

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Held on May 17th and 18th, 1917 at the  
Georgian Terrace Hotel,  
Atlanta, Georgia

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 A. M. May 17, 1917 by President Mauran. Members present

Others present were the Secretary, Mr. Parker, the Treasurer, Mr. Waid, and Messrs. Fenner and Jensen; also the Executive Secretary.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington on January 18th and 19th were presented for approval. As the record had been distributed a reading was dispensed with and it was resolved that the same be accepted without amendments. Minutes amended and approved

The Treasurer reported that the general financial condition of the Institute was in the main satisfactory. A third notice to all delinquents, so marked, was sent on the 1st of May, and receipts of dues have improved since that date. Report of the Treasurer

At the end of April, 1917, the total amount of dues outstanding for Members and Fellows was \$14,222.50; as compared with \$13,977.50, ~~1916~~. Present unsettled business conditions and war depression are believed to be responsible for non-payment in the majority of cases. *April 30.*

The Treasurer submitted a complete list of those delinquent for dues for the year 1916 and prior thereto. Delinquents

In order to expedite action on this list the names were divided into three classes:

Class A - Those in arrears for 1917 only: They are not to receive special letters, but will receive a statement at the end of each month.

Class B - Those in arrears for 1916 and 1917: They are to be advised that their names will be posted at the Octagon on July 1st unless remittance is made. The Treasurer was authorized to accept a payment of 50% on account in which event the name will not be posted.

Class C - Those in arrears as far back as 1915 or prior years or not fully qualified: Each of these delinquents is to receive a letter stating that the

At the January meeting, Mr. Gabriel Ferrand of the St. Louis Chapter was elected to Institute membership.

Initiation Fee  
of Gabriel  
Ferrand

It appeared however that from the Minutes of the Chapter Mr. Ferrand did not become a member thereof until after the date of the Fiftieth Convention. Apparently he should pay the initiation fee of \$25.00.

As a matter of fact, he was a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter at the time of the Convention. In view of these circumstances, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the initiation fee of \$25.00 should not properly be charged against the account of Mr. Ferrand.

At the January meeting, James Richard Law was admitted to Institute membership. His application was signed by the Secretary of the Wisconsin Chapter who certified he was a member thereof.

Membership status  
of James R. Law

In a letter dated February 24, 1916, the Secretary of the Chapter writes that Mr. Law was not a member of the Wisconsin Chapter when he applied for Institute membership.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that Mr. Law be assigned to the Wisconsin Chapter and that he be required to pay the initiation fee of \$25.00.

Mr. Louis T. Lenzen (M) of the San Francisco Chapter stated in a letter of February 22nd, 1917, that he desired his resignation to be considered in the manner indicated in a previous communication of October 5, 1916.

Membership status  
of Louis T. Lenzen

The reason assigned was the expense of maintaining Institute membership. He is indebted for dues in the sum of \$20.00 for 1917, provided the letter of October 5th is not considered as a letter of resignation.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the resignation be accepted effective December 31, 1917.

Mr. Gustav P. Wuest of the St. Louis Chapter was elected to membership at the January meeting. After his election a statement of the preliminary fee of \$5.00 was sent to him, in reply to which he stated that he desired to withdraw his application.

Membership status  
of Gustav P. Wuest

Mr. Mauran reported briefly, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the name of Mr. Wuest be dropped from the Institute rolls for non-qualification.

The President read a letter of March 2nd from Mr. William P. Bannister, Chairman of the Committee on Registration Laws, concerning the situation in New York and the intention of his Committee to present a preliminary report to the officers of the Institute defining a minimum standard which should be established in every State.

Registration laws  
and letter from  
Chairman Bannister

He referred to the intolerable state of incompetency and dishonesty which exists among certain classes who practice under the title of architect and the necessity for radical improvements in this condition.

Mr. Waid spoke of the present situation, both in New York State and the country at large, urging that the subject of registration is one of increasing importance to the Institute, and that the time has come for a positive stand.

The Committee found itself in general accord with these views. It was suggested that the next Convention should determine upon the policy of the Institute.

The President reported a letter of February 27th from Mr. E. A. Lacey expressing his deep appreciation of the resolution of the Board of Directors in reference to his service with the Institute.

Letter of thanks  
from Mr. Lacey

The Treasurer also reported a letter of February 2nd from Mr. Lacey acknowledging the gift of a suitably engraved walking stick from members of the Board.

The Secretary was requested to send a copy of Mr. Lacey's letter to the President and to each member of the Board.

Inquiry was made for the report of the Committee on Advertising. The President stated that a letter has been received from Mr. Kimball to the effect that this report will be available at the September meeting of the Board.

Request for report  
on Advertising

The President was requested to write to Mr. Kimball making the suggestion that all members of the Board would appreciate an advance copy of his report