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# Application for Membership

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class C  
[Insert appropriate letter.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Fred A. Slifer

Address 595 Endicott Building

Place and date of birth St. Paul, Minn

Graduate in architecture  
[Give name of institutions and year.—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture  
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts  
[State which, and year.—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give date of admission thereto February, 1920

If practicing architect, firm name Slifer & Abrahamson

Have been in practice three years.

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

Collegiate and office training Three years training in office of T.G. Holyoke.  
Three years, Albu Masqueray  
Ten years training in office of the late E.L. Masqueray.

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

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

*Fred A. Slifer*  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the Washington  
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date March 18, 1920  
[Insert exact date of election to chapter.]

*Thomas Paul Johnson* Secretary.  
*Amish* Chapter, A. I. A.

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

*Thomas S. Holyoke*  
*William G. Taylor*  
*R. H. Nabors*

Prelim. Fee Pl. \$5.00 7/2/20  
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Exhibits must send  
Op. Priv. Com. of. August 5, 1920

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

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

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July 6, 1920.

My dear Mr. Slifer:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification and on behalf of the Secretary your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

This will come before the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institute, provided we receive before then the required exhibits of executed work.

*(Aug 1)* These exhibits should consist of drawings and photographs of two executed buildings, which need not be specially prepared and may be taken from your office files. They will be carefully returned later.

A receipt to cover the preliminary fee of \$5.00 is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Fred A. Slifer, Architect,  
595 Euclid Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

E.F.  
Enclosure.

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KEMPER AND ABRAHAMSON  
ARCHITECTS  
SUCCESSORS TO E. L. MASQUERAY

595 ENDICOTT BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

July 26th. 1920

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Mr. Kemper, Executive Secty.  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

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Very sincerely yours  
*F. C. Slifer.*

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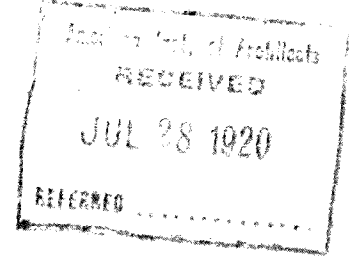
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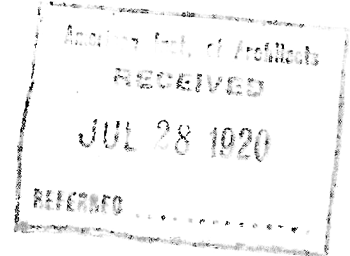
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*F. C. Skiff*





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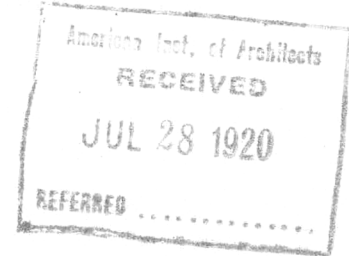
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*F. A. Slifer.*



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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11-30-21.

My dear Mr. Slifer:-

As a charter member of the St. Paul Chapter, your  
Institute membership was transferred from the Minnesota  
to the St. Paul Chapter, effective November 11, 1921.  
The Secretary of the Minnesota Chapter has been advised.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Fred A. Slifer,  
Endicott Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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CEDAR 5928

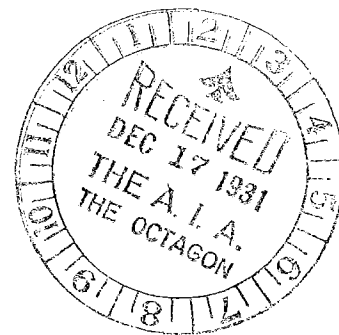
MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

594 ENDICOTT BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dec. 15th. 1931

The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave.  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. F. C. Baldwin, Secretary



Gentlemen:

This is to request a termination of my membership in the Institute and in the St. Paul Chapter effective December 31st. 1931

A check is enclosed in the sum of \$25.00 for dues for the year 1930.

Sincerely yours

*Fred A. Slifer*

*12/18/31  
\$25.00 for 1930 for Fred A. Slifer  
25.00 for 1930 for F. A. Abrahamson*



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*E. J. ...*

December 30, 1931

Dear Mr. Slifer:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 15th, and check for \$80.00 which has been applied to the 1930 annual dues for you and Mr. Abrahamson.

