

## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct.29, 1958

Voted On Mar. 26, 1959

Voted On Feb. 11, 19 60

Voted On Feb.9, 1961

NOT Granted Feb. 10, 1961.

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#### NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

#### CASE RECORD

George Morton Wolfe Date of Nomination Oct. 24, 1958 1. Name of Nominee

1377 Main Street, Buffalo 9, New York 2. Address of Nominee

G. Morton Wolfe - Architect & Engineer 3. Nominee's firm

New York 4. Nominee's principal place of business

Buffalo-Western New York 5. Nominee's Chapter

New York State Association of Architects 6. Nominee's State Organization

1944 7. Nominee admitted to Institute

8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1944 19 to Dec. 31, 19 58

Birthplace Middletown, Connecticut 9. Nominee's age 73

10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Buffalo-Western New York Chapter

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# BUFFALO-WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

10/29

October 27, 1958

Elected 1944

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is Nomination for Fellowship in the Institute, of G. Morton Wolfe, by this Chapter, signed by the members of the Executive Committee, the President and Secretary.

Very truly yours,

W. NEWELL REYNOLDS, President

Enclosure.

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Mr. W. Newell Reynolds, President Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. 2000 Sheridan Drive Kenmore, New York

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 27th, forwarding the nomination of Mr. G. Morton Wolfe, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

We also have your supporting letter, and call to your attention that letters must be filed by all those who signed the nomination form as well.

No doubt you have this in mind, as well as the furnishing of exhibits of executed architectural work of the nominee, as required, all of which must be received here by February 1st.

With appreciation of your assistance in completing this nomination, Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gergais Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

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#### **BUFFALO-WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER** THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS INC.

January 6, 1959

The Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

#### Gentlemen:

I am enclosing supporting letters of the signatories of G. Morton Wolfe's application for nomination for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. These letters are from Mortimer J. Murphy, Paul H. Harbach, Howard P. Bell, Guy H. Baldwin, Thomas Justin Imbs, Milton Milstein, Stanley C. Podd and M. Russell Turley.

For convenience and reference, I am also enclosing a copy of the letter of endorsement I wrote you on November 6, 1958, the original of which I believe you have in your file.

We trust that all of the corroborating data for Mr. Wolfe's nomination is complete, and we await your decision.

Sincerely,

W. Newell Reynolds, President

Buffalo-Western New York Chapter

American Institute of Architects

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cc: G. Mort Wolfe

Mr. W. Newell Reynolds, President Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A 2000 Sheridan Drive Kenmore 23, New York

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter of January 6th and for the accompanying letters written in support of the nomination for the advancement of G. Morton Wolfe, A.I.A., to Fellowship by those members who signed the nomination.

This item, now, is complete.

However, to complete the nomination as a whole we still need photographic exhibits of the completed architectural work of the nominee as mentioned to you in my letter of November 14, 1958. Regardless of the classification under which a nomination is made, the Jury requires this photographic exhibit.

The nomination of Mr. Wolfe carries a "list for photographs submitted" and it has been assumed that these would be forthcoming. If you need a copy of the list let me know.

As you will recall, the deadline for receipt of this exhibit is February 1st.

Sincerely yours.

(Miss) Florence H Gervais Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

# G. MORTON WOLFE ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER

BUFFALO 9, N. Y.

January 21, 1959

The American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Attention: Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

At the direction of W. Newell Reynolds, President, Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A. I. A., am sending by insured parcel post the following:

10 mounted photographs of my work.

5 mounts showing miscellaneous work over a long period of years.

In addition to the above is my nomination signed by the 20 members present at a Chapter meeting for which the nomination was prepared, it being assumed that my nomination would be by members of the Chapter. It developed that the Officers of the Chapter requested to have the Chapter nominate me, which was done. This enclosed nomination should be in my file of the Jury of Fellows with official nomination papers.

Very truly yours,

G. MORTON WOLFE, M.I.A.

GMW:FM Enclosure. 9-57

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(Nominators leave blank)

#### THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

# NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY CHAPTER

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

Date October 24, 1958

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on December 11, 1957 nominated\* George Morton Wolfe, 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\* George Morton Wolfe a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in\*\* Service to the Institute and Public that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

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

"Resolved, That!! Buffalo-Western New York Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\* George Morton Wolfe

sign," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriote.

full

\*Type

ttType in name of Chapter.

\*Type in full

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.

