leon B. Senter's nomination for fellowship will be brought to the attention of The Jury of Fellows at its next meeting when his nomination is due to receive consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. W. H. Schumacher, A.I.A.
Tower Theatre Building
N.W. 23rd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



*Unfamiliar
Commissioner*

PC please attached

SCHUMACHER, VAN DUSEN and SCHALLER
 ARCHITECTS - - - ENGINEERS
 TOWER THEATRE BLDG. N. W. 23RD ST. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA PHONE 5-5995
 W. H. SCHUMACHER, A.I.A. ARCHITECT FRED C. VAN DUSEN, A.I.A. ARCHITECT J. M. SCHALLER ENGINEER

December 8, 1950

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
 Executive Director
 American Institute of Architects
 1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
 Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I have your letter of December 4th acknowledging receipt of my letter of November 29th, and that I had not enclosed the printed form on which I had marginal marks in red pencil.

I am enclosing same herewith.

Yours very truly,

SCHUMACHER, VAN DUSEN & SCHALLER


 W. H. Schumacher

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IMPORTANT

Your attention is called to the provision on page 8 of this document—to the effect that every nomination must be filed with The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by November 1 of any calendar year, in order to be considered by the Jury at its March or April meeting in the next ensuing year.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE BESTOWAL OF FELLOWSHIPS

THE Institute may bestow a fellowship on any of its members who has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture by his achievement in design, the science of construction, literature, educational service, service to The Institute or any of its component organizations, or public service.

A fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is so distinctive an honor that its bestowal is a grave responsibility. The distinction can not be maintained unless the fellowship is bestowed only when it is justly and manifestly due. The Institute has safeguarded against a hasty and ill-considered selection by requiring that the achievements of each nominee for the honor shall be most carefully considered by those who nominate him and by The Jury of Fellows that awards the honor. The nomination for a fellowship must be made by a number of members who know the nominee well, and The Jury of Fellows, comprising six distinguished members of The Institute, is required to keep the achievements of each nominee under consideration for at least four months before it votes on his advancement. The Jury is not permitted to deny an advancement finally unless the denial has been voted at three separate regular meetings.

The Jury of Fellows may obtain its own evidence of the standing and achievements of a nominee, by written communication or otherwise, but the Jury cannot know intimately either the personality or the attainments of every nominee presented to it. In the end it must rely largely on the representations made to it by members who have had close association with the nominee and know him intimately; for that reason the greater responsibility for merited advancement lies with those who propose the nominee. Proposers should feel certain that the nominee's achievements have sufficient distinction

to make them notable contributions to the advancement of the profession, and should remember that the personality and popularity of a fellow member do not, of themselves, constitute a notable contribution, and that a fellowship is not an award for the nominee's industry and success.

ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

The achievement in design must have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

The work of the nominee must be so distinctive that it reveals notable individuality and mastery in the art of design, in the arrangement of the elements of the structure, in the discriminating use or suppression of ornament and detail, in the use and juxtaposition of materials, and in the appreciation of scale, color, and texture.

This compelling excellence in design shall be given recognition in works of small dimension as well as in large; in private and domestic work as well as public and monumental work; interior as well as exterior. It should be given recognition not only where the prominence of the work makes the achievement immediately and widely known, but also where it is the result of patient and persistent effort under less advantageous conditions.

ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

Achievement in the science of construction must have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

The profession of architecture is primarily concerned with the materials of construction; their

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production, their fabrication, their assembling to form the structures designed by the practitioners of the profession. A new use or juxtaposition of old materials, a new form of construction or the use of products new in construction that, without doing violence to the art of design, will result in a more economical, durable, or safe structure may be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

The architect who develops more efficient methods of handling or assembling materials, of producing drawings or specifications, of operating the architect's office, or of fulfilling the obligation of an architect to his client, may greatly enhance the practical efficiency of the profession and thus notably contribute to its advancement.

ACHIEVEMENT IN LITERATURE OR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Achievement in literature or educational service must have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

Many architects contribute time and effort to impart their viewpoints and knowledge of architectural and allied subjects to others by writing, lecturing, or teaching, or by having published data and literature concerning such subjects. Other architects render valuable service in historical research; others in the preservation of buildings or structures of historic and architectural merit. When these efforts have a signal and lasting influence, they constitute a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

The service to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state organizations must have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

The Institute and its constituent organizations are maintained and are powerful because of the devoted services given freely to them by their faithful members, year in and year out. The time and effort expended by a member in the service of The Institute or its chapters or state organizations constitute a real service to the profession. When such services are rendered so faithfully, efficiently, and strikingly that they become outstanding and inspiring, the member has made a notable contribution to the advancement of his profession.

ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

A service of a professional nature to the public must have such marked effect and influence that it constitutes a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

Civic service is a field where the architect can perform public or semi-public services that may be of inestimable value to his community. Matters of public safety, public health, and public welfare, and perhaps of government, offer such opportunities, unlimited in scope. The planning of civic improvements, the creation of parks and playgrounds and of places of public entertainment and instruction, the beautification of communities and of public highways, the reclamation of blighted areas, all offer exceptional opportunities for the architect.

NONE

NONE

QUALIFICATIONS

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City) (State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
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NONE

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

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

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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.)

NONE

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 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.

O.K.

RALPH WALKER PRESIDENT
GLENN STANTON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
KENNETH E. WISCHMEYER SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
CLAIR W. DITCHY SECRETARY
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EDMUND R. PURVES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

September 15, 1950

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 12th relative to the proposal to recommend an architect for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

As you probably know, all proposals for advancement, accompanied by supporting data, are submitted to the Jury of Fellows. The decision of the Jury is final. In arriving at its decision, the Jury I am sure, weighs all the pros and cons in each individual case.

The Institute has set up a Committee on Fellowship Procedure under the Chairmanship of John W. Root from Chicago. The duties of this committee are as follows:

To review the definition of "Fellowship"; the quality of the material submitted to The Jury of Fellows; and the ceremony at which Fellowships are awarded, with a view to developing a more distinguished ceremony of presentation.

As the Committee has not yet submitted this report and as your letter is of unquestioned interest to the Committee, I would like to have your permission to make it available to them.

For your information I am enclosing the Institute's documents on the subject of Fellowship.

Trusting this answers your request, I am

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. W. H. Schumacher, A. I. A.
Tower Theater Building
N. W. 23rd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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December 4, 1950

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of your letter of November 29th relative to the advancement of an architect to Fellowship in The Institute. However, we did not receive the printed form which you state, in your first paragraph, that you were returning with your red pencil notations thereon.

With reference to your last paragraph, I believe the proper Committee to which your letter and relevant correspondence should be referred is The Jury of Fellows, and not the Committee on Fellowship Procedure. The duties of the Jury are "To advance members to fellowships, when it finds them qualified." The correspondence in this matter has to do with an individual nomination and not the subject of general fellowship procedure.

I am, therefore, taking the liberty of sending the correspondence in this case to the Secretary of The Jury, Miss Florence Gervais, for the proper handling.

With appreciation of your interest,

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. W. H. Schumacher, A.I.A.
Tower Theatre Building
N. W. 23rd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

P:msd
cc: Miss Gervais

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Jury of Fellows*

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November 29, 1950

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 15th in answer to mine of September 12th, with reference to recommending an Architect for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I am returning herewith the printed form which you enclosed with your letter, setting forth the principals underlying the bestowal of Fellowship. I have underscored, with red pencil, the features which are the principal features for the bestowal of Fellowship and have made marginal notations as to whether or not the applicant has these qualifications.

You stated in your letter of September 15th that our local committee had not submitted their report and recommendations for the applicant, who is Leon Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma. You will find, according to my markings in the printed form, this applicant has only two qualifications, these are achievement in service to the Local Chapter of the Institute and achievement in Public Service.

I am attaching hereto a copy of my letter to you dated Sept. 12, 1950 and a copy of my letter to Leonard H. Bailey, Architect of this city who is sponsoring the applicant's name for Fellowship. Mr. Senter and Mr. Bailey have been very close friends for a number of years, and it is for this reason I feel that Mr. Bailey is trying to secure a Fellowship for Mr. Senter, as he definitely does not have the qualifications, in my opinion, for a Fellow.

I have talked to a number of Architects of our State Chapter, and they are opposed to the idea of Mr. Senter's application being submitted.