It is noted with regret that you wish to terminate your membership in the Institute, effective December 31, 1931. The Officers and Directors will be sorry to lose your support of the profession and the Institute in its work.

However, we hope that you will reconsider your decision, as the Board of Directors, at its November meeting, authorized the Secretary to carry into 1932 those members who are not indebted, except for the year 1931. Therefore, no action would be taken adversely, affecting your membership, without ample notice at the end of 1932.

If you insist upon submitting your resignation, we wish to call to your attention the marked excerpt from the By-laws attached, from which you will note that a resignation should come forward through the Secretary or Treasurer of the Chapter to which you are assigned, with the endorsement of the Chapter thereon. Also, your 1931 dues would have to be paid before a resignation could be accepted for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee shortly after the 15th of February, at which time we shall bring up your resignation for final action, provided the endorsement of the Chapter and your check for 1931 dues are received by that time.

We hope very much, however, that you will write us authorizing us to carry your name on the membership rolls at least for another year - and that business conditions will much improve by that time.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Fred A. Slifer,  
Slifer and Abrahamson,  
594 Endicott Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

*F. A. ...*  
*Asst. Sec.*

K/fmg-gms.  
Copy to the Secretary, St. Paul Chapter.

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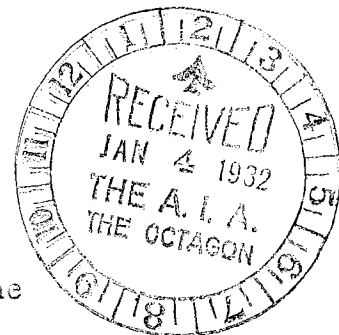
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MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN  
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

Jan. 2nd. 1932

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
Assistant Sect'y., A. I. A.  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed you will find a check in the sum of \$25.00, being payment in full for my membership dues to date. I have decided to withdraw my membership from the Institute and today I am sending such a request to the Board of Directors of the Institute, addressed to the Secretary of the St. Paul Chapter, with a check in full for my Chapter membership dues to date, in accordance with the provisions in the by-laws.

Very sincerely

*F. A. Abrahamson*

P.S. Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 being payment for F. A. Abrahamson's dues for the year 1931.

*1931 dues paid in full.*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 13, 1932.

Dear Mr. Slifer:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 2nd, and also checks covering your dues for 1931, and those of Mr. F. A. Abrahamson for the year 1931.

We are sorry you find it necessary to withdraw your membership, and note that you have forwarded the required letter to the Secretary of the St. Paul Chapter.

As soon as the Chapter's approval is received, we shall be in a position to put your resignation forward.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. A. Slifer,  
594 Endicott Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Copy to Mr. Buenger, Secretary, St. Paul Chapter.  
Mr. Fredk. M. Mann, Director, Central States Division

(Copy to Mrs. Miller)

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

*Recd  
1/13/32*

January 13, 1932.

Dear Mr. Buenger:

With reference to our letter of December 30th, regarding the resignation of Mr. Fred A. Slifer of the St. Paul Chapter:

This will advise that we received a letter of January 2nd from Mr. Slifer, stating that he had decided to resign from the Institute.

He has paid his Institute dues for the year 1931, and the resignation will be ready for submission to the Executive Committee, at the February meeting, upon receipt of the St. Paul Chapter's approval.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edgar Buenger, Secretary,  
St. Paul Chapter, A.I.A.,  
525 Minnesota Building, Rochester, Minn.

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Encl.

P.S. - Copy of our letter of this date to Mr. Slifer is enclosed herewith.

Copy to Mr. Fredk. R. Mann, Director, Central States Div.

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*April 15th*

March 10, 1932.

Dear Mr. Buenger:

In a letter of January 13th we wrote with regard to the resignation of Mr. Fred A. Slifer, of the St. Paul Chapter.

We were unable to submit the resignation to the Executive Committee, at its February meeting, as the approval of the Chapter had not been received.