Howard & Bell

Russell Tenly

M. Russell Tensta

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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 George Morton Wolfe
- 2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.
- 2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of the United States
- 3. Nominee's legal residence
- 30 Wellington Road, Buffalo, N. Y.
- 4. Nominee's firm name
- G. Morton Wolfe Architect & Engineer
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 1377 Main Street, Buffalo 9, N. Y.
- - 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by New York State

Member of N.C.A.R.B. since 1946 and engineer

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect teacher in architecture

Place of birth Middletown, Conn.

- 8. Born May 18, 1885
- teacher in science of construction public-official --retired-
- 9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

High School

Location Hartford, Conn. No. of Year of Years Graduation 4

1903

Degree None

Private School

College or University

College or University

Post Graduate at

Scholarships held

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Has of June 18, 1958 practiced continuously as Architect & Engineer for 50 years.

Very active in Public Affairs for over 30 years and has held many important assignments by the City of Buffalo pertaining to the Building Industry.

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

Completed Construction Work (Year)

Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted

(City)

(State)

type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

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

Not claiming outstanding design.

(See attached list for photographs submitted)

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.

Not claiming outstanding design.

#### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. Construction Work

Type of Work
Constructed

Identification of Work

Location of Work

Completed Construction Work (Year)

Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted

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

See attached Sheet 4A.

2. Books, Treatises, or Articles Written

Subject Title

Where Published

Date Published

None:

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.

Personally designed over \$25,000,000 of industrial and commercial buildings in 12 states during the past 50 years, and has continued as architect for all major additions to such buildings.

Developed special economical constructions and techniques in designs.

Recognized as authority on new structural designs and materials of construction by the City of Buffalo, acting as consultant to the Building Department.

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

#### 1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	YEAR	PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED
Industrial "" "" Commercial "" "" ""	Morrison Steel Products, Inc. National Lead Co. Houdaille Industries, Inc. Houdaille Industries, Inc. American Machine & Fdy. Co. Sheridan Plaza University Plaza Smith Plaza Delaware Plaza Airport Plaza	Buffalo, N. Y. Batavia, N. Y. Buffalo, N. Y. Akron, N. Y. Cheektowaga, N.Y. Tonawanda, N. Y. Amherst, N. Y. Lackawanna, N. Y. Buffalo, N. Y. Cheektowaga, N.Y.	1947-56 1940-44 1921-58 1951-57 1942-45 1949-58 1941-58 1950-58 1947 1948-58	1 1 1 1 1 1 1

#### 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.)

Advisor in Construction Technology 1956-59, Erie County Technical Institute, and have frequently been called upon for advice. Have spoken to student bodies on subjects allied to the Construction Industry and Architecture.

#### 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

None.

#### 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.

#### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Delegate of Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. to last 14 conventions, attended 11 and was sole Chapter representative at several.

#### WESTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

Was the organizer of this Society starting with six members in 1938, which membership in 1942 had reached a total of 92 and the Society was recognized as the leading group of architects in Buffalo and Vicinity as the Chapter of the Institute had but about 25 members at that time. Was President for the six year life of the Society.

The reason for forming the Society was to better educate the architects in this area on ethics of the Institute to the end that at some time it might be possible to join the Buffalo Chapter and the new members would be prepared for proper controls of their activities.

In 1944 this Society was disbanded and all eligible members joined the Buffalo Chapter in 1944-45-46 which materially increased the membership in the Chapter and was the impetus of the growth to a membership of 121 in 1957, including associates.

#### BUFFALO-WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, A.I.A.

#### ATTENDANCE

Joined the Chapter in March 1944 and during the next 15 years attended every Chapter meeting except five.

#### OFFICER

Was Chapter President in 1945, 1946 and 1947. No president in prior history of Chapter ever had three successive terms.

#### FEE SCHEDULE

The first act, after becoming President for the first time, was to insist upon a minimum non-mandatory fee schedule and in one year's time such a schedule was prepared and adopted which has not been changed since 1946.

#### EIGHT YEAR CHAIRMAN OF PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

Was very active in Chapter matters and worked closely with State Education Department to prevent illegal practices.

Secured information for the preparing of charges and appeared against three members of the Chapter which members were found guilty by the Institute and suspended for one year's time.

Personally preferred charges against one member of the Chapter for violation of mandatory rules and his membership was terminated by the Institute.

The committee has, through its efforts, practically stopped unfair competition, illegal advertising by architects, the use of the word, "Architect" by implication, and the illegal use of seals.

#### PUBLICATION

Started a publication called the "Bulletin" in 1939 for the Western New York Society of Architects and was its editor and publisher for six years, it being published without advertising and at no cost to the Society or Chapter. The present Bulletin publication is now the official publication of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. and is an outstanding one among similar chapter publications.

