

Dated March 25, 1946.
Received March 26, 1946.
Granted June 15, 1946.

MEMBERSHIP NO 4277



*In due order
March 26, 1946
JH Genova*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

A	Name of applicant.....	Benjamin Lane Smith.....	Chapter..	New York.....
B	Address of applicant.....	101 Park Avenue, New York, New York.....		
C	Applicant proposed by...	Stephen F. Voorhees, F. and.....	J. Davidson Stephen.....	
D	Application received with check for \$.	10.00..... on.....	March 26,	19 46
E	Application returned for correction..	(Owes no dues to Chicago Chap)		19 .
F	Application in due order on.....	Sent again..(N.Y.) May 24, 1946.....	March 26,	19 46
	Record of registration, Form S39, Sent	(N.Y.) Mar. 20, 1946. Received.	June 3,	1946
		(N.C.) Mar. 26, 1946	March 29,	1946
		(Ill.) Mar. 26, 1946	March 30,	1946
G	Notices sent to chapter executive committee:			
	(a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on.....	April 20,..... 19 46 on	March 20,	19 46
	(b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on.....	May 23,..... 19 46, on	April 23,	19 46
H	Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on.....		March 26,	19 46
I	Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on.....		May 31,	19 46
J	No report from chapter executive committee on.....			19 .
K	Application sent to The Board of Examiners on.....		June 4,	1946.
L	The Board of Examiners reported on application on.....		June 4,	1946.
M	Applicant was admitted on.....		June 15,	1946.
N	Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on.....		June 15,	1946.
O	Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$..... returned to applicant on.....			19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Benjamin Lane Smith

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the New York Chapter.

Date June 15, 19 46

Alexander C. Robinson
Secretary

VOORHEES WALKER FOLEY & SMITH

THE AMERICAN
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MAR 18 AM 9:55
NEW YORK 17
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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BENJAMIN L. SMITH, R.A.

March 15, 1946.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am sending herewith Application
for Membership in The American Institute of
Architects. In accordance with the instruc-
tions, I have filed a duplicate application
with the Secretary of the New York Chapter.

I am also enclosing check in the
amount of \$10.00.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Smith

BLS:s
Enclosures

THE AMERICAN
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VOORHEES WALKER FOLEY & SMITH
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17

MAR 26 AM 8:22

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 25, 1946.

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Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

On March 15th I sent you an Application for Membership in the Institute in which the second page was inadvertently left blank. I am therefore enclosing another Application containing the required information and am forwarding a duplicate copy to the Secretary of the New York Chapter.

Sincerely,



B.L. Smith

Enclosure



ORIGINAL

File this original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

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

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is Benjamin Lane Smith .

2. I am a natural citizen of the United States .

3. My legal residence is in the City of Scarsdale, N.Y. (Eastchester) ,
County of Westchester State of New York .

4. My address in The Institute records will be
Number 101 Street Park Avenue
City New York , State New York .

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing architect and a partner of Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith Chapter.

6. I desire to be a member of the New York Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.

8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$ 10.00 , for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date March 25 1946.

Benjamin Lane Smith
Applicant sign full name in ink

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2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Nov. 29, 1906 Place of birth Chicago, Ill.

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

(State or States) By Examination

Illinois

(State or States) By Exemption

New York

North Carolina

(a) I hold a Certificate No. 964 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Tilden Technical High School	- Chicago, Ill.
University of Illinois	- Urbana, Ill.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	- Cambridge, Mass.
Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts	- Fontainebleau, France.

As holder of A.W. Brown Traveling Fellowship, I have traveled in France, Italy, England, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

1924-1925	J.J. Kocher, Architect	Chicago, Ill.	Draftsman
1927-1929	Granger and Bollenbacher	Chicago, Ill.	Designer
1930-1932	Bennett Parsons & Frost	Chicago, Ill.	Designer
1934	Subsistence Homesteads Division, U.S. Dept. of the Interior,	Washington, D.C.	Draftsman-Architect
1935-1937	Procurement Division, Treasury Dept.	Washington, D.C.	Architect
1937-1945	Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith	101 Park Avenue New York, N.Y.	Designer

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

Since July 1, 1945 - State of New York. Partner in the firm of Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith, Architects & Engineers
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- 16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 17. Associate of Chicago Chapter from 1929? to 1939
- 18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 19. Member of State Association in _____ from _____ to _____

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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

I have known the applicant for 9 years.

Signed: ✓ S. F. Voorhees

101 Park Avenue
Proposer
Address

Stephen F. Voorhees, Jr.
7.9.17

I have known the applicant for 8 years.

Signed: ✓ J. Davidson Stephen

240 East 79th St.
Proposer
Address

NY 21.

