

Urbain, Leon F.
Chicago

Application for Membership

March 1, 1916

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Prelim. Fee	\$6.00
Initiation	
Unan. End.	yes
Exhibits	not req.
On Priv. Com. of	

Name Leon F. Urbain (Leon F. Urbain)

Address 1254 Lake Shore Drive Chicago Ill.
[Number and Street] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Brazil Indiana Jan 21 - 1887

Graduate in architecture Univ of Ill 1910
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts. _____
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter _____

If practicing architect, firm name alone

Have been in practice Chicago May 1912 to Sept 1917 years France Aug 1919 to Jan 1925
Chicago April 1925 to present

If draughtsman, employed by _____
[State number of years.] total 14 yrs less 2 yrs spent in mar.

Collegiate and office training graduate Univ of Ill 7 yrs general work DePaul Univ - 1910-1912. Spencer + Powers; Ill. Cent Arch. Dept. Fred Fisher School Fort Worth Texas.

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

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

Leon F. Urbain
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date _____
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Secretary.

Chapter, A. I. A.

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

Registration or License Number.

If the applicant resides or has his principal place of business in a Registration or License law state the current number of his Registration or License should be noted here

Ill: 1123
NUMBER

- (1) Martin Roche
- (2) Richard Blumenthal F.A.I.A.
- (3) Chas. L. Morgan

[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 member proposed, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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May 26, 1926.

Dear Mr. Urbain:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, received by reference from Mr. Farrier, Secretary of the Chicago Chapter.

It is noted that you have been unanimously endorsed by the Chapter.

Your application will probably be acted upon sometime in July and you will be advised thereafter of the action taken.

Acknowledgment is also made of your check of \$5.00 to cover the Preliminary Fee.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

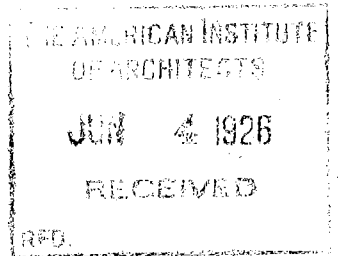
Mr. Leon F. Urbain,
1254 Lake Shore Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

K:VB

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LF LEON F. URBAIN
ARCHITECT
1254 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO
TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2503



June 2, 1926.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your
very gratifying letter of May 26th, which
informs me that I have been unanimously
endorsed by the Chapter for membership in
your organization, an honor which I appreciate
sincerely.

As I have always tried to be
an honor to my profession, I will try to be
an honor to your organization. Thanking you
sincerely, I am,

Yours very truly,

LFU:C

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August 31, 1926

Dear Mr. Urbain:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective August 31, 1926.

You have been assigned to the Chicago Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the last quarter of the current year should receive prompt attention.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute Member? Should the occasion arise, we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Leon F. Urbain,
1254 Lake Shore Drive,
Chicago, Ill.

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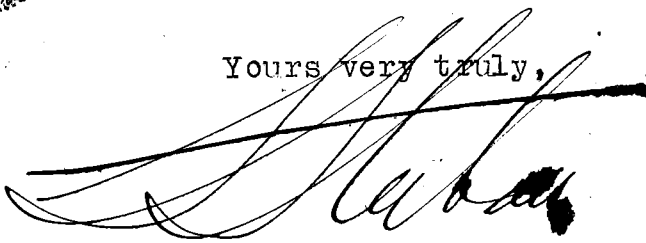
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am herewith mailing you
check for current dues and A.I.A. badge.

I wish to take this oppor-
tunity of thanking those that have been
instrumental in sponsoring and accepting
my membership in your organization, and
assure you that I shall always endeavor
to merit this honor.

Yours very truly,



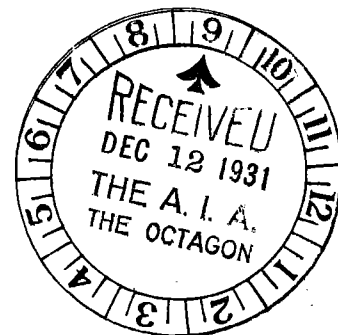
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MEMBER A. I. A.; I. S. A.