#### HONORED BY CHAPTER

On October 9, 1958, was honored by the Chapter at a testimonial dinner which was attended by about 500 persons including Chapter members, contractors, material suppliers, city officials, bankers, and about 200 representatives of 21 labor unions in Buffalo. At the dinner received a gold medal from the Chapter as a token of friendship and completing 50 years in the practice of architecture.

#### BUILDING INDUSTRY RELATIONS

Has notedly contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture by great service to his Chapter and The American Institute of Architects and very active in matters pertaining to the Building Industry to cause a closer relationship between the architect, contractor and labor.

#### NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS

Delegate to last 15 conventions and attended all.

Chairman of the Commercial Exhibit Committee at five conventions and member of five convention committees.

Member of the Committee on Public Relations and Publicity 1955-58.

Member of Ethics and Professional Practice 1955-58.

Member of Committee on Fees & Contracts 1955-58.

Member of the Legislation Committee for past eight years and Vice-Chairman of Buffalo-Western New York area.

Vice-Chairman Multiple Dwelling Law Committee for three years and currently Chairman of this committee.

Member Statewide Building Code Committee 1955-56.

Vice-Chairman of Committee on Revision of Labor Laws and Rules for 1955-56 and now Chairman of this committee for 1957-58.

Chapter Director for two years, third Vice-President for two years, second Vice-President for two years, first Vice-President for two years.

Was chosen by Nominating Committee for the presidency in 1955 but refused the honor for good personal reasons.

On September 10, 1955, at regular meeting of the State Association Directors, motions were unanimously carried as follows:

"The Board of Directors regretfully acknowledged the refusal for nomination to the presidency by G. Morton Wolfe and that a letter of recognition be forwarded".

"The constituent organizations express their sincere thanks to Mr. Wolfe for his untiring efforts and staunch support rendered to the New York State Association of Architects since his appointment as Director and election to office, during the past eight years".

#### 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.

#### BUILDING CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

In 1949 organized a group which was called the Building Code Revision Committee composed of five engineers and two architects; the purpose of which was to revise the Building Code of the City of Buffalo that was about 50 years old. During the past eight years this code has been 90 percent rewritten and is considered to be one of the simplest yet outstanding building codes in the country.

The code was rewritten at no cost whatever to the City of Buffalo by the committee, which is still active in recommending amendments as required to keep in line with progress of the Building Industry.

#### BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS (CITY OF BUFFALO)

Vice-Chairman since 1954 and now serving second term of three years.

This Board consists of the Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Fire, an Architect and a professional Engineer, together with the Vice-Chairman who is both architect and engineer. The purpose of the Board which is appointed by the Mayor and is nonpaid, is to study hardship cases of buildings and it has the right to grant variances to statutory requirements. The Board processes several hundred cases a year. Has acted as chairman during the past two years.

#### BUFFALO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vice-Chairman for two years and Chairman for five years of Building Supplies & Construction Committee with membership in 1958 of 87.

This committee is very active in behalf of good legislation for the Building Industry and protecting the rights of those engaged in it, including architects.

#### CURRENT AND EIGHT YEAR CHAPTER CHAIRMAN OF RELATIONS WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

Has attended committee meeting every week for several years, composed of eight representatives of labor and eight contractors, and is the sole representative of the Chapter.

One of the purposes for the activities is to create a better feeling between contractors, labor and architects and to promote new work for the architectural profession both local, county and statewide.

Other activities of this committee are to meet with contractors for the purpose of agreeing on many matters of common interest and importance to both groups and special meetings of architects and contractors are now being held to the end that there will be a general improvement in the conditions of the Building Industry in this area.

The architects of the Chapter are now more highly regarded and respected than at any time in the history of the Chapter.

#### INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Who May Nominate.

A member may be nominated for fellowship by any of the following groups, without priority as to any group:

- (a) by the executive committee of any chapter;
- (b) by the governing board of any state organization:

Nominations made by an executive committee of a chapter or a governing board of any state organization shall be signed by all members of the executive committee or governing board.

- (c) by five fellows who are members of the chapter to which the nominee belongs;
- (d) by five fellows who are members of the state organization to which the nominee belongs;
- (e) by any ten or more corporate members.

  Nominations by any chapter committee other than the executive committee are not recognized under the by-laws of The Institute unless the committee personnel meets the requirements of group (c) or group (e) above.

#### Good Standing of Nominees and Nominators.

The nominee and each of his nominators must be in good standing in The Institute and in their assigned chapters at the time of the signing of the nomination. The nominee must have been in good standing in The Institute and his assigned chapter for a period of ten years prior to that time. Where a nominee has been assigned to more than one chapter during this ten-year period he must have been in good standing in his successive, assigned chapters. This qualification of the nominee should be confirmed by the proposers, who should obtain confirming letters directly from The Secretary of The Institute and from the secretary of the chapter or chapters. These letters shall be attached to the nomination paper.

