

Approved Sept 10th

July 24, 1930.

Memorandum - E. C. K.

Follow through on the Eliel Saarinen election - as rapidly as the procedure permits.

Eliel Saarinen—Elected Conditionally.

The Secretary presented application for membership from Mr. Eliel Saarinen, as received by him on the last day of the Convention from the President of the Detroit Chapter. He recommended that Mr. Saarinen be elected subject to the usual procedure and the 30-day period for privileged communications, and that the submission of the usual exhibits be waived.

Resolved, That Eliel Saarinen be elected to membership in the Institute and assigned to the Detroit Chapter, subject to the usual procedure and the thirty-day period for privileged communications, and that he be not required to submit exhibits of executed work. (211-B-5-30)

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Application for Membership

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To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Eliel Saarinen
Address Towser Knoll - Lone Pine Road - Bloomfield Hills - Michigan
Place and date of birth Aug 20th 1873 Finland
Graduate in architecture Polytechnical Institute Helsinki Finland
Holder of Scholarship in architecture

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolé des Beaux Arts.

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.

If practicing architect, firm name
Have been in practice 33 years. If draughtsman, employed by
Collegiate and office training

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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.

(1) Eliel Saarinen
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date (2)
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed: Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) Henry F. Stanton, President - Detroit Chapter
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

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

Registration or License Number. (4) Henry F. Stanton
(5) John M. Donaldson
(6) William B. Gumbrell

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(7) _____
NUMBER

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the 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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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M. Garrison
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Board of Ex.

May 29, 1930.

Dear Mr. Stanton:

This is an informal letter to advise you that the Board of Directors of the Institute acted favorably on the application of Mr. Eliel Saarinen - at the meeting of the Board following the Convention.

He was elected to membership, subject to the requirements of the established procedure, but he will not be asked to submit any exhibits of executed work.

As the Board of Examiners met before the Convention the application must wait for the June meeting of the Board of Examiners, which will take place about the 20th of the month. Thereafter Mr. Saarinen's name will go to the Detroit Chapter in a formal communication, and to the membership at large in a list which will be published in the June number of the Octagon, which goes to press near the end of each month.

Therefore, it is doubtful if this election can be completed much before July 30th. As a general rule ninety days is required for election under the present requirements.

We will expedite Mr. Saarinen's application in every possible way, and will advise you promptly when final action is completed.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Henry P. Stanton, President,
Detroit Chapter, A. I. A.,
2231 Park Avenue,
Detroit, Mich.

K/MEY

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September 10, 1930.

Memorandum for the Files:

Eliel Saarinen was elected a member of the Institute at the May 1930 meeting of the Board (Resolution 211-B-5-30).

The election was subject to the thirty-day period.

It appears from the Minutes of the Detroit Chapter that prior to the expiration of this period the Chapter notified Mr. Saarinen of his election.

Therefore, to avoid embarrassment no formal letter of notification was sent to Mr. Saarinen by the Institute, advising him of election, or to the Chapter, but on September 10th, the end of the thirty-day period, the engrossed certificate, announcing his election, was mailed to Mr. Saarinen.

I. I. Kemper

cert. + Membership card only

Sent via	<i>1st class mail</i>
Prepaid	Collect
Date	<i>September 10/30</i>
By	<i>G. G.</i>

MEMORANDUM - For the Board of Examiners:

In re: Application of Eliel Saarinen.

For the information of the Board of Examiners, the following is an extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors, held in Washington, D. C., May 25, 1930:

Eliel Saarinen - Elected Conditionally.

The Secretary presented application for membership from Mr. Eliel Saarinen, as received by him on the last day of the Convention from the President of the Detroit Chapter. He recommended that Mr. Saarinen be elected subject to the usual procedure and the 30-day period for privileged communications, and that the submission of the usual exhibits be waived.

Resolved, That Eliel Saarinen be elected to membership in the Institute and assigned to the Detroit Chapter, subject to the usual procedure and the thirty-day period for privileged communications, and that he be not required to submit exhibits of executed work. (211-B-5-30)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 5, 1931:

To the Head of each Department of Architecture
of the Schools in the Association of Collegiate
Schools of Architecture:

Dear Sir:

At the Sixty-fourth Convention of The American Institute of Architects, held in San Antonio, Texas, in April, an address was made by Eliel Saarinen, of Detroit, at the evening session of the Convention devoted to architectural education.