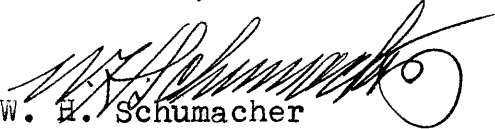
I will appreciate your sending the printed form, with red pencil notations, and the copy of my letter to you of September

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November 29, 1950
Mr. Edmund R. Purves

12th and the copy of my letter to Mr. Bailey of September 14th, to the Chairman of the Committee on Fellowship procedure, Mr. John W. Root of Chicago. I will appreciate your making this information available to Mr. Root.

Very truly yours,

SCHUMACHER, VAN DUSEN & SCHALLER


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September 12, 1950

C O P Y

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I have recently had a request to write a letter in support of a fellow Oklahoma Architect, recommending his name for a Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known this Architect since a very young man, and his background. He has had no college training in architecture, and in the true sense of the word is really not an Architect. He is a self-made man, and has built up a large practice by being a good mixer, getting on a lot of committees, belonging to clubs, and has been quite active in the State Chapter.

All of this, in my opinion, is not the qualifications for a Fellowship. I feel that one should be an outstanding Architect by proper training and experience. Therefore, in order to clarify my thinking on this matter, will you kindly advise at your earliest convenience what should be the true qualifications required to become a Fellow.

I am enclosing herewith a self-addressed envelope, and a prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

SCHUMACHER, VAN DUSEN & SCHALLER

Signed: W. H. Schumacher

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September 14, 1950

C O P Y

Mr. Leonard H. Bailey
Architect
Colcord Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Leonard:

I am writing pursuant to our telephone conversation and your request for a letter recommending Leon Senter for a Fellowship. After giving this matter careful consideration I am sorry to say I cannot go along with you on this matter.

In the first place I think this matter should come before an open meeting of the Chapter, and each member given the privilege of a secret ballot vote expressing his wishes on the matter. Recommending an Architect for a Fellowship is equally as important as seeking a license for an Architect to practice in the state.

My personal idea of the qualifications for a Fellowship is first that one should be a first class finished architect with proper college training and background, several years experience in Architects offices, then a number of years of actual practice having planned and designed a number of recognized outstanding works of architecture. This, together with creditable work in the Chapter, and the holding of responsible positions in the Chapter and the local community of the applicant.

Personally I like Leon very much. I have the highest regard for him as a gentleman and a man of high character, ability to secure jobs and under his direction bring to ultimate completion of plans and specifications and the construction of a project. However, I feel there are certain other qualifications which are necessary, hence my reluctance in writing the letter you have requested.

In talking to a number of the local Architects I found that most of them did not know about the petition you are circulating, and all expressed opposition to the idea.

Very cordially yours,

Signed : W. H. Schumacher

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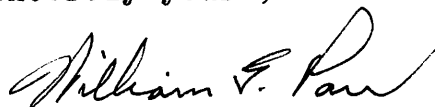
The Jury of Fellows
of the American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am indeed most happy to recommend Mr. Leon B. Senter to the Jury of Fellows of The American Institute of Architects.

The list of Mr. Senter's accomplishments and services to the profession is large, including services on the Tulsa Master Plan Committee, Oklahoma State Planning Commission, State Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, the Legislative Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter, as well as many others. He is a past president of the Oklahoma Chapter. In all these posts he has, without question, reflected high credit on himself and the profession.

Sincerely yours,



WGP/mep

WILLIAM G. PARR, A.I.A.

LEONARD H. BAILEY

FELLOW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SUITE 1216 COLCORD BLDG.- OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
OFFICE PHONE 3-9611 — RESIDENCE PHONE 2-2307

November 14, 1951

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

Gentlemen:

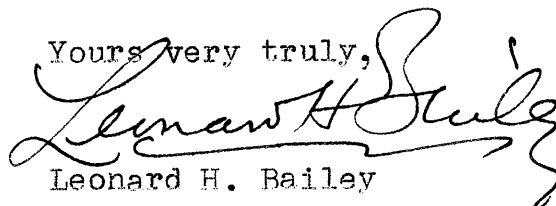
You have on file an application prepared by the Oklahoma Chapter requesting the granting of a Fellowship to Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa. You also have an accumulation of letters supporting this application. I presume that the time will soon come around again when the Jury of Fellows will have under consideration applications requiring their recommendations to the Institute Board.