LEON F. URBAIN
ARCHITECT
1254 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO
TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2598
1772



Dec. 10, 1931;

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

I received your letter of Nov. 15 but have delayed answering it as it seemed that a matter on which I have been working was just about to come through and give me some ready money. Since it is still delayed, I thought it best to write you this brief explanation.

I have had no business, outside of just odds and ends, for over eighteen months and have earned barely enough to keep my family going.

When the depression came I was so extended that I became involved immediately in a series of real estate tangles which were further aggravated by four bond house failures; the last of which, the Garard Trust Co., caught me with a seventeen story building (6230 Kenmore Ave.) just under roof.

The situation has been a very painful one but I hope that before long some of these things will untangle themselves so that I can meet my accumulated obligations.

I wish to express my appreciation of the very full hearted attitude that the Institute has taken toward its delinquent members (most of whom like myself have never been delinquent before) and I am sure that such cooperation will be remembered and be a great factor in further cementing the bond of personal and professional fellowship.

Thanking you again and hoping that I shall soon be in a position to get "squared", I am

Very sincerely yours,

Answer for 1931 -
RS

RF L.F.U./N.
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MEMBER A. I. A.; I. S. A.

LF LEON F. URBAIN
ARCHITECT

1254 LAKE SHORE DRIVE 608 W. Washington Blvd.
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 1772
Haymkt 4994.

May 20, 1935.



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

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

I purposely delayed answering your letter of April 1st, because I had certain matters pending that I hoped would enable me to give you a favorable answer.

I am pleased to report that these matters are turning out favorably and I am herewith enclosing a check for \$10.00 as the first payment of the balance which I owe on my dues. I believe that I will be able to pay these up in short order.

Very truly yours

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June 4, 1933

Dear Mr. Urban:

On behalf of the Treasurer we wish to acknowledge, with appreciation, your letter of May 20th and your check in the amount of \$10.00 which has been applied on account of your dues for 1934.

The Officers and Directors are much encouraged by this evidence of your continuing interest in and support of the Institute in the work which it is doing for the profession.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/S

Mr. Leon F. Urban, A.I.A.,
608 West Washington Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

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MEMBER A. I. A. I. S. A.



LEON F. URBAIN ARCHITECT
1254 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO
TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 1722

NEW ADDRESS
LEON F. URBAIN, A. I. A. ARCHITECT
605 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.
CHICAGO, ILL.
PHONE HAYMARKET 4994

*noted
above*

December 12, 1935.

Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

I am herewith sending you a check
on account for my A.I.A. dues.

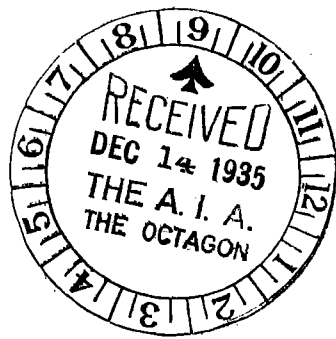
It goes without saying, of course,
that I appreciate the way you have co-operated
with me on this matter, and I hope that I will
be able to take care of the small balance that
remains due, in the near future.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
L.F. Urbain

LFU:EP.
ENCL.

*Member of
Executive Council of A.I.A.
\$200 for 1934-10
1935-10
L.F.U.
[unclear] balance
for 1935-10*



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January 9, 1936.

Dear Mr. Urbain:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 12th and remittance of \$20.00, which has been credited on account of your dues in default.

The Board appreciates fully the difficulties in which you find yourself, and desires to aid you as far as it can in retaining your membership in the Institute.

There are two ways by which your good standing may be restored: First, by payment of the indebtedness in full.

To help in the first way, the Treasurer is authorized to accept your note in payment of the balance of the indebtedness. Therefore, we are sending herewith a note, without interest, payable to the Institute on or before December 31, 1936.