That address made a marked impression, and received enthusiastic approval from the delegates.

The Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Institute, Mr. Charles Butler, has been requested by the President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Professor Ellis F. Lawrence, to send Mr. Saarinen's address to the heads of the Departments of Architecture of the member schools, with the suggestion that they make it available to their students.

At the direction of Mr. Butler, we transmit herewith, for the purpose indicated, a number of copies of Mr. Saarinen's address, at the same time expressing the hope that they will reach you in time for distribution before the close of school. If they do not, and if you will send the home addresses of your students in architecture, we will gladly mail them copies from this office as at your request.

As you will note, the document sent is in the form of a reprint. We have a large surplus. We have no means of knowing the exact number required in each school, and it is hoped that additional copies will be called for if there is opportunity to use them.

Sincerely yours,

ECK*B
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Executive Secretary.

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29 January 1937



Dear Sir,

We are in the process of revising our list of honorary corresponding members and I have been asked by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Institute to find out if Eliel Saarinen, who was originally elected as an honorary corresponding member for Finland is now an American citizen.

Yours faithfully,

Edward J. Carter

Librarian Editor.

The Secretary,
A.I.A.
The Octagon,
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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February 9, 1937.

Dear Mr. Harley:

We enclose a copy of letter received from the Librarian Editor of the Royal Institute of British Architects, asking whether or not Mr. Eliel Saarinen is an American citizen.

We would greatly appreciate your obtaining this information for us and advising us promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

Executive Secretary.

PHW:LF

Mr. Alvin E. Harley, President
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
1507 Stroh Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan

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THE CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART

BLOOMFIELD HILLS MICHIGAN U. S. A.

ELIEL SAARINEN A. I. A.
PRESIDENT

RICHARD P. RASEMAN A. I. A.
SECRETARY

February 15, 1937



Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter to Alvin Harley concerning Mr. Saarinen has been forwarded to me. Mr. Saarinen is a citizen of Finland and although Cranbrook is his permanent address he has no intention of changing his status.

Will you please notify the Royal Institute of British Architects to this effect.

Very truly yours,


Executive Secretary

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

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 18, 1937

Dear Mr. Carter:

In reply to your letter of January 29th:

We have been informed by Mr. Richard P. Ruseman,
Secretary of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield
Hills, Michigan, of which Mr. Eliel Saarinen is
President, that Mr. Saarinen is a citizen of Finland.
However, his permanent address is the Cranbrook
Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, U. S. A.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

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Dear Mr. Kemper,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 February. It is very good of you to get us the information about Mr. Saarinen's citizenship.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Carter

Librarian Editor.

Edward Kemper Esq.
American Institute of Architects.

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DETROIT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Emil Lorch, President

1023 Forest Avenue
ANN ARBOR, MICH.

October 31, 1941.

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

Gentlemen:-

Dr. Eliel Saarinen is an ideal candidate for a fellowship on the part of the Detroit Chapter. He was Finland's leading architect and is one of the most distinguished architects of the United States. His achievements and high reputation are so widely acknowledged that testimonial letters hardly seem necessary.

My own estimate of him is demonstrated by the invitation to him to come to the College of Architecture, University of Michigan, as Visiting Professor in 1923. He was a great inspiration to his students and has continued his outstanding work as a teacher and performed notably as an architect while at Cranbrook. In 1933 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Architecture upon recommendation of the Architectural Faculty.

Mr. Cass Gilbert paid Eliel Saarinen a high tribute when he told Mr. Irving K. Pond that he would not enter the Chicago Tribune Competition if Saarinen participated; the rest is history as the design of so many of our high buildings shows.

It would be a particular pleasure to have the Fellowship awarded to Dr. Saarinen during the approaching Convention of the American Institute of Architects in Detroit and I sincerely hope that this will be possible.

Yours very truly,

Emil Lorch, F.A.I.A.

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DETROIT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Malcolm R. Stirton, Secretary

1507 Stroh Building
DETROIT, MICH.

December 9, 1941

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

Gentlemen:

The enclosed documents have been prepared for your examination to indorse the name of Eliel Saarinen for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

The Detroit Chapter as a group have heartily endorsed his nomination and we are asking several members as individuals to further sponsor the proposal.

As the Institute convention will be held in Detroit in 1942, and as one session has been tentatively projected for Cranbrook, it seems especially fitting that the Jury may find it possible to announce a favorable judgment in this case at the 1942 convention.

