

UNDER authority to elect members, as vested in me by The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects, by resolution of The Executive Committee adopted at its meeting on December 10-13, 1934; and in accord with the attached report of The Board of Examiners, I hereby declare

APPLICATION NO AP 502

Dated (Undated) 19 .  
Received December 11, 1939.  
Granted January 15, 1940.

John Winford Byers  
elected a corporate member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to membership in the Southern California Chapter, effective January 15, 1940.

MEMBERSHIP NO 502

Chas. J. Byham Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order  
December 11, 1939  
H. J. Garrison*

- A. Name of applicant . John Winford Byers ..... Chapter . Southern California
- B. Address of applicant . 246 - 26th Street, Santa Monica, California.....
- C. Applicant proposed by Eugene Weston, Jr, and Edgar W. Maybury.....
- D. Application received with check for \$ . 25.00....on ..... December 11, 1939 .
- E. Application returned for correction ..... 19 .
- F. Application in due order on ..... 19 .
- G. Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on ..... 19 ...., on 19 .
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on ..... 19 ...., on 19 .
- H. Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on ..... December 15, 1939.
- I. Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~which application was denied~~ received on ..... December 11, 1939.
- J. No report from chapter executive committee on ..... 19 .
- K. Application sent to The Board of Examiners on ..... January 9, 1940.
- L. The Board of Examiners reported on application on ..... January 9, 1940.
- M. Applicant was admitted on ..... January 15, 1940.
- N. Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on ..... January 15, 1940.
- O. Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ . . . . . returned to applicant on ..... 19 .
- P. Questionnaire, in re: Registration in California..Dec.15, 1939. ) Received  
Final Request " " " Jan. 3, 1940 ) Jan.19,1940.

A member, by virtue of his membership in The Institute, becomes a member of the chapter of The Institute within the territory of which he resides or has his place of business, as he elects, but he pays an admission fee to The Institute only. The admission fee to membership in The Institute normally is twenty-five dollars. (For 1936 this fee was reduced to five dollars.)

A member pays annual dues both to The Institute and to the chapter. The annual dues to The Institute normally are twenty-five dollars (for 1936 Institute dues were reduced to twenty dollars) and those to the chapter are fixed in its by-laws.

Normally the period between the time of filing

an application and the time it is acted on by The Board of The Institute is four months. The period will be longer if the application must be returned to the applicant for corrections or if additional exhibits of the applicant's work are required by The Board of Examiners.

If an application is denied, the amount prepaid by the applicant for annual dues and for admission fee, less five dollars for examination fee, will be returned to him.

An applicant whose application has been denied without prejudice may reapply for admission to membership a year or more after the date of The Secretary's notice to him of his non-admission.

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

1. My full name is **John Winford Byers** .
2. I am a **natural** citizen of **The United States of America** .  
2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of **Santa Monica** ,  
County of **Los Angeles** State of **California** .
4. My address in The Institute records will be  
Street **246 - 26th Street**  
City **Santa Monica** , State **California** .  
4. State whether residence or office address.
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **Practicing Architect** .  
5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.
6. I desire to be a member of the **Southern California** Chapter.
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules, and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.
8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor.  
8. Exhibit required.

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Received Payment

American Institute of Architects

12/12/39 M.F.

Date

19

*John Winford Byers*  
Sign full name in ink

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **March 22nd 1875** ~~1876~~ Place of birth **Grand Rapids, Michigan**

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture as follows:

*States* **California** *Registration or license numbers* **B-1531** *Date of last registration* **January 2nd 1939**

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

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following schools:

- (a) High School **Union High School Grand Rapids Michigan 1894** (c), (d), (e) Write in initials of degree.
- (b) Private School
- (c) College or University **University of Michigan** for **4** years.  
Graduation Year **1898** **B.S.** Degree
- (d) College or University **Harvard University** for **2 1** years.  
Graduation Year **1899** **S.B.** Degree
- (e) Post-graduate at **Harvard** for **1** years. Degree