#### Nomination Forms.

Nominations must be made on A.I.A. Form No. S38 and be filed with The Jury of Fellows, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

#### Required Material.

All nominations must be supported by the fullest information concerning the nominee's history, achievements and standing.

It is mandatory that every nomination submitted must, in addition to a biographical sketch, be accompanied by a properly-presented, well-selected exhibit of photographs of the nominee's executed work and other data dealing directly with the nominee's achievements. It is suggested that photographs, data, and other material be uniform in size.

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Whether the nominee is proposed by the Executive Committee of his chapter or state organization, or by individual members, it is most important that nominations be supported by letters of information on the nominee from all signers of the nomination. In the case of nominations made by executive committees or governing boards of chapters or state organizations, all members of these committees or boards must submit letters. A minimum of five letters is required, and if the governing board is comprised of less than five, then additional letters are required from other members of the chapter or state organization. These letters must be factual and detailed, defining in particular the special achievement the nominee has made in the fields of professional activity for which he is nominated. In addition, it is most desirable to receive factual letters from individuals who know the candidate. Letters of a general character are of little aid to the candidate's cause.

By not supplying letters in support of their candidate, nominators are harming the chances of their nominee for favorable consideration.

When members are proposed for advancement to fellowship in the fields of "Service to The Institute" and "Public Service," The Jury of Fellows must have detailed facts to bear out the outstanding services in these fields. In acquiring achievement in "Service to The Institute," serving as officers or on committees is not, in itself, sufficient to advance a man to fellowship, except where such services are "rendered so faithfully, efficiently, and strikingly, that they become outstanding and inspiring."

Facts in regard to service of this type, or in Public Service, should be very detailed and explicit.

The preparation of the nomination form, the editing of the material to be submitted (the photographs, etc.) and its expedition to The Institute is the duty of the nominators and should not devolve upon the nominee. All exhibits should note date of construction. Sketches, renderings, and models (or photographs thereof) are not acceptable material. Exhibits shall be only of executed work. In certain

#### MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

American Arbitration Association The American Institute of Architects Buffalo Better Business Bureau, Inc. Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Buffalo & Erie County Planning Association, Inc. Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, Albright Art Gallery Buffalo Sewage Advisory Committee Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, Inc. Building Officials Conference of America, Inc. Construction Club of Buffalo The Construction Specifications Institute, Inc. Construction Specifications Institute (Buffalo-Western New York Chapter) Engineering Society of Buffalo, Inc. Erie County Chapter, New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. Erie County Technical Institute (Advisor in Construction Technology) The Founders of the New Canisius High School, Buffalo, N. Y. Joint Industry Committee National Council of Architectural Registration Boards National Society of Professional Engineers. New York Society of Architects New York State Association of Architects New York State Building Officials Conference

New York State Society of Professional Engineers Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association

Structural Clinic of Buffalo

April 8, 1959

Mr. W. Newell Reynolds, President Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. 2000 Sheridan Drive Kenmore 23, New York

Dear Mr. Reymolds:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the fellowing actions it has taken on the nominations before it of corporate members of your Chapter who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Referred to Meeting of the Jury in 1960:

Roswell Edwin Pfohl . George Morton Wolfe

Sincerely yours

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

ERP/g

Mr. W. Newell Reynolds, President Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. 2000 Sheridan Brive Kenmore 23, New York

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members of your Chapter who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Referred to Meeting of the Jury in 1961:

Roswell Edwin Pfohl George Morton Wolfe

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with these nominations should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by January 1, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A Secretary

February 28, 1961

Mr. Guy H. Baldwin, President Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. 505 /Delaware Avenue Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on the nominations bufore it of corporate members of your Chapter who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

#### Referred to Meeting of the Jury in 1962:

#### Trevor Warren Rogers

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with this nomination should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by January 1, 1962.

#### Nominations Before the Jury at Three Meetings Without Favorable Action :

George Morton Wolfe

We regret to inform you that these members have not been honored with Fellowships by The Jury of Fellows. The exhibits submitted in support of their nominations are being returned to you under separate cover.

The Jury has asked me to inform you that, in their deliberations during the past three years, these proposals have been considered among the several hundred with which they have had to compare them as to their qualifications.

The Rules of Procedure of the By-laws of The Institute permit the resubmission of new nominations after the lapse of one year following this action.

The Jury suggests that if you take this course, you make a more adequate presentation which will tell clearly what you feel are sufficient grounds for different action.