Mr. Saarinen is in good standing in the Detroit Chapter and is not included in the list of those who are delinquent to the Institute for dues.

If the accompanying information is not complete or if there are any questions that may arise we will be very glad to do our best to answer them.

Yours truly,

Malcolm R. Stirton

Malcolm R. Stirton,
Secretary

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December 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Stirton:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 9, transmitting the nomination for Fellowship on behalf of Mr. Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, with supporting letter of Mr. Emil Lorch.

The nomination appears to be in good order except in one respect. It is necessary that we ask that Mr. Saarinen submit exhibits of some of the work of which he is the author, inasmuch as he is proposed for Fellowship in The Institute because of his achievement in design.

Under the provisions of the By-laws, a nomination must remain on file with The Jury of Fellows for a period of six months, at least, before it can receive consideration.

In due course, Mr. Saarinen's nomination will be presented to The Jury of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows.

Mr. Malcolm R. Stirton, Secretary
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
1507 Stroh Building
Detroit, Michigan.

K:MSD

cc: Chairman,
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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March 20, 1942

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

Gentlemen:

To supplement the previous information sent to you with the nomination by the Detroit Chapter of Mr. Eliel Saarinen for Fellowship, I am enclosing herewith photographic representation of his work.

Please forgive the long delay in supplying this further information but I assure you it has not been intentional.

The Detroit Chapter is very anxious that The Jury of Fellows will find it possible to grant this advancement to Fellowship of Mr. Saarinen and that it may be made possible in time for the coming convention to be held in Detroit. Your co operation and assistance will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours truly,

Malcolm R. Stirton

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Secretary

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Emil Lorch, President

1023 Forest Avenue
ANN ARBOR, MICH.

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Frederick H. Meyer, Chairman,
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
12106 Kohl Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Meyer:-

Mr. Malcolm R. Stirton, Secretary of the Detroit Chapter, has telephoned me regarding the proposed advancement to a fellowship of Dr. Eliel Saarinen.

Mr. Stirton's understanding, in the event of favorable action by the Jury of Fellows, is that the announcement could not be made at the Convention owing to the delayed arrival of the photographs of Saarinen's work. The letters endorsing him were mailed December 9 of last year, the photographs on March 20 last. The delay in mailing the photographs was apparently due to a person somewhere between Dr. Saarinen and Mr. Stirton.

Since the delegates are to spend a day at Cranbrook, where the groups of institutional buildings were designed by Saarinen, the Chapter Board felt it would be unusually appropriate to have the election announced during the Convention. If somehow the desired result can be brought about, I assure you that the members of the Detroit Chapter would be very greatly pleased.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Emil Lorch:

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Mr. Frederick H. Meyer
Chairman
Jury on Fellowship
American Institute of Architects
1201 Kohl Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Meyer:

It has come to our attention that the Detroit Chapter's nomination for fellowship of Eliel Saarinen may not be acted upon in time for the June convention. We feel that this would be most unfortunate since he has been informed about it and there would be no recognition of any Detroit architect.

Perhaps the delay was occasioned by the fact that we had some difficulty in obtaining photographs and went ahead on the assumption *that* perhaps in his case they would not be required. When we learned they would be required it took some additional time to obtain them.

Anything that you can do to facilitate this matter will be appreciated by our Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Talmage C. Hughes
Talmage C. Hughes

TCH:JMM

April 17, 1942.

Mr. Emil Lorch, President,
Detroit Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects,
1023 Forest Avenue,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Lorch:

I have your letter of April 11th concerning the nomination of Dr. Eliel Saarinen for advancement to Fellowship.

All nominations received up to December 15th and including nominations which have been held over for further consideration will be placed before the Jury at their meeting to be held on June 22nd, 1942. The names of the members who have been advanced to Fellowship by the Jury are sent to the Secretary after the convention meeting and announced later; usually just before the convention, which in this case will be 1943.

Under the circumstances I do not see how (assuming favorable action) any announcement could be made at the June convention.

Yours very truly,

FHM: A

Frederick H. Meyer

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Mr. F. H. Meyer
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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

- 1. Name of Nominee Eliel Saarinen Date of Nomination Nov. 28 1941
- 2. Address of Nominee Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- 3. Nominee's firm Eliel Saarinen, Architect
- 4. Nominee's principal place of business Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
- 5. Nominee's Chapter Detroit
- 6. Nominee's State Association Member
- 7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1930
- 8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 19 to 19 .
- 9. Nominee's age 68 Birthplace Helsingfors, Finland
- 10. Nominators: Detroit

11. Achievement Design.

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

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JURY OF FELLOWS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Date Nov. 28 19 41

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on Nov. 28 19 41
nominated* ELIEL SAARINEN
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of
the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as
follows:

*Type in full
name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* ELIEL SAARINEN
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession because of his achievement in** DESIGN
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full
name.