In view of the above, I would like to know whether this application, already on file, would be available for reference to, and action by the Jury of Fellows. The members of the Oklahoma Chapter are as anxious as ever to have this honor bestowed upon Mr. Senter. They fully concur with the action taken by the Jury in honoring Mr. Lorentz Schmidt. He was most worthy and, in the light of his subsequent illness it was fortunate indeed to have conferred same last year.

The fact still remains that the Oklahoma Chapter, which is one of the liveliest in the Institute, still has but one member so honored. We still hold the opinion that Mr. Senter is well worthy of this distinction. If it is necessary to completely renew this application, please advise the writer. If, on the other hand, Mr. Senter's application will be held over for further consideration, we would like to be so advised.

Mr. Senter was most active in helping to make the Central States District Convention the success it proved to be. President Glenn Stanton and Vice President Kenneth Wischmeyer can support this statement as they not only attended this convention but had occasion to get thoroughly acquainted with this gentlemen.

Yours very truly,



Leonard H. Bailey

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cc: Mr. Joe Smay

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 21, 1951

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Responding to your letter of November 14th with regard to the pending nomination of Mr. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute:

Mr. Senter's nomination was considered by The Jury of Fellows for the first time at its meeting in March, 1951. Although Mr. Senter was not elected a Fellow at that meeting, his nomination will be held, without prejudice, for consideration by the Jury again at its next meeting in 1952.

Should the nomination be passed over for a second time in 1952, it will be held further for review by the Jury at the next meeting before it would be dropped from the Jury's agenda.

In other words, each nomination automatically comes up for consideration by the Jury at three separate meetings before it is removed from consideration and, of course, providing that the member has not been elected a Fellow in the interim.

Your letter will be placed with Mr. Senter's nomination for the information of the Jury at its next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Leonard H. Bailey, F.A.I.A.
1216 Colcord Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

December 13, 1951

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

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Dear Sirs:

Last year the Oklahoma Chapter proposed for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, one of our members, Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The fellowship was not awarded at the last convention. As a member of the Oklahoma Chapter and as a personal friend of Mr. Senter and as a member, which for many years has worked for the welfare of the Institute, I would like to urge that every consideration be given towards the awarding of this fellowship to Mr. Senter at the next convention.

In his file will be found a considerable number of letters on his behalf, including one from me. The Oklahoma Chapter for the past several years has been one of the more active chapters of the institute. We enjoy the record of being the second highest chapter as far as proportion of registered architects as A.I.A. members. As Chapter and Regional Membership Chairman, let me say that Mr. Senter has secured more A.I.A. members in the last two years for our chapter than any other single individual in the Central States Region.

He has never committed an act to the detriment of the Chapter or any of its members. As an individual and as a member of the State Board of Governors of Architects, he has done much of which we are proud. His practice has been far above the average in quantity and quality. The Oklahoma Chapter has only had one fellow in its long history. We feel that we should receive some consideration when the fellowship selections are made and Mr. Senter is unanimous selection of the Oklahoma Chapter. May we hope for further consideration?

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe E. Smay
Joe E. Smay,
Membership Chairman.

BRYAN W. NOLEN, A. I. A. PRESIDENT
301 OKLAHOMA NATURAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY

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

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
July 22, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, through me, its President, wishes to request that the application for the granting of a Fellowship to Mr. Leon B. Senter of Tulsa, be favorably considered at the next meeting of the Jury of Fellows. The Chapter feels that Mr. Senter is very worthy of this honor and is hopeful that his application may receive favorable consideration.

Having known Mr. Senter personally for many years, and knowing him to be an Architect and a gentleman of the highest reputation, I add my personal endorsement to the request of the Chapter.

Being intimately acquainted with most of the leading Contractors in this part of the country, I am also aware of the fact that they consider Mr. Senter as a most prominent Architect and one who fully carries out the spirit of the practice of architecture in his relationship with a Client and the Contractor.

Yours very truly,

Bryan W. Nolen
President

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

LEONARD H. BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT
1215-16 COLCORD BUILDING, OKLAHOMA CITY 2, OKLAHOMA

October 13, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

I have lost count of time since the Oklahoma Chapter proposed the name of Leon B. Senter for a Fellowship. I sincerely trust that your next meeting will still afford opportunity for favorable reconsideration of his claims to this honor. He still remains the only one that could be considered as eligible in our limited sphere. I would certainly like to share this honor with my good friend Leon B. Senter.

Yours very truly,

Leonard H. Bailey

Director, Central
States District

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