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

VOORHEES WALKER FOLEY & SMITH

101 PARK AVENUE · NEW YORK, N. Y.

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RALPH WALKER, R.A.

MAX H. FOLEY, P. E.

PERRY COKE SMITH, R.A.

BENJAMIN L. SMITH, R.A.

MAR 18 AM 9:52
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 15, 1946.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for your letter of March sixth. Miss Waters, of the New York Chapter, seems familiar with the details of this mixup and she has volunteered to answer your letter. In the event that you do not receive such information as you require, please let me know.

Apparently, this misreading of the record occurred on my request for Application for Membership in the Institute and having been cleared, I am now sending you, under separate cover, this Application.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Smith

BLS:s

PERRY COKE SMITH PRESIDENT
MORRIS B. SANDERS VICE-PRESIDENT
THEODORE J. YOUNG SECRETARY



ROBERT W. McLAUGHLIN, JR. TREASURER
J. GORDON CARR RECORDER
DOROTHEA WATERS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NEW YORK CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK

March 19, 1946

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. Benjamin L. Smith of the firm of Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith, who is applying for membership in the Institute, has forwarded to me a copy of your letter of March 6th in which you say you find no record of his having been an Institute member.

That fact is perfectly true. Mr. Smith was an Associate of the Chicago Chapter and his membership there was terminated in 1939 for non-payment of arrears.

Mr. Smith has since taken care of these arrears as evidenced by a letter which we have received from the Secretary of the Chicago Chapter. There is nothing, therefore, to prevent his present application from going forward in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothea Waters
Executive Secretary

DW:MB

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MAR 20 PM 2:17

D. C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 21, 1946

Dear Miss Waters:

Thank you for yours of March 19
concerning the status of Mr. Benjamin L.
Smith.

We have received his application for
corporate membership and the record is all
clear.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

ECK:MYB

Mr. Dorothea Waters, Executive Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York, New York

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

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

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March 27, 1946

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are in receipt of your applications dated March 15 and March 25, and also your check for \$10.00 for admission fee and first year's Institute dues in advance. Your desire to become a member of The Institute is appreciated by The Board.

The latter application is in due order and The Secretary will do all he can to expedite its progress.

You will be notified promptly of the result of The Board's action on your application.

Very sincerely,

Alexander C. Robinson III.

Secretary

Mr. Benjamin Lane Smith
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

ACR/kk

CC to: Proposers - Mr. Stephen F. Voorhees, F.A.I.A.
Mr. J. Davidson Stephen, A.I.A.



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MAR 29 AM 9:19
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AP No
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Benjamin Lane Smith, New York, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Raleigh, N. C.
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date.....March 26,.....1946. Alexander C. Robinson
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?.....Yps
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?..........or by exemption?.....
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....Registration granted on basis of reciprocity with Illinois
4. What was the period of the examination?..........days. Written examination..........hours; Oral examination..........hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?.....No..... If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration.....Aug 3.....1940..... Registration No.....399..... Is it current?.....Yps

Ross Hummel
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date.....March 27.....1946.....North Carolina State Board of Arch. Exam. & Registration.
(Name of Board)

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF
REGISTRATION

RECORD OF REGISTRATION
OF

Benjamin Lane Smith, New York, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Springfield, Ill.
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date March 26, 19 46 Alexander C. Robinson
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption? _____
3. What was the scope of the examination? 3 Day written
4. What was the period of the examination? 3 days. Written examination 24 hours; Oral examination _____ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? Yes If so, give Certificate No. 964
6. Date of last registration July 7, 19 30 Registration No. 2301 Is it current? Yes

Philip M. Harman
Superintendent of ~~Registration~~ Registration

Date March 28, 19 46 Ill. Dept. of Registration & Education
(Arch. Division) (Name of Board)

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION
OF

Benjamin Lane Smith, New York, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, New York
Address

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BUREAU

SECOND REQUEST

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date May 24 1946 Alexander C. Robinson, Jr.
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Licensed
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? no or by exemption? yes
3. What was the scope of the examination? Certificate of qualification issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards accepted.
4. What was the period of the examination? — days. Written examination — hours; Oral examination — hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? —. If so, give Certificate No. —
6. Date of last registration Sept 1 1944 Registration No. 5010 Is it current? yes
Sept 1 1946

H L Field
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date April 28 1946

New York State Education Department
(Name of Board)

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June 15, 1946

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the New York chapter, effective June 15, 1946. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

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

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III

Secretary

Mr. Benjamin Lane Smith, A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

ACR:B

cc to: Proposers: Mr. Stephen F. Voorhees
Mr. J. Davidson Stephen

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BENJAMIN L. SMITH, R.A.