**Type in "De-
sign," "Science
of Construction,"
"Literature,"
"Education,"
"Service to The
Institute" or
"Public Service,"
as is appro-
priate."

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

†Type in number
of years.

"Resolved, That‡ THE DETROIT Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* ELIEL SAARINEN

‡Type in name
of Chapter.

*Type in full
name.

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."

/s/ Leo I. Perry

/s/ Emil Lorch ✓

/s/ Robert B. Frantz ✓

/s/ Kenneth C. Black ✓

/s/ W. E. Kapp ✓

/s/ Malcolm R. Stirton ✓

/s/ Talmage C. Hughes ✓

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 ELIEL SAARINEN
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of Finland (First papers filed in U.S.A.)
- 3. Nominee's legal residence Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

2. Strike out in-
appropriate word
and write in name
of Country.

- 4. Nominee's firm name Eliel Saarinen, Architect
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by

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

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

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words.

8. Born 1873 . Place of birth Helsingfors, Finland

Type in date
of birth and city
and Country.

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>				
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>	Institute Polytechnic in Helsingfors,		1897	
<i>College or University</i>				
<i>Post Graduate at</i>				
<i>Scholarships held</i>				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

1896 - 1907 Eliel Saarinen was associated with Herman Gesellirs and Armas Lindgren, both architects, and their most prominent work was the National Museum in Helsingfors.

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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

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Since 1907, Mr. Saarinen has worked alone, and has built the following more remarkable buildings:

- Railway Station in Helsingfors
- Town Hall in Hoensuu, Finland
- Town Hall at Lahti, Finland
- The private gallery Keirkner, Helsingfors
- Estobank, Reval, Estonia

In City-Planning: Munskas-Haga, and Great Helsingfors

Since 1925, Mr. Saarinen has resided at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where he has designed: The Cranbrook School for Boys, The Kingswood School for Girls, Institute of Science, and is now developing schemes for additional buildings.

In the following International Competitions, Mr. Saarinen was successful:

- City -planning for Yas Canberra, Australia, Second prize.
- City -planning for Reval, Estonia, First prize.
- Gewerbeversinshaus, Riga, Latvia, First prize.
- Tribune Building, Chicago, Illinois, Second prize.

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

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

The creative individuality of Mr. Saarinen as an architect has become the common knowledge of the architectural profession both in this country and abroad. The harmonious simplicity and interest of exterior design of his architecture is the logical expression of a plan reasonable in conception and thorough in detail. But above all it is the quiet strength of his background in architecture and the simple mastery of his medium that presents Eliel Saarinen as an outstanding candidate for elevation to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

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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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.

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.)

Mr. Saarinen is:

Honorary Professor, honored by the Finnish Government.
Honorary Doctor of Philosophy of the University of
Helsingfors.
Honorary Doctor of Architecture of the Technical
University of Finland
Honorary Doctor of Engineering of the University of
Karlsruhe, Germany
Honorary Doctor of Architecture and City-planning of
the University of Michigan.
Honorary Doctor of Arts, Harvard University
Member of the Finnish Academy of Art.
Member of the Imperial Academy of Art in St. Petersburg, Russia.
Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Art
Holder of the Gold Medal of the Architectural League of New York
Honorary Member of the Michigan Society of Architects
Honorary Member of the Detroit Chapter of The American
Institute of Architects
Honorary Corresponding Member of the Royal Institute
of British Architects.

And many other honorary and selective distinctions.

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*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state association, 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.

Mr. Saarinen has served on many committees of The Institute and is at present Chairman of the Committee on Civic Design.

He has served the Detroit Chapter on similar committees and has prepared studies of the City-plan of the City of Detroit as part of the work of such committees.

As President of the Cranbrook Academy of Art his teaching and guidance has been a source of inspiration to his community and has greatly supplemented the cultural influence of the State of Michigan

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.