13. I held the following named scholarships:

- (a) **None** Year
- (b) Year

14. I have traveled in the following countries:

- in **France** **1900-01** **Hawaii, Japan, China**
- in **Uruguay** **1901-02** **and the Philippines** **1914** Year
- in **Argentina, Chile,**
- in **Peru, Ecuador,** Year
- in **Panama, Central**
- in **America, Mexico** Year
- England, France,** **1910** Year
- Italy**

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### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

15. 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:

<i>Classification</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of Employer</i>	<i>City</i>
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In 1917 began the construction of adobe houses from my own plans and specifications working with a crew of native Mexicans. In 1920 began to expand into other types of buildings, hiring my own draftsmen and acting as architect and builder.

*Write in Classification Column the word Student, Junior, or Senior, to indicate your classification as draftsman in each case.*

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

16. 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:

<i>State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of Firm or Corporation</i>
California	1927	to-date	

*If your practice was individual do not write in the last column to the right.*

17. I have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of School or College</i>	<i>My Title</i>
	No			

18. In my capacity of architect, I have held the public offices listed below:

<i>Title of Office</i>	<i>City and State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
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No

19. I list below and attach photographs of two or more of the buildings or other works of which I am the author.

<i>Name of Work</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Miles Memorial	Santa Monica	California
French Ranch	Hidden Valley	"
Residence for Mrs. McCrea	Brentwood Park,	"
" for Mr. Illsley	" "	"
" for Mr. Clum	Beverly Hills	"
Adobe ranch house for Kemper Campbell	Victorville	"
Residence for Owen Follen	San Marino	"

*Exhibits required.*

MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

20. I am a member of civic or semi-public organizations listed below:

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
None		

21. I have held offices in non-architectural organizations as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>
None		

22. I have written the following papers relating to architecture and the arts and sciences allied therewith:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Year</i>
Adobe Construction	American Architect	1925

**MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Form 4-10-37

- |  | <i>From</i>   | <i>To</i>                         | <i>Reason for Termination</i>    |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 23. Member of Institute  |               |                                   |                                  |
| 24. Junior of Institute  |               |                                   |                                  |
| 25. Associate of following Chapters:   | <b>1939</b>   | <b>to-date</b>                    |                                  |
| <b>Southern California</b>   |               |                                   |                                  |
| 26. Member of State Association in <b>California</b>   | <i>State</i>  | from                              | to <b>since its organization</b> |
| 27. I have held offices in the architectural organizations listed below:   | <i>Office</i> | <i>Architectural Organization</i> | <i>Year</i>                      |
| <b>Member - State Executive Board</b>  |               |                                   |                                  |
| <b>State Association</b>   |               |                                   | <b>1937-39</b>                   |
| <b>Advisor</b>   |               | " "                               |                                  |
| 28. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.<br>(If there are exceptions, state details) |               |                                   |                                  |
| <b>None</b>  |               |                                   |                                  |

I certify that each and all of the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed *John Winford Rogers*  
*Applicant*

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 him and 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 \_\_\_\_\_ years. I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Signed *Jugene H. ...*  
*Proposer*

Signed *Ray W. Maybury*  
*Proposer*  
25 S. Euclid Ave  
Pasadena



THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1940 JAN 19 PM 1:19  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

John Winford Byers, Santa Monica,  
(Name of Applicant) Calif.

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address 907-C State Building, Los Angeles, California

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 December 15, 1939

*Chas. J. Ingraham*  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?..... YES
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Exam .....or by exemption?.....
3. What was the scope of the examination? Oral examination and resentation  
of his exhibit showing his work in Design
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....one.....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 Dec. 29.....1939..... Registration No. B-1531..... Is it current?..... YES.