January 18, 1950.

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

Dear Mr. Purves:

I am returning herewith the statement for annual dues in the amount of \$25. I would appreciate it if you would correct your records and bill me for the increased sum, or \$40.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,



Benjamin Lane Smith

Mr. Smith is paying "graded" dues. - last year they were \$20, and this year \$25. He was admitted June 15, 1946.

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

① Mrs M. A. H. ✓
② P. G. ✓
2-3
COPY
Smith

January 26, 1950

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of January 18.

Much as I am sure The Institute would like to have the additional dues, your dues this year are \$25.00, as you were elected to membership in 1946, and are still paying graded dues.

Your dues will continue to increase \$5.00 each year until you have reached the regular annual dues — now set at \$40.00 per year.

We are returning The Institute's bill for \$25.00 herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin

J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Benjamin L. Smith, A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

JWR:dhm
Enclosure



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 31, 19 56

Voted On Mar. 28, 1957.

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

Granted March 28, 19 57

NO M

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Benjamin Lane Smith *Date of Nomination* Oct. 28, 19 56
2. *Address of Nominee* 101 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York
3. *Nominee's firm* Voorhees Walker Smith & Smith
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* New York
5. *Nominee's Chapter* New York
6. *Nominee's State Organization* New York State Association of Architects
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* June 15, 1946
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* June 15, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1956.
9. *Nominee's age* 50 yrs. *Birthplace* Chicago, Illinois
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| President: *Robert Cutler ✓ | , Roger G. Spross ✓ |
| Vice-Pres.: *Harold C. Bernhard ✓ | , Ralph Pomerance ✓ |
| Treasurer: *Aaron N. Kiff ✓ | , Frederick J. Woodbridge ✓ |
| Secretary: *L. Bancel LaFarge ✓ | , Geoffrey N. Lawford ✓ |
| | , Alonzo W. Clark ✓ |
| | , Frederick G. Frost, Jr. ✓ |

11. *Achievement* in Design

Exhibits Rec'd
NO NF 625

(Nominators leave blank)



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1956 OCT 31 PM 2:10
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Date October 28, 19 56

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 23, 1956 ^{*Type in full name.} nominated* Benjamin Lane Smith, member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Benjamin Lane Smith a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** Architectural Design that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

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

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

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ The New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

Benjamin Lane Smith for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Adrian J. Woodhams
George H. Langford
Alanzo W. Clark
Andrew G. West, Jr.

Robert L. ...
Harold C. Brouhard
Roger C. Jones
Edward ...
Lawson N. Kiff
Edward ... Secretary.

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

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **Benjamin Lane Smith**

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

2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of **United States of America**

3. Nominee's legal residence **5 Tisdale Road, Scarsdale, New York**

4. Nominee's firm name **Voorhees Walker Smith & Smith**

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.**

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

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **N. C. A. R. B.**

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 **November 29, 1906**. Place of birth **Chicago, Illinois**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
<i>High School</i>	Tilden Technical Chicago, Illinois	4	1923	
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>	University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.	2	1925-27	
<i>College or University</i>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.	(1 yr.)	1928-29	
<i>Post Graduate at</i>	Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts, Fontainebleau, France - 1932.			
<i>Scholarships held</i>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Special Student Scholarship. A. W. Brown Foreign Traveling Fellowship. (Study in European countries.)			

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

10. Other data concerning nominee's record:

Employed by Department of Interior at Washington, D. C. 1933-34 as architect-in-charge of design and construction of the Tygart Valley Homesteads at Tygart Valley, West Virginia.

Employed by Office of the Supervising Architect, U. S. Treasury Dept., Washington, D. C. 1934-37 as designer of post offices and court houses.

Employed by the firm of Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith 1937-45 as designer and project manager.

Became senior partner in Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith in 1945.

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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
<u>Type D</u>				<i>Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.</i>
	Firestone Research Laboratory, Akron, Ohio		1947	
	Columbia University's Cyclotron Building, Irvington, N. Y.		1948	<i>Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.</i>
	General Electric Co.'s Research Laboratory - The Knolls, Schenectady, N. Y.	First Unit	1950 (continuing)	
	Ford Motor Co.'s Ford Research & Engineering Center Dearborn, Michigan		1953 (First Unit - continuing)	
	Clinic Building, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan		1955	
	Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine		1956	

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 nominee's outstanding ability in planning and design, exhibited while an employee of Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith, was a strong consideration in the firm's invitation to join them in partnership as a senior partner in 1945. He has shared in their notable contributions of distinguished work and their advancement of the profession. His works, as those of the firm, have been of widely varying scope and nature demanding unusual abilities in planning and architectural expression.