The Jury trusts you will understand the conditions under which it must necessarily work.

Sincerely yours,

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#### Wolfe, George Morton

#### Chapter Supporters:

Reynolds, W. Newell	)	
Baldwin Guy H.	)	
Turley, M. Russell	)	
Imbs, Thomas Justin	)	
Harbach, Paul Hydd	:	Proposers
Bell, Howard P.	)	-
Milstein, Milton	)	
Podd, Stanley	)	
Murphy, Mortimer J.	)	

Unfavorable Communication from James Wm. Kideney, FAIA

20 Members of Chapter jointly signed letter

Backus, Frederick C. Fenno, S. Harold Foit, Franklin F. Highland, John N., Jr. Pfohl, Roswell E. Rogers, Trevor W.

#### Non-Chapter Supporters:

Barrows, C. Storrs, FAIA - Rochester
Cavalieri, George J., AIA - New York
Clark, Carl W., FAIA - New York
Del Gaudio, M. W., F.A.I.A. - New York
Goldberg, Adolph, AIA - New York (Brookl yn)
Helter, Simeon, AIA - Flyshing, N.Y.
Hertz, Samuel A., AIA - New York
Mayo, Frank V., FAIA - Stockton, Calif.
Melniker, Albert, AIA - Staten Island, N.Y.
Prince, Harry M., AIA - New York
Sleeper, Harold R., FAIA - New York
Spindler, Charles M., AIA - Brooklyn
Waasdorp, Leonard A., FAIA - Rochester

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November 6, 1958

Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Honored Sirs:

The Buffalo - Western New York Chapter has nominated G. Morton Wolfe for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute because of his untiring service to the Institute, his Chapter and his community.

Mr. Wolfe was the "firebrand" who organized the Western New York Society of Architects in 1938 and nurtured it through the intervening years until it absolved in 1944, when he led the majority of its membership into the Buffalo Chapter, A.I.A.

During the life of this organization, its membership grew from six to ninety-two members through the dynamic leadership of its founder, who also shouldered the complete financial burden of the Society.

Shortly after joining the local Chapter of the A.I.A., Mr. Wolfe was elected President and held that position for three consecutive terms. One of his first acts was to appoint a committee on rates and fees which produced a practical and workable standard uniform fee schedule which the Chapter immediately adopted. Following his term as President, he was appointed Chairman of two important Chapter committees, namely, the Practice of Architecture and Relations with Construction Industry. Through his efforts the work of these committees have done much to increase the prestige of the Chapter in the eight counties of Western New York. The committee on Practice of Architecture has corrected many abuses and misuses of the title "Architect" and the illegal use of the Architects Seal.

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Mr. Wolfe, as Chairman of the committee on Relations with the Construction Industry, has also acted on a committee composed of labor representatives and contractors. As a result of the work of this committee, there has been no serious labor disturbance on construction projects in the Buffalo area for a great number of years, and the relationship of the Architect to other members of the Building Team are most cordial and especially beneficial to the Architectural Profession. They have been most helpful in a number of cases of deflecting public work away from Municipal Bureaus, and into the hands of the private practitioner.

Mr. Wolfe has been very active in the New York State Association of Architects as Chapter Director, Third Vice President, Second Vice President and First Vice President, each office held for a term of two years. For personal reasons he refused the nomination of President of the Association in 1955. During his tenure in the Association, he served on many important committees, including Legislation, Multiple Dwelling Law, State-Wide Building Code Committee, Labor Law and Rules Committee, Public Relations and Publicity, Ethics and Professional Practice and the Committee on Fees and Contracts.

In the field of Civic Affairs, our nominee has been very active and energetic on a City of Buffalo Building Code Revision Com-He is serving his second term as member and Vice Chairman of the Board of Building Appeals. He has been very active on the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, Building Supplies and Construction Committee as Vice Chairman and Chairman over a period of seven years.

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Mr. Wolfe is a member of more than twenty civic and technical groups in the Niagara Frontier and takes an active part in each one whenever it is practical to do so. He is a very modest man when mentioning monitary assistance, but he has given unstintingly, and at times most generously, to his Chapter, to civic projects, and to individual worthy causes.

The Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A. I. A. would be honored to include G. Morton Wolfe as one of its "Fellows".

Sincerely,

W. Newell Reynolds / President

Buffalo - Western New York Chapter

American Institute of Architects

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DUANE LYMAN
MEMBER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
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# DUANE LYMAN AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS 505 DELAWARE AVENUE BUFFALO 2, N. Y.

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ASSOCIATES

January 5, 1959

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

Re: Application for Fellowship for G.Morton Wolfe, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

I should like to add my endorsement to the application for Fellowship of G. Morton Wolfe, A.I.A.