*W. D. Dalsberry*  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Southern Section, California Board  
of Architectural Examiners  
(Name of Board)

Date Jan 15.....1940

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 15, 1940

Dear Mr. Byers:

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 Southern California Chapter, effective January 15, 1940. 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,

*Chas. J. Ingham*  
Secretary

Mr. John Winford Byers, A.I.A.  
246 26th Street  
Santa Monica, California

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JOHN BYERS  
ARCHITECT

January 25th 1940

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1940 JAN 29 AM 10:05  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Charles T. Ingham,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ingham:

This will acknowledge  
receipt of your letter advising me of  
my admission to the American Institute  
of Architects.

I am very much  
gratified and appreciative of your kind  
expressions.

Sincerely,

*John Byers*  
JOHN BYERS

B/w

March 26, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

I was 79 on March 22nd of this year, and am quitting the active practice as an architect.

It is my understanding that I can still carry the title "Emeritus" without dues.

Will you please inform me as to this and send me the necessary forms?

Respectfully yours,

  
John W. Byers, A.I.A.

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April 8, 1954

Mr. Francis Merchant, Secretary  
Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.  
3723 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Mr. Merchant:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. John W. Byers, A.I.A., assigned to the Southern California Chapter, in which he advises he was 79 years of age on March 22nd of this year and is quitting active practice as an architect. He also states that he understands he can become a Member Emeritus and be relieved from dues payments.

As you know, when a member is past 70 years of age, and has been a corporate member for 15 years, he may apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute. However, Mr. Byers was elected in 1940 and has had slightly less than the required fifteen years of membership.

This membership period, however, may be waived and The Board of Examiners likes to have the member's chapter's recommendation in such case.

The Board of Examiners will meet again on May 4th, and it would be helpful to have the Southern California Chapter's recommendation for that meeting, if possible.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Membership and Records

Copy to the Director, Sierra-Nevada District

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
SUITE 9, 3723 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES 5  
DUNKIRK 4-1197

April 20, 1954

Miss Florence H. Gervais  
Membership and Records  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

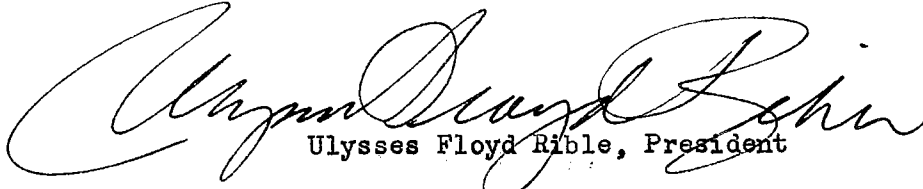
Dear Miss Gervais:

The Executive Committee of our Chapter has directed me to reply to your letter of April 8th addressed to Mr. Francis Merchant, Secretary, relative to the inquiry of Mr. John W. Byers for election as Member Emeritus of the Institute.

While it is true Mr. Byers has not had fifteen years of continuous membership, it lacks only a few months of this qualification. Our Executive Committee wishes you to be informed that Mr. Byers has, during his period of membership in our Chapter, been active on its committees and he has made exceptional contribution to the high standard of design set by his fellow members. Mr. Byers has many times been cited for his excellence particularly in residential design.

We strongly and sincerely recommend that the Institute Board of Examiners approve Mr. Byers petition for Membership Emeritus. Should you wish further data in support of our recommendation kindly advise.

Sincerely,



Ulysses Floyd Rible, President

*Member  
Byers, John W*



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. John W. Byers, A.I.A.**  
**246 - 26th Street**  
**Santa Monica, California**

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you  
the title

**MEMBER EMERITUS**

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are  
a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such  
organizations, effective **January 1, 1954**

Date **May 17,** 19 **54.**

*George Bain Cummings*  
Secretary

*S. Calif*

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JOHN WINFORD BYERS, A.I.A.  
ARCHITECT

ROBERT DE WITT  
ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT

246-26 STREET · SANTA MONICA · PHONE 54067

American Institute of Architects

The Octagon Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

This will acknowledge your  
very welcome communication of  
way of advising me of my new  
status as Member Emeritus.

I shall be 80 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
next March and shall definitely  
retire from the practice of  
architecture at this time.

With much appreciation

John Byers  
A.I.A.

(F)

members  
Byers, John W