A notable work of great variety and scope is evidenced in the Ford Research & Engineering Center at Dearborn, Michigan, a large scale development containing a wide variety of activities such as styling studios, aesthetic design environments, display areas, dynamometer testing facilities, body engineering shops, scientific laboratory and research facilities, automotive propulsion laboratories, industrial relations and medical buildings.

The planning and design of this vast complex of requirements into a well coordinated scheme for work in agreeable surroundings, and creating a superb architectural environment, is an unusual achievement and will no doubt influence other industries to raise

their standards in this regard. The success of this project is due in large measure to a sensitive handling of design elements and materials, and it is significant that it was accomplished with economy.

The Clinic Building of the Henry Ford Hospital presented an unusual problem in the design of a medical facility of a kind which may well have great influence on methods of medical treatment of the future. The problem demanded ingenuity and imagination in planning, and was accomplished with outstanding success.

The firm's work over the past ten years has been extremely varied, encompassing nuclear installations of considerable magnitude as well as other more usual types such as office facilities, churches, schools, hospitals, laboratories, etc. The nominee has been actively engaged in all of these undertakings.

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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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.

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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.)

Paper delivered, Architectural Aspects of Industrial and Office Quieting, National Noise Abatement Symposium. 1951 - Chicago.

Paper delivered, Color and Acoustics in Hospital Design, Society of Medical Administrators. 1952.

Visiting Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. 1954.

Member of evaluating committee of The National Architectural Accrediting Board. 1956. (Evaluation of Department of Architecture, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.)

Member of Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A. Education Committee. 1955.

Chairman, New York Chapter, A.I.A. Education Committee. 1956.

2. LITERARY WORK

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

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

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

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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.

SMITH, BENJAMIN LANE

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Beckwith, Herbert L., AIA, Cambridge, Mass.

April 2, 1957

Mr. Benjamin Lane Smith, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

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

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1957 Convention of The Institute, to be held in Washington, D. C., starting May 14, at the Sheraton-Park and Shoreham Hotels.

At the Sixth Annual Convocation of The College of Fellows at noon on Thursday, May 16, at the Hotel Carlton, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony, and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present.

The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

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

ERP/c

April 3, 1957

Mr. Benjamin Lane Smith, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

At the recent meeting of The Jury of Fellows you were elected to Fellowship in The Institute and membership in The College of Fellows of the A.I.A. for achievement in Design.

At the Convention there will be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows premiated for Design, and to that end the Jury has had to make a comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under separate cover your entire exhibit is being returned, and the photographs selected are designated by pieces of masking tape and are as follows:

- 1) General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, New York
- 2) Ford Research and Engineering Center, Dearborn, Michigan - Exterior
- 3) ditto - Interior

These should be reproduced to conform with the instructions enclosed (see pages 2 and 3) and should be forwarded to Mr. Arthur B. Holmes, A.I.A. Convention Manager, C/o Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., to be received there not later than May 8.

The members of the Jury are happy to express their welcome to you in your new status.

Cordially yours,

Alexander C. Robinson, III, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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BENJAMIN LANE SMITH
101 PARK AVENUE · NEW YORK

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Smith, Benjamin Lane*

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April 5, 1957.

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Dear Mr. Purves:

Thank you for your letter of April 2nd advising me that The American Institute of Architects wishes to confer upon me the honor of Fellowship and membership in The College of Fellows.

I shall be happy to be present at the annual convocation of The College of Fellows at noon on Thursday, May 16, at the Carlton Hotel.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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The Octagon · 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. · Washington 6, D. C.

September 14, 1960

Statement by Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director, A.I.A.
Regarding Voorhees, Walker, et al

To Each Member of The Board of Directors,
The American Institute of Architects

In compliance with a request of The Executive Committee of The Board, herewith is a resume of the case of Voorhees, Walker, Smith, Smith and Haines. The Board of Directors took an action at its Fall meeting in Portland, Oregon, 1959, suspending all five principal members of the above named firm as the result of judiciary proceedings and hearings. The hearings were, in the opinion of The Board and of our Legal Counsellor, properly conducted and in conformity with our Bylaws and Rules.

Upon my return to Washington after the Portland meeting, I was called on the telephone by Ralph Walker immediately upon his receiving the notification of his suspension from the Secretary of The Institute. In this rather difficult conversation, Ralph Walker informed me that he was putting the matter in the hands of his attorneys. He demanded that I furnish him with certain documents with which demand I could not comply as I had no authority to do so and informed him to that effect. I presumed he was speaking for the firm and not for himself alone.