To Budapest, Hungary, and Reval, Estonia, Mr. Saarinen was asked as expert of city-planning; to Paris as a member of the jury for the architectural competition at the Olympiad 1924; ~~Australia, as a jury member of the competition~~ and for the same reason to Los Angeles in 1932; to Yas Canberra, Australia, as a jury member of the competition for a Parliament House; to Bergen, Norway, as jury member of the city-plan competition; and to Madrid, Spain, and to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as a jury member of the International Competition for the Columbus Memorial Light Tower at Santo Domingo.

Mr. Saarinen is Vice-President of the International City-Planning Conference.

GEORGE G. BOOTH
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
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November 6th, 1941

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

Gentlemen:

With great pleasure I learn that Mr. Eliel Saarinen has been nominated for Institute Fellowship and I wish to take this occasion to say the nominee will do honor to the Institute and all it stands for.

I have been intimately associated with Mr. Saarinen and his family now for sixteen years. It is a very great privilege to have been able to enjoy his acquaintance and to have worked closely with him while he developed the plans for the larger part of the Cranbrook group of educational buildings up to the recent completion of its Museum and Library.

My admiration for Mr. Saarinen has grown with the years. No finer man graces the Institute membership. He is blessed with high and masterful qualities as an architect with conviction and courage, a student of the history, philosophy and the social aspects of this greatest of all arts, a writer of distinction, a leader in sound and creative thought in this realm which shackles all who follow on the same road of human service.

He is too well known to many of the Institute's members to call for any testimony from me, but I could not hide my feelings of satisfaction upon learning of the proposal to give him such recognition and honor, for none are more worthy to be taken into fellowship than my associate and friend Eliel Saarinen.

Very sincerely yours,


George G. Booth.

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July 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Saarinen:

It is my privilege to advise you of your election as a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects by action of The Jury of Fellows at its meeting in Cincinnati on May 26, 1943.

Notice of your election is being sent to the Detroit Chapter.

A certificate of advancement to Fellowship will be sent to you or presented to you in due course - depending upon procedure to be determined by The Board of Directors at its fall meeting this year, and in the light of conditions then existing.

The Officers and Directors of The Institute join with me in extending to you their congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Eliel Saarinen, F.A.I.A.
Crenbrook Academy of Art
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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July 8, 1943

Dear Mr. Saarinen:

Under the established procedure of The Institute, the photographs which accompanied the proposal of your name for advancement to fellowship are being returned to you under separate cover, transportation prepaid.

We trust that you will receive them promptly and in good order.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Eliel Saarinen, F.A.I.A.
Cranbrook Academy of Art
Bloomfield Hills
Michigan

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March 26, 1945

Dear Mr. Ditchy:

Customarily certificates of election to Fellowship in The Institute are presented with ceremony at an annual convention.

As no convention was held in 1944 all certificates were held for presentation in 1945.

Because of a recent governmental ruling, the 1945 convention will be a limited one. The annual dinner at which the ceremony of presenting Fellowship certificates usually occurs must be omitted.

Therefore, The Executive Committee is requesting the chapters of The Institute to receive and present the Fellowship certificates.

The recipients of the honor have been notified by The Institute, their citations have been published in the Journal, and the delivery of the certificates remains to be made.

In view of these conditions The Executive Committee of The Institute requests the President of each chapter to arrange for a presentation, at some appropriate meeting of the chapter - and with the suggestion that the Regional Director be invited to participate if that is feasible.

We send herewith the Fellowship certificates and citations by The Jury of Fellows, signed by The Secretary of The Institute for each of the following:

Branson Van Lear Gamber
Clair William Ditchy
Henry Francis Stanton
Eliel Saarinen

March 26, 1945

If you will receive these documents as President of the Chapter and bring about their delivery along the lines indicated above, The Institute will indeed appreciate your courtesy and help.

By direction of The Secretary,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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Mr. Clair W. Ditchy, President
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
333 State Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

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1943 JUL 29 AM 9:44

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Swanson
/

July 27, 1943

J. Robert F. Swanson
Saarinen and Swanson
309 Wabeek Building
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Mr. Swanson:

I
In reply to your letter of July 26th, I took your file concerning the Alexander Hamilton Memorial to Washington and discussed it with some of the Executive Committee who happened to be in town at that same time. The matter is under advisement at the present time as to just what the Institute position and responsibilities are in a case of this character.

If you are in Washington I can see no objection to your calling on Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary, at the Octagon, who may be able to give you a better picture of what the Institute might do based on his years of experience.