If you will sign and return this note to the Treasurer of the Institute, at The Octagon, on or before January 31, 1936 - your membership will be preserved and your good standing as to unpaid dues restored as of January 1, 1936.

To help in the second way, the Board is authorized to remit dues in exceptional instances and for what it deems adequate cause.

If you desire to apply for a remission of the balance of your dues, the note enclosed herewith should be executed and returned on or before January 31st - accompanied by a letter addressed to the Board of Directors and stating the circumstances under which remission of the balance of your dues is requested.

If the remission is granted by the Board, you will be placed in good standing as of January 1, 1936 with respect to dues in default, and the note will be returned to you.

By direction of the Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Leon F. Urbain,
605 West Washington Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 15, 1936.

Dear Mr. Urbain:

This will acknowledge with thanks remittance of \$20.00 for Institute dues.

The statements sent to members on January 1st did not include the \$5.00 installment due in 1936 on account of the adjusted dues plan for the period 1931-1933.

Upon payment of this \$5.00 installment, your account will be paid in full to December 31, 1936 and your membership will be in good standing as of that date.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

KFO

Mr. Leon F. Urbain,
1254 Lake Shore Drive,
Chicago, Ill.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

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Reference Record

~~Illinois-Wisconsin~~
Regional District

~~November 21, 1941~~
Date of this reference


To Regional Director **Peter Brust**
135 West Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Under tentative Institute procedure the following is submitted to you for consideration, reply or other action:

1. Enclosure: **Letter**, dated **November 18, 1941**
2. From: **L. F. Urbain, A.I.A.**
605 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois
3. To: **American Institute of Architects**
4. Subject: **Request for duplicate membership card.**
5. A copy of this reference record has been sent to the person or agency listed under (2) above.

Asst. Executive Secretary

Comment: Herewith is membership card for Mr. L. F. Urbain.

 LEON F. URBAIN, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
343 S. DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604
TELEPHONE AREA CODE 312/427-0696

May 27, 1970

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D.C. 20006

Gentlemen:

I will be eighty-four years old in January and I have been a member of the Chicago Chapter since 1926 -- forty-four years.

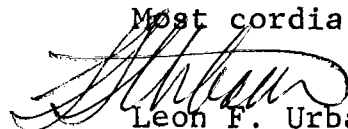
I started in business in Chicago in September 1911. I have practiced architecture as an individual for a little over fifty years and retired from practice at that time -- now practically ten years ago, and I have done no architectural work since then.

Because of my many civic interests as well as some private corporation interests -- I am serving on seven boards of directors at the present time -- I share an office with one of these organizations, not only to have some place to go but to have access to telephone and secretarial services.

In view of the above circumstances, it seems to me that my status with the Institute is rather retired than active -- am I wrong?

Anticipating hearing from you at your early convenience, I am

Most cordially yours,


Leon F. Urbain

LFU:ep.

W/abn

*Rec'd: 5/27/70
Chicago Chapter
1735 New York Ave
Washington, D.C.*



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Shirley

June 11, 1970

Mr. Leon F. Urbain, AIA
343 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Urbain:

Thank you for your letter dated May 27.

You are eligible for election as a Member Emeritus which will permit you to enjoy full rights and privileges of active membership while being exempted from further AIA and Chapter dues payments.

We will therefore refer your letter to the Secretary of the AIA at the first opportunity and will let you know when final action is taken, probably around a month from now.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx Director
Membership Procedures

cc: Exec.-Dir., Chicago Chapter, AIA

Shirley: If you have any objections to this, please advise us in the next week or two. Otherwise, we will go ahead as indicated above. Mr. Urbain is 83 and has been a member since 1926.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

July 22, 1970

Mr. Leon F. Urbain, AIA
343 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Urbain:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have elected you a Member Emeritus of the AIA as of July 1, 1970.

In addition, I wish to express my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the AIA towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope that your interest in the AIA and your chapter will continue, even though you are now relieved of dues payments to both groups.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA

PMB:mjb

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