On Friday, December 4, 1959, I received the attached telegram from the attorneys. The President and Secretary, I believe, also received identical telegrams. Under date of December 7th I replied to the telegram in a letter largely dictated to me by Mr. Lowe who was still acting as Legal Counsellor for The Institute. A copy of that letter is attached. On December 18, 1959, I received a written communication from Messrs. Milbank, Tweed, Hope and Hadley, attorneys for Voorhees, Walker, et al, to which on the advice of

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counsel, Samuel Spencer, who became our Legal Counsellor as of January 1, 1960, I did not reply. However, in the meantime, our Legal Counsellor had been in communication with them as attorneys for Voorhees, Walker et al and apparently there was no need for a further reply to them from The Octagon. I kept the members of The Board and our Legal Counsellor advised of any transactions, communication or correspondence to which I had been a party. In fact, I seldom acted except on the advice of Counsel. We also kept in constant communication with the then President of the New York Chapter, L. Bancel LaFarge, and with other appropriate officers and Judiciary Committee members.

On behalf of their clients, Milbank, Tweed, Hope and Hadley petitioned the Supreme Court of New York (a trial level court) to direct The American Institute of Architects to vacate and expunge from its records the action of November 9, 1959, by The Board and direct the A.I.A. to reinstate the accused in good standing, to grant the accused all costs and disbursements, and such other relief as may be proper and to stay the Officers and Directors of the A.I.A. from any further proceedings against the accused.

In the petition it was alleged:

1. That Voorhees and Walker were members of a partnership licensed to practice architecture in the State of New York.
2. That Perry Coke Smith, Benjamin Lane Smith and Charles Haines were likewise licensed and were members of the partnership.
3. That the A.I.A. is a domestic corporation having its principal office at 115 E. 40th Street, New York.
4. That on or about February 3, 1959, the A.I.A. informed Voorhees, Walker et al of the charges against them.
5. That on July 17, 1959 a hearing was held by our New York Regional Judiciary Committee.

6. That Voorhees, Walker et al alleged that in their testimony during the Regional hearing they had established the following facts; to-wit, that in effect they had not solicited the commission for the State University at Stony Brook, Long Island, New York, that Moore and Hutchins, complaintants', services had been terminated; that Voorhees, Walker, et al had only proceeded after notifying Moore and Hutchins of their intent in writing to proceed.

7. That our New York Regional Judiciary Committee recommended dismissal of the charge of violation of Standard #9; recommended without comment review by our National Judiciary Committee of the alleged violation of Standard #10.

8. That notwithstanding our National Judiciary Committee had ordered a further hearing on both charges to be held November 8, 1959, in Portland, Oregon.

9. That Haines requested the A.I.A. to furnish Voorhees, Walker et al with the Regional Judiciary Committee digest of the case; that Haines was informed that no digest was available; that we had failed to inform Haines as to what record of the proceedings was to be before the National Judiciary Committee.

10. That Perry Coke Smith and Charles Haines appeared in Portland, Oregon before the National Judiciary Committee which hearing was conducted without permitting confrontation; that the National Judiciary Committee had failed to inform Haines and Perry Coke Smith of the testimony given against them; that members of our National Judiciary Committee had made unfounded prejudicial statements indicating a predisposition of the case and altogether had conducted itself in an unfair and biased manner.

11. That Smith and Haines appeared at the hearing before The Board of Directors; that The Board privately conferred with its National Judiciary Committee without permitting Haines and Smith to be present; that The Board then privately conferred with Messrs. Moore and LaFarge without permitting Haines and Smith to be present; that Haines and Smith were then summoned and

were only permitted to make statements. That they were not permitted to be represented by legal counsel and that our Board failed or refused to inform them (Haines and Smith) of the testimony or statements made against them.

12. That on November 24, 1959, the A.I.A. informed Voorhees, Walker et al that they had been found guilty and suspension was imposed.

13. That Voorhees, Walker et al protested that the findings and penalty were unlawful and demanded that the same be vacated and set aside and that the A.I.A. had refused to comply with this demand.

14. That the A.I.A. in violation of the Petitioners' rights and to their damage failed to follow its own procedural rules and to accord the Petitioners a fair opportunity to defend themselves as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution and by similar constitutional provisions of the State of New York and further;

a. That the Regional Judiciary Committee had failed to submit a transcript or digest of these proceedings;

b. That the National Judiciary Committee failed to conduct the meeting at a place convenient to Voorhees, Walker, et al;

c. That the National Judiciary Committee failed to conduct a proper hearing and to permit confrontation and cross-examination;

d. That our Board of Directors failed to conduct a proper hearing.