To list his qualifications would require five closely typed pages, so I shall list but a few:

Mort was President of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter in 1945, 1946, and 1947.

Has attended the last 14 conventions of the American Institute of Architects.

Has attended the 14 conventions of the New York State Association of Architects.

Has had as clients the British Purchasing Commission, Defense Plant Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Houdaille Industries, Inc.

Has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Buffalo Building Appeals (City of Buffalo) since 1954.

Has practiced architecture for 50 years.

Has the finest private architectural library in Western New York.

In my opinion, G. Morton Wolfe is deserving of Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Guy H. Baldwin

# M. RUSSELL TURLEY . ARCHITECT

Member of the American Institute of Architects

**BELL** Sassociate Architect

December 11, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I have known G. Morton Wolfe since 1941 and am pleased and justly proud to have numbered him among my closest business and professional friends since that time.

Mr. Wolfe's willingness to lend a helping hand to embryo professional men is certainly one of his strongest attributes; and he has given assistance to many young men including myself.

This eminent sense of responsibility to young men is only one facet of his well rounded personality which has made him a widely known and respected Architect and citizen in Buffalo and much of New York State.

Not the least among his community services has been his constant attention to the problem of improving communication and understanding between the various factions of the Building Industry. He is a member of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Buffalo.

As a prime mover behind the Buffalo Code Revision, Mr. Wolfe has further served the Building Industry and the entire community. This effort began in 1949 and is still an active interest of his. Mr. Wolfe also serves on the Board of Building Appeals, City of Buffalo which is a mayoral appointed committee activity functioning in the processing of appeal cases which are being heard under the multiple dwelling law and local codes.

Mr. Wolfe has provided strong and active leadership in the Buffalo Western New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects through serving as its' President in 1945-6 and 7, and practically constant service since through his activity on and chairmanship of various committees. He is now and has been for the past several years, chairman of the Architectural Practice Committee.

In the New York Association of Architects, Mr. Wolfe has served through the three offices of Vice President and was nominated for the Presidency which he declined. He has been a member of the Legislation Committee, Multiple Dwelling Law Committee, Building Committee, and is currently a member of four other active committees.

He is a member of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and has worked on the Building Supplies and Construction Committee, later becoming chairman thereof.

Mr. Wolfe carries membership in numerous other associations, societies and organizations, all related to his active interest in architecture.

On the personal side, Mr. Wolfe is, I believe, one of the last of a vanishing group of rugged individualists with a strong sense of civic and professional responsibility.

He is without a doubt, one of the leading citizens of Buffalo, and one of the American Institute of Architect's staunchest and most active members.

There can be no question in my mind of his deserving the honor of elevation to fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,

M. Russell Turley, A. I. A.

MRT:em

# THOMAS JUSTIN IMBS, A. E., B. F. A.

Architect and Industrial Designer

December 31, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Re: Fellowship for G. Morton Wolfe, A.I.A., Buffalo-Western New York Chapter

#### Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, it is a privilege to recommend Mr. Wolfe for a Fellowship, and to cite him for his contributions to the profession.

For some years, he has developed and administered a set of ethical standards for our Chapter, and along with this, has made a significant contribution as the President of our Chapter.

He has, for some years, worked as a Committee Chairman for the Labor Law for the New York State Association of Architects.

He has been outstanding for many years in his service to various communities, in assisting them in writing building codes, and in his Chamber of Commerce work, serving the city of Buffalo.

These activities, in my opinion, would qualify him for consideration as a Fellow.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Justin Imbs,

Architect & Industrial Designer

TJI/amf

REGISTERED STATE OF NEW YORK

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REGISTERED STATE OF ILLINOIS

# PAUL HYDE HARBACH & ELON B. CLARK, JR. ARCHITECTS

220 DELAWARE AVENUE

**BUFFALO 2, NEW YORK** 

PAUL HYDE HARBACH, A. I. A. ELON B. CLARK, JR., A. I. A.

November 18, 1958

American Institute of Architects Committee on Fellowships 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Re: Application of G. Morton Wolfe

Gentlemen:

This letter accompanies my signature to the application for the elevation of Mr. Wolfe to a Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Wolfe a great many years and worked with him in the formation of the Western New York Society of Architects, which later we amalgated with the Buffalo Chapter to make it the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of the Institute. This was an excellent step in that it brought a number of deserving Architects under the aegis of the Institute which has been of benefit to both.

Mr. Wolfe has been active in Architect and Labor Relations work and Contractor, Architect and Labor Relations work for years and in many other ways has been outstandingly unselfish in his interests for the profession as a whole.