Yours very truly,

Alexander C. Robinson, III
Secretary

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September 29, 1943

Dear Alec:

Herewith is draft of a letter to Mr. Saarinen, and several carbon copies of it - with regard to the Alexander Hamilton Memorial case - which you directed we submit to you.

Please send us a copy of the letter in final form, as you send it to him.

There is also draft of separate letter returning to Mr. Saarinen the file of papers in a manila envelope which you directed go back to him with the other letter. The text on the envelope seems to indicate that this file material belongs to Mr. Marx but perhaps he turned it over to Mr. Saarinen. In any event the draft of letter herewith identifies the principal papers.

Sincerely yours,
S

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
915 National City Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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October 5, 1943.

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, III
915 National City Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Alec:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of October 1st with enclosure of draft on the Saarinen matter.

The letter seems to be very well written, but I would suggest a specific statement to the effect that it was the opinion of the Executive Committee that an expression from the Institute concerning a case in a court of appeals could be of no value during the period of litigation. This statement is clearly implied in paragraph three of your draft, but in view of the fact that Swanson, in his discussion with me of the unfairness of the Chicago Chapter to furnish opinions while a case was in litigation, and in view of the fact that he is asking us to do exactly the thing he objects to having been done by the Chicago men, I think it would be well to emphasize this point.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond J. Ashton, President

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cc: Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 14, 1943

Dear Mr. Saarinen:

At the meeting of The Executive Committee of The American Institute of Architects in New York on September 21 and 22, the Committee gave thoughtful and extended consideration to communications from you and from Mr. J. Robert F. Swanson with regard to your suit against the Trustees of the Alexander Hamilton Memorial, in Chicago.

The correspondence and papers submitted included drafts of resolutions suggested by you for adoption by The Executive Committee; a memorandum concerning the suit; and a series of five questions addressed, under date of May 14, 1943, to Mr. Samuel A. Marx, member of the Chicago Chapter, by Attorney John D. Black, representing the Trustees.

It was understood by The Executive Committee that your suit against the Trustees of the Alexander Hamilton Memorial may be considered as still in litigation, an appeal from an adverse decision in a lower court.

In order that you may have complete information I quote the following paragraphs from the minutes of the meeting of The Executive Committee with regard to this matter:

"The questions asked of Samuel A. Marx, of the Chicago Chapter, by the Attorney for the Trustees of the Memorial, and answered by individual members of the Executive Committee of the Chapter in their personal capacities, were read.

"The resolutions drafted by Mr. Saarinen, which he had submitted for adoption by The Executive Committee, were also read. There was extended discussion.

"Action was as follows:

"Resolved, That The Executive Committee finds that the suit of Eliel Saarinen, et al, against the Trustees of the Alexander Hamilton Memorial in Chicago is a matter not within the jurisdiction of The American Institute of Architects, and therefore not an action in which it should take part; it also finds that

October 14, 1943

the replies to the letter of May 14, 1943, addressed to Samuel A. Marx, member of the Chicago Chapter of The Institute, by John D. Black, Attorney for the Trustees, were made by various members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter as individuals and not on behalf of the Chapter or its Executive Committee, and that it was entirely proper for those architects to express their personal views."

It was also the opinion of The Executive Committee that an expression from The Institute concerning a case in a Court of Appeals could be of no value during the period of litigation and was another reason for their decision that the matter was not a proper one for The Institute to take part in.

These conclusions of The Executive Committee are consistent with long established Institute policy, and it is hoped that you can concur in their wisdom.

Sincerely yours,



Alexander C. Robinson, III
Secretary

Mr. Eliel Saarinen, F.A.I.A.
Cranbrook Academy of Art
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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October 14, 1943

Dear Mr. Marx:

With reference to the Alexander Hamilton Memorial case, I return, herewith, papers which you made available to Mr. Raymond J. Ashton, identified as follows:

- Memorandum of suit against Trustees
- Letter of May 21, 1943 from John S. Cromlin, A.I.A. to Chauncey McCormick.
- Letter of February 27, 1933 - Kate S. Buckingham to Eliel Saarinen
- Letter of May 14, 1943 - John D. Black to Samuel A. Marx
- Letter of May 21, 1943 - Chas. H. Cornbusch to Chauncey McCormick
- Letter of May 22, 1943 - John D. Black to Samuel A. Marx
- Letter of May 21, 1943 - Unsigned copy of letter to John D. Black
- Notes by John Cromlin on letterhead of "The Tavern Club"
- Letter of May 11, 1943 - John D. Black to Samuel A. Marx
- Letter of May 21, 1943 - Samuel A. Marx to Nathaniel A. Owings and seven other members of the Chicago Chapter
- Letter of May 20, 1943 - John D. Black to Samuel A. Marx
- Letter of May 17, 1943 - Wilson and McIlvaine to Samuel A. Marx
- Letter of June 1, 1943 - Secretary to Mr. Marx to Thomas Hart

Please acknowledge the receipt of these papers and oblige.