15. That The Institute had failed to obtain from its own Counsel a Certificate of the legality of the proceedings. (Note: this is only required in cases wherein the result of the proceedings is expulsion and does not apply to suspensions. Written substantiation of the legality of the proceedings was subsequently furnished by Counsel.)

16. That the findings of our Board of Directors at the Portland hearing were illegal and void.

17. That Standards 9 and 10 as applied are illegal and void, in violation of the statutes of the United States and the State of New York, and contrary

to public policy.

18. That Voorhees, Walker, et al now have been seriously damaged in reputation and business; that many members of the A.I.A. had received information relative to the Board findings.

The petition was sworn to by Charles Haines and was used as the basis for an ex parte order from Judge Steuer of the New York Supreme Court which stayed The Institute from further proceedings, including notification to our members of our findings, pending a final order or further direction from the Court. The order was served with the petition. The A.I.A. then through its attorneys, Spencer and Whalen, Washington, D. C., and Webster, Sheffield and Chrystie of New York filed an answer in which we admitted certain of the allegations such as that the accused were licensed to practice in New York and other self-evident and incontrovertible facts. However, the answer of The Institute maintained its original premise to the effect that our procedures were followed, hearings were properly conducted, and thoroughly supported the position of The Institute. Our answer, fifteen legal pages long, was supported by some two dozen exhibits and sworn to by myself as being an accurate and true statement to the best of my knowledge. There are also the affidavits of John Richards, Philip Creer, Walter Brach, Bancel LaFarge and John Moore. The entire file will be available at the meeting of The Board of Directors. Subsequently, Voorhees, Walker, et al submitted a further pleading consisting of a Reply to our Answer. This pleading was sworn to by Charles Haines and was accompanied by affidavits of each of the five members of the accused firm. These went into considerable detail about their view of the facts.

The American Institute of Architects submitted a Brief in support of our application for the dismissal of the Petition, the request for dismissal being contained in the answer referred to above. This Brief, prepared by our Legal Counsellor, substantiates amply the position of The Institute

through reference to other and relevant court cases. Simultaneously, counsel for Voorhees, Walker, et al submitted an extensive brief in support of their contentions. Under date of March 21, 1960, immediately before the hearing, they also submitted a Reply Brief in which they cited further court cases which they believed would substantiate their position and further reiterated certain allegations and charges made in the original Petition.

The general nature of their contentions was:

- (1) unfairness in the proceedings, chiefly by denying confrontation and cross-examination, failure of the Regional Judiciary Committee to prepare a digest of the testimony or to have a transcript taken, and holding hearings on the West Coast; and
- (2) violation of the antitrust laws and contravention of public policy by application of Standards 9 and 10.

A hearing was held by Judge Nathan on March 23, 1960, at which we were represented by Messrs. Spencer and Whalen and Mr. Downey of Webster, Sheffield and Chrystie. Subsequent to the hearing our Counsel submitted a Reply Brief to correct certain inaccuracies contained in the Voorhees' briefs, and their counsel submitted in turn a Supplemental Reply Brief. Judge Nathan issued his opinion, dated May 27, 1960, by publishing it without prior notification in the New York Law Journal of May 31st last. As of June 8, 1960, Judge Nathan issued the order to annul and rescind the determination made by The Board and to reinstate the Petitioners as members in good standing, without prejudice, however to any further proceedings not inconsistent with the written opinion of the Court. These last words are important because they indicate that the Court order is essentially contemplative of further proceedings within the A.I A. if The Board should so determine. The Court did find on two grounds that the accused were entitled to have the original proceedings set aside: namely, the refusal of confrontation and cross-examination, which the Court held to be a violation

of basic rights to procedural due process, and the fact that the Regional Judiciary Committee had not, in the opinion of the Court, rendered an adequate digest of the statements of the witnesses. Neither of these grounds, of course, would preclude ultimate disciplinary action in this case, because each is correctible. (Copies of the opinion and order have already been transmitted to all concerned.) Numerous contentions of counsel for Voorhees, Walker et al were explicitly rejected by Judge Nathan, or passed over entirely as unworthy of comment. Among others, these included the contentions concerning (1) antitrust laws and public policy, (2) the place of the hearings, (3) the discouragement of legal counsel, and (4) the claims of bias.

There will be placed before The Board at its coming meeting in Las Vegas two resolutions drawn by Legal Counsel. First of these rescinds The Board action taken at Portland, Oregon, in November, 1959, and thereby reinstates the suspended members in good standing, whereupon a second resolution will be submitted to the Board which calls for the Board to invoke its authority and intervene directly and rehear the case on the original charges against Voorhees, Walker, Smith, Smith and Haines. If such resolutions are adopted, those members will be members under charges and pursuant to the Bylaws cannot be permitted to resign from The Institute. The final disposition of the case, if this procedure is adopted, will presumably take place at the January meeting of The Board.