I have always found Mr. Wolfe excellent as a competitor in the professional field and it gives me pleasure to add this brief letter of endorsement to those of the other signers of his application.

Sincerely yours,

Faul H. Harbach

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## HOWARD BELL . ARCHITECT

Member of the American Institute of Architects
3026 GENESEE STREET BUFFALO 25, NEW YORK

December 12, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A. I. A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It has been my privilege to know G. Morton Wolfe for the past eleven years. I have always been impressed by his devotion to the Architectural Profession and his profound respect for the obligations of the Architect to his clients and community.

Mr. Wolfe has served his profession during his career in many ways. In 1938 he organized the Western New York Society of Architects whose members later joined the Buffalo Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, thereby materially increasing the membership and strength of our Chapter. Mr. Wolfe served as President of the Buffalo Western New York Chapter for the years 1945, 46, 47 and provided leadership in matters relating to standards of practice and fees. For the past several years he has served as chairman of the Architectural Practice Committee. He also has served as chairman of the Chapter Committee on Relations with the Building Industry in fostering a better understanding of the mutual problems of contractors and architects. He is well respected by all members of the Building Industry in this area.

Mr. Wolfe has served his profession on a state-wide basis through his work for the New York State American Institute of Architects. He has served two year terms for each of the offices of Vice President in addition to his duties on several important committees of this organization. For several years his efforts in renting product display spaces at New York State Conventions have contributed mightily to the financing of our conventions.

Mr. Wolfe has applied his professional knowledge in service to his community through his efforts on the Buffalo Building Code Revision Committee, his membership (Vice Chairman) on the Buffalo Board of Building Appeals, and his Chairmanship of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Building Supplies and Construction Committee. He has served unofficially the individual architects in this area through his practice of periodically sending out, at his own expense, newsletters containing information relating to building codes, union jurisdiction, and similar matters. In addition, he has been a member of and supported many non-professional civic organizations.

As an indication of the esteem enjoyed by Mr. Wolfe, it is worthwhile to note that a recent testimonial dinner for him was attended by almost 500 persons, among whom were many Buffalo business leaders.

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Considering Mr. Wolfe's lifelong efforts on behalf of the Architectural Profession and particularly the American Institute of Architects, I feel he is in every way deserving of elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Yours very truly,

Howard P. Bell

HPB:em

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#### MILTON MILSTEIN & ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS 515 JACKSON BUILDING BUFFALO 2, N. Y.

November 7, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A. I. A. The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I address this communication to you regarding the current application of Mr. G. Morton Wolfe for Fellowship in the Institute.

My personal knowledge and opinion of Mr. Wolfe in terms of his service to the profession and his civic mindedness, coincide with that of numerous colleagues and associates in professional life.

Mr. Wolfe has given unselfishly of his time in promoting the interests of the A. I. A. and the New York State Association of Architects. He has devoted himself over the years to serving the mutual needs of fellow architects, construction contractors and members of the Construction Trades Unions. He has never been too busy to shoulder Institute responsibilities on a local or state level, regardless of pressures of personal practice.

The attached list of "Professional and Organizational Activities" testifies to Morton Wolfe's industry in behalf of the architectural profession. It is my fond hope that you will see fit to bestow upon him the distinctive honor of Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,

Milton Milstein

MM/phw Enclosure

#### PROFESSIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL

#### ACTIVITIES OF

#### G. MORTON WOLFE, A. I. A.

#### A. I. A. Conventions

Mr. Wolfe has been a delegate to the last 14 conventions, has attended 11 conventions and appeared as sole Chapter representative at several.

#### Chapter Attendance

In 14 years, Mr. Wolfe has attended every Chapter meeting except five.

#### Western New York Society of Architects

The Western New York Society of Architects is an organization which Mr. Wolfe formed and later disbanded in order for this group to join the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It materially increased the membership of the Chapter and added impetus to the growth of its present membership - (121 including associates).

#### Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A. I. A.

Mr. Wolfe and his chapter group joined the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of the A. I. A. in March of 1944. He served as President of the Chapter for 1945, 1946 and 1947. During the first year of his Presidency, a minimum fee schedule was drawn up and adopted for the first time.

As eight year Chairman of the Practice of Architecture Committee, he was very active in Chapter matters and worked closely with the State Education Department to prevent illegal practices. He secured information for the preparing of charges and later appeared against three members of the Chapter who were found guilty by the Institute and suspended for one year's time.

Through the efforts of Mr. Wolfe and his Practice of Architecture Committee, unfair competition, illegal advertising by architects, the use of the word "Architect" by implication and the illegal use of seals, have become almost extinct.