Enclosed find copy of letter to Mr. Saarinen covering the Executive Committee's action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Alexander C. Robinson, III
Secretary

Mr. Samuel A. Marx
333 N. Michigan Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

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November 2, 1943

Dear Ray:

On page 17 of the minutes of the September meeting of The Executive Committee - copy of which is coming forward to you under separate cover - appears the reference to the protest of Mr. Saarinen in the Alexander Hamilton Memorial case.

As you know, the Secretary has advised Mr. Saarinen of the action of The Executive Committee.

In view of your conference in Chicago, do you wish to send a letter, formal or informal, to the Chicago men, perhaps through Mr. Shaw.

They may not know of the action taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

W

Mr. Raymond J. Ashton, President
The American Institute of Architects
312 Beneficial Life Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

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November 9, 1943.

President Alfred P. Shaw
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.
1661 Railway Exchange Building
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Shaw:

After meeting with your group in Chicago, I proceeded to the Octagon and there encountered Mr. Swanson. He was very anxious to discuss his side of the controversy. After listening to it for some time, and with the facts fairly well in mind, I attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Board, where the matter was discussed in full and the following action was taken:

"Resolved, That The Executive Committee finds that the suit of Eliel Saarinen, et al., against the Trustees of the Alexander Hamilton Memorial in Chicago, is a matter not within the jurisdiction of The American Institute of Architects, and therefore not an action in which it should take part; it also finds that the replies to the letter of May 14, 1943, addressed to Samuel A. Marx, member of the Chicago Chapter of The Institute, by John D. Black, attorney for the Trustees, were made by various members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter as individuals and not on behalf of the chapter or its Executive Committee, and that it was entirely proper for those architects to express their personal views."

The Octagon has already advised Saarinen of this action and I believe the resolution is self-explanatory, but I would add that there was no degree of censure of the Chicago men discussed or implied by members of the Board.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Raymond J. Ashton, President

RJA/t

cc: Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 27, 1950

Dear Eliel:

I see by the New York Times that the RIBA has awarded you their Gold Medal this year and I am very happy to hear of this added honor to the many you already have. They are all well deserved and an action like this gives a great deal of pleasure to all your friends.

With best wishes to Loja, I am

Sincerely,

Ralph Walker

Mr. Eliel Saarinen
Cranbrook Academy of Art
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

cc: Mr. M. Waterhouse
Mr. E. R. Purves ✓

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July 31, 1960

Mrs. Eiel Saarinen
Cranbrook, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Saarinen,

At the direction of the Executive Committee, it is my very sad duty to convey to you and your family the sympathies of The Institute, whose many members across the country share with you the loss of your distinguished husband and one of their eminent fellow members.

To the many who were not so fortunate as to have known him personally, his work and his life will continue to be an inspiration. Those who were favored with intimate acquaintance will, in addition, cherish the warm and genial friendship, the keen wit and sage philosophy and those many other endearing qualities which made each visit with him an eventful experience.

May we express the hope that to the rich store of memories which sustains you at this time of parting, you will add the grateful tribute of those many architects who through his influence, have lifted higher their ideals, and who will treasure the heritage of his great and lovable genius.

Yours very sincerely,

CLAIR W. DITCHY, SECRETARY

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Saunonen

September 28, 1950

Dear Aalto:

As you see from this letterhead, I have joined the staff of the American Institute of Architects and we are all back in Washington where we hope to see you on your next trip to the United States.

Here has sent me the translation of a very complete newspaper account of the speeches at the Saarinen funeral, including several paragraphs taken from your speech. I would like very much for you to send me the full text of your speech (in English translation, if possible) in order that we might publish a good part of it in one of the publications of the Institute. From the brief account of your speech that I read, it must have been a meaning and memorable event, and I congratulate you on it.

Very sincerely,

Frederick Guthrie
Assistant to the Director

Mr. Alvar Aalto, Architect
Helsinki, Finland

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