The case has not been easy and there were personalities involved. Old friendships have suffered grievously.

About the time Judge Nathan signed the order disposing of the court action (June 8), Mr. William Jackson, trial counsel for Voorhees, Walker et al, telephoned Sam Spencer, indicating that he thought it would be helpful if he and Jackson or one of Jackson's partners got together and discussed what might happen in the case from here on. He said that his partner, Mr. Albert Early, would be in Washington in a few days. Sam Spencer and I

and Early had a discussion on June 16. Mr. Early said that Milbank, Tweed, et al, had made an independent investigation of the facts in this case. He indicated that there were two people involved who were "out to get" Voorhees, Walker, et al, and that in his opinion these people had "used" The Board for their nefarious purposes. He said that he was convinced that the Voorhees people had done nothing wrong and that it was all a misunderstanding. We indicated that if he wished to write a letter to The Board setting forth any new evidence which Milbank, Tweed, et al might have found, we were sure that the Board would be glad to receive the letter and consider it in determining whether to hold a further hearing. He said that he did not think that they would want to put such evidence in a letter. Both Sam and I felt that the purpose of his trip was primarily to sound us out as to whether The Board would be willing to drop this case. We said that of course The Board would have to decide this, but that we knew the Board had given very serious and careful consideration to this case in the first place and that we doubted very much if it would want to drop the case unless there were important new evidence which substantially changed the picture. There was some further discussion about the manner in which further hearings might be held. Mr. Early indicated that Milbank, Tweed, et al would take an active part in any further hearings.

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

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cc: Mr. Samuel Spencer
Mr. Philip Creer
Mr. Herman Light
Miss Gervais

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EDMUND R. PURVES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (REPORT DELIVERY)
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVE NW WASH DC

AS ATTORNEYS FOR VOORHEES WALKER SMITH SMITH & HAINES WE HEREBY PROTEST FINDING OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF ITS MEMBERS AND SUSPENSION MADE BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 9TH IN PROCEEDING ON COMPLAINT OF MOORE & HUTCHINS STOP PROCEEDINGS BEFORE BOARD AND NATIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VIOLATED REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD RULES FOR FORMAL HEARING AND WERE CONDUCTED IN ARBITRARY CAPRICIOUS AND UNLAWFUL MANNER STOP RESPONDENTS NOT CONFRONTED BY OR PERMITTED TO CROSS-EXAMINE COMPLAINANTS OR THEIR WITNESSES, NOT PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT WHEN EVIDENCE INTRODUCED AGAINST THEM, NOT INFORMED OF SUCH EVIDENCE, AND THUS DEPRIVED OF FAIR HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND STOP WE DEMAND THAT BOARD'S FINDING AND SUSPENSION BE VACATED AND A PROPER FORMAL HEARING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AT PLACE CONVENIENT FOR RESPONDENTS AND THEIR WITNESSES STOP WE FURTHER DEMAND COPIES OF FOLLOWING PAPERS REQUIRED BY RULES: (1) COUNSEL'S OPINION ON LEGALITY AND LEGAL FORM OF PROCEDURE FOLLOWED, (2) REPORT OF N.Y. REGIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, (3) DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR FURTHER PROCEEDING BY NATIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND (4) REPORT OF NATIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO BOARD STOP YOUR FAILURE TO COMPLY PROMPTLY WITH ABOVE DEMANDS WILL NECESSITATE LEGAL ACTION TO REVIEW PROCEEDINGS AND VACATE THE BOARD'S FINDINGS AND PENALTY STOP WILL ALSO HOLD YOU, AIA AND BOARD MEMBERS STRICTLY LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO RESPONDENTS FROM ANY NOTIFICATION TO AIA MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD'S FINDING AND PENALTY STOP UNLESS YOU NOTIFY US OF YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH FOREGOING BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER NINE, LEGAL ACTION WILL COMMENCE.

MILBANK, TWEED, HOPE & HADLEY ATTORNEYS
15 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK N.Y.

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C-O-P-Y

December 7, 1959

Milbank, Tweed, Hope and Hadley
Attorneys at Law
15 Broad Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

With reference to your telegram of December 4th, herewith for your information are copies of our Bylaws, Rules of our Board of Directors, and our Document No. J-330, "Standards of Professional Practice," which contain full information with respect to our rules of conduct, ethical standards and disciplinary procedures. It might be helpful to both of us if you were to ask Mr. Walker to point out the manner in which these Bylaws and Rules governing judiciary procedures have not been observed, if there be any. It would appear from your telegram that possibly you are not conversant with these documents.