It is hoped that action can be taken at the meeting of the Board of Directors, in Washington, the latter part of April, and we would, therefore, appreciate receiving the Chapter's approval of Mr. Slifer's resignation by April 15th, if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edgar Buenger, Secretary,  
St. Paul Chapter, A.I.A.,  
525 Minnesota Building, Rochester, Minn.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 11, 1932

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are preparing for a meeting of the Executive Committee in early November, and we wish, if possible, to clear up all pending status cases at that meeting.

Our records indicate that since January, 1932, we have had pending the case of the resignation of Mr. Fred A. Slifer, of St. Paul, Minn., which is complete except for the approval of the St. Paul Chapter.

We find that on January 13th and March 10th letters were addressed to the previous Secretary of your Chapter in this matter, but no response has been received.

Since the resignation has been pending for a year it should be acted upon before the close of 1932 and we would appreciate your cooperation in advising us, before November 1st, as to the recommendation of the Chapter.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. G. A. Anderson, Secretary,  
St. Paul Chapter, A. I. A.,  
1212 Builders Exchange Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

K/g  
Copy to the President, St. Paul Chapter.



ERS  
LUND, PRESIDENT  
R. GAUGER, VICE-PRESIDENT  
EDGAR W. BUENGER, SEC. & TREAS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
C. H. JOHNSTON, JR.  
EDWIN H. LUNDIE  
HENRY W. ORTH



ST. PAUL CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

~~525 Minnesota Building~~  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

October 25th, 1932.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In reply to your letter of October 11th, 1932,  
regarding the resignation of Mr. Fred A. Slifer, I  
wish to say that his resignation has been accepted  
by the St. Paul Chapter. This was done some time  
during the month of February, as noted in the minutes  
of the February meeting of the Chapter.

Yours very truly,

*Gerald A. Anderson*  
G. A. Anderson, Secretary  
1212 Builders Exchange Bldg.

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Executive Secretary.

Mr. Gerald A. Anderson, Secretary,  
St. Paul Chapter, A. I. A.,  
1212 Builders Exchange Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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October 28, 1932

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of October 25th, advising  
of the approval of the St. Paul Chapter of the resignation  
of Mr. Fred A. Slifer from the Institute and your Chapter.

Your letter will enable us to bring up the matter before  
the Executive Committee at its meeting in November for final  
action.

We will advise you shortly after the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Gerald A. Anderson, Secretary,  
St. Paul Chapter, A. I. A.,  
1212 Builders Exchange Building,  
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 13, 1932

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Responding seriatim to your letter of December 1st.

William John Witherspoon. We have noted, for our records, the election of Mr. Witherspoon to Chapter Associateship, as of November 30, 1932.

Fred A. Slifer. Resignation was not accepted by the Executive Committee because the Committee does not wish to accept any resignations at the present time which may arise from financial difficulties.

In due course, and as soon as the minutes are written, we will write to Mr. Slifer, advising him that his resignation was not accepted, and that the Institute wishes him to remain as a member, both of the national society and of the St. Paul Chapter, during the year 1933.

If at the end of that period, business has not improved, and Mr. Slifer finds that his resignation must stand, it will be accepted as of December 31, 1932.

Before we write to Mr. Slifer we would like to know if such action in this particular case is acceptable to the Chapter.

James B. Mills. We must continue to carry him as a member of the St. Paul Chapter, since he has requested no formal transfer to St. Louis. Inasmuch as you have written to him, perhaps he will take up the matter of transfer.

Edwin Larson. Mr. Larson's Associateship legally expired in 1925. As you know, under the By-laws, an Associate membership can extend for a period of five years only, at which time the Associate must either apply for full Institute membership or terminate his affiliation as Associate.

However, during the past year this rule has not been enforced either by the Institute or various Chapters. One of the reasons is because of the financial difficulties confronting architects which prevent them from applying for membership; and the other reason is in view of the fact that various amendments are planned to be proposed

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January 1, 1933

TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer

DR.