It is interesting to note that our disciplinary procedures in force at the present time were developed under the administration of Mr. Ralph Walker when he was President of The American Institute of Architects and so presumably he must have played an important part in their framing.

According to our information, all members of the firm - Stephen F. Voorhees, Ralph Walker, Perry Coke Smith, Benjamin Lane Smith and Charles S. Haines, II - were present at the hearing held by the regional judiciary committee in New York on July 17, 1959, and were given every opportunity to present their side of the case. Similar opportunity was offered to them at the hearing before the National Judiciary Committee held on November 8, 1959, at Portland, Oregon, and at the hearing before The Board of Directors on November 9, 1959, in Portland, Oregon. On these last two occasions Voorhees, Walker, Smith, Smith and Haines were represented by Perry Coke Smith and Charles S. Haines, II.

We would appreciate hearing from you, after you have studied these documents, in the event that you have found that in your opinion there has occurred any deviation from the procedures as described in the documents.

The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects will meet in Washington, D. C. commencing on January 25, 1960. Voorhees, Walker, Smith, Smith and Haines might request that there be a re-hearing of their case without prejudice at the time of the Board meeting. However, the acceding to such a request comes within the jurisdiction of The Board of Directors and, of course, I may not anticipate The Board's attitude or predict its action.

Milbank, Tweed, Hope and Hadley
Attorneys at Law, New York, New York

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December 7, 1959

Notification to our members as required by our Bylaws is being deferred pending further developments. It should be pointed out that this postponement cannot be held indefinitely.

We await word from you with respect to the request for a re-hearing, otherwise, we have no further comment.

Very truly yours,

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

cc: Each Member of The Board of Directors, A.I.A.
Mr. L. Bancel LaFarge
Mr. John T. Carr Lowe
Miss Florence Gervais

*members
Smith, Benjamin Lane*



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J. ROY CARROLL, JR., F. A. I. A., SECRETARY
6 PENN CENTER PLAZA
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October 5, 1960

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CONFIDENTIAL

To:

Mr. Stephen F. Voorhees, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Mr. John C. B. Moore, F.A.I.A.
800 Second Avenue
New York 17, New York

Mr. Ralph Walker, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
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Mr. Robert S. Hutchins, F.A.I.A.
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New York 17, New York

Mr. Perry Coke Smith, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
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Mr. Frederick J. Woodbridge, F.A.I.A.
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115 East 40th Street
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Mr. Benjamin Lane Smith, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
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Mr. Charles S. Haines, II, F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects at the meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 26-30, 1960, passed a resolution rescinding and annulling its action taken on November 9, 1959, suspending for a period of two years the corporate memberships of Stephen Francis Voorhees, Ralph Walker, Perry Coke Smith, Benjamin Lane Smith, and Charles S. Haines, II. The resolution reinstated the aforesaid persons as corporate members of The American Institute of Architects in good standing at all times.

This action was taken pursuant to the opinion and order dated May 27, 1960, and June 8, 1960, of Justice Edgar J. Nathan, Jr., in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the case of Stephen F. Voorhees, Ralph Walker, et al. vs. American Institute of Architects.

A certified copy of the said resolution is enclosed.

You are further notified that at the said meeting, September 26-30, 1960, the

Board passed a resolution setting the charges of alleged unprofessional conduct made by the New York Chapter on complaint of John C. B. Moore and Robert S. Hutchins against Stephen F. Voorhees, Ralph Walker, Perry Coke Smith, Benjamin Lane Smith and Charles S. Haines, II for alleged violation of Rules 9 and 10 of the Mandatory Standards of Professional Practice for a new hearing before The Board of Directors on January 9, 1961, at 10:00 A.M., at 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. A certified copy of the said resolution is enclosed.

You will note that the resolution provides that at the said hearing the parties may be heard, may call such witnesses, and produce such evidence in writing, relevant to the issues involved, as they may desire.

Complainants John C. B. Moore and Robert S. Hutchins are hereby notified that they shall submit in duplicate to the Board within twenty days of the date of receipt of this notice a digest of the evidence they propose to submit, and a list of all the witnesses who will be called to give evidence in their behalf, and that no witnesses other than those listed by complainants shall be heard in support of the complaint, except upon call of the President.

Also enclosed are the following: Copy of the current Standards of Professional Practice, copy of Chapter XIV of the Bylaws of The American Institute of Architects relating to "Architectural Practice," and Chapter XIV of the Rules of The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects relating to "Architectural Practice."

Very truly yours,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.
Secretary
The American Institute of Architects

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