ANNUAL DUES, January 1, 1933, to December 31, 1933, inclusive.....	\$25	00
Annual Dues shall be due and payable on the first day of the fiscal year and if not paid within three months thereafter, shall be in default. (Over)		
and for dues for 1932	25	00
	\$50	00

Mr. Fred A. Slifer,  
594 Endicott Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Remittances received after the 28th not credited hereon.  
Please call attention to any change in your address.

Jan. 4th, 1933

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

One year ago I withdrew my name from the membership of the A.I.A and the St. Paul Chapter, having paid up my membership dues in full, all in accordance with the by-laws.

This matter evidently has not been brought to your attention by Mr. Kemper.

Sincerely yours

*Fred A. Slifer*

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

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January 10, 1933

Dear Mr. Slifer:

The Minutes of the recent meeting of the Executive Committee are now completed, and we are in a position to advise you formally with regard to the action taken on your letter of January 2, 1932, in which you submitted your resignation from membership in the Institute

Inasmuch as the approval of the St. Paul Chapter was not received until October 25, 1932, the first opportunity to submit the matter to the Institute's Executive Committee was at its November meeting. The Committee voted not to accept your resignation, as it prefers to continue you as an Institute member of the St. Paul Chapter throughout the year 1933. It asks that you accept this decision and continue your support of the Chapter.

By the end of 1933 conditions may have materially improved, but if they have not, and if you so request, your resignation will be accepted by the Institute as of December 31, 1932, subject, of course, to your status as a member at the time the resignation was submitted.

In the meantime, the Institute asks for your active support, both of the national organization and of the St. Paul Chapter.

The tide cannot run out forever, and many people believe a turn for the better in the whole economic situation will take place in 1933.

May I add a personal word to the foregoing? We simply cannot afford to lose from the Institute men like yourself. The Institute is going the limit in cooperating with its members who are faced with financial difficulties, and in turn it is depending upon their moral support and continued interest. We must stand together, and we must carry on.

Copies of this letter have been sent to Mr. Mann, your Regional Director; and to Mr. Landis, President, and Mr. Anderson, Secretary, of the St. Paul Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Fred A. Slifer,  
594 Endicott Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Secretary.

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P.S. - Every member must receive the periodic statements for dues - so we will continue to send them.

**SLIFER AND ABRAHAMSON**  
**ARCHITECTS**

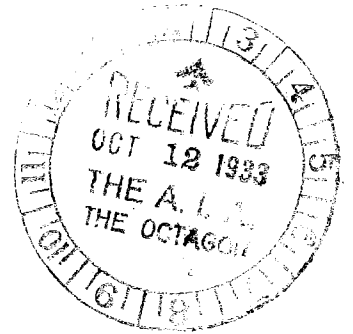
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MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN  
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594 ENDICOTT BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Oct. 10th. 1933

The American Institute of Architects  
c/o Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Sect'y.  
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

The Institute and the St. Paul Chapter were notified by me at the start of 1933 of my desire to resign from the A.I.A. At the same time full payment of my dues was made to both the Institute and the local Chapter, all in conformity with the by-laws. Since then I have continued to receive statements for dues, and I wish again to protest. The reason for my resignation was to escape this expense, which I cannot afford, and which I do not intend to pay, as my membership is paid up in full to the time I resigned.

Again I beg of you: please take my name off the membership list and discontinue the sending of statements for membership dues.

Sincerely yours

*Fred A. Slifer*



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*The Board*

October 12, 1933

Dear Mr. Slifer:

We are sorry to learn from your letter of October 10th that you insist upon allowing your resignation from membership in The American Institute of Architects to stand. Accordingly, it will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the meeting in November, to become effective as of December 31, 1931, to which date your dues to the Institute have been paid.

The Board did not act upon your resignation, sooner, because it was reluctant to lose the support of any member of the architectural profession, particularly in these times when the cooperation and encouragement of all members are needed by the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Fred A. Slifer,  
594 Endicott Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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

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January 23, 1934

Dear Mr. Slifer:

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee of  
The American Institute of Architects, your resignation as a  
member in good standing in the Institute and the St. Paul  
Chapter was accepted, effective December 31, 1931.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Fred A. Slifer,  
594 Indicott Building,  
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