A great deal of interest and work has and is being put in by Mr. Wolfe as the current and eight year Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Building Industry. He has attended Committee meetings week after week for the past several years and is the sole representative of the Chapter present at these meetings with eight representatives of labor and eight contractors.

Professional & Organizational Activities of G. Morton Wolfe, A. I. A. November 7, 1958

A testimonial dinner was held on October 9, 1958 for Mr. Wolfe. Present at this dinner were 500 people, including Chapter members, Contractors, Material Suppliers, Bankers, Clients and a large delegation of representatives of Labor Unions in Buffalo. At this dinner, Mr. Wolfe was presented with a gold medal by the Chapter for completing 50 years as a practicing Architect and for his many activities in the Building Industry and Civic Work.

#### New York State Association of Architects

Many positions have been held by Mr. Wolfe in the New York State Association of Architects. Among these are the following:

Chapter Director for two years. Vice-Presidential capacity for six years. (Declined nomination for Presidency in 1955, due to personal reasons.)

Member of the Legislation Committee for the past eight years.

Member of the Statewide Building Code Committee for 1955-1956.

Vice-Chairman of the Multiple Dwelling Law Committee for three years, and is currently Chairman of same.

#### Civic Affairs

In 1949 Mr. Wolfe organized the Building Code Revision Committee. The purpose of this Committee was to revise the 50 year old Buffalo Building Code. During the past eight years, the Code has been virtually rewritten and is now considered to be one of the simplest and yet outstanding building codes in the country.

November 12, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

May I respectfully submit to you the following qualifications pertaining to G. Morton Wolfe whom I would like to nominate for Fellowship.

G. Morton Wolfe has been extremely active in the architectural profession, not only in his Chapter area but throughout New York State. I have known him for 25 years, his diligence in promoting the activities of the American Institute of Architects in this area and challenging it to greater performance, is very well known.

He has been a member of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter for ll years and has attended every meeting with the possible exception of five. He has been a delegate to ll conventions and has attended ll and has traveled across the country and has been the sole delegate at many of the conventions. In the New York area he has been chairman and been responsible for five commercial exhibits at the State Convention, all of which has been extremely successful.

Before he became a member of the old Buffalo Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, he had organized the Western New York Society of Architects in 1938, starting with six members which by 1942 had reached a membership of 92 and which was merged with the Buffalo Chapter to form the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter in 1944. He promptly became the president of the newly merged chapter and remained as president for three years during which time the Chapter grew and prospered more than it ever had been before that time.

He became the third vice president of the New York State Association of Architects and then became the second vice president for two years and first vice president for the two years after that. In 1955 he was nominated for the presidency which he refused.

He has served very actively and diligently on the Buffalo, New York Building Code Committee and was responsible for the complete rewriting of this building code. He is also serving now on the Board of Building Appeals to which he is devoting a great deal of his time. He has participated in the activities of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce along with at least 20 of the active groups on the Niagara Frontier which pertain to building, planning and engineering.

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# MORTIMER J. MURPHY ARCHITECT 445 FRANKLIN STREET BUFFALO 2, N. Y.

ASSOCIATES
MORTIMER J. MURPHY, JR., B.A., B. ARCH.
JOHN J. MURPHY, B. ARCH. ENG., P. E.

November 6, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

#### Gentlemen:

I have known Mort Wolfe for nearly fifty years. He has worked zealously in the interest of the Architectural Profession, the Building Industry and in the Public interst.

No man could have the respect and admiration of so many of his fellowmen, as has Mort Wolfe, unless he showed by his life his real worth as a man.

Sincerely,

Mortimer J. Murphy, A.I.A.

JAMES WILLIAM KIDENEY, F.A.I.A.

ARCHITECT

March 19, 1958

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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Jury of Fellows, The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue, NW, Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Members of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of The American Institute of Architects have nominated Mr. J. Morton Wolfe of this city for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

There can be no denying that Mr. Wolfe has labored hard in many aspects for the Chapter and for the State Association. It is also true that many members of the Buffalo Chapter have regretted that he has been permitted to assume some of the functions which have been delegated to him and are somewhat ashamed of the fact that, while he has been allowed to contribute to both the Chapter and the State Association of his time, they feel he is not one whom they would desire to see represent the Architectural profession.

Some four or five years ago Mr. Wolfe was nominated for the office of director of The Institute by methods which were somewhat unfortunate and the immediate result was that members from the other upstate chapters got together and dispatched a member to New York to inquire into the possibility of another person's name being presented in nomination. In the letter ballot which followed Mr. Wolfe polled fewer votes than the number of members of the Buffalo Chapter in good standing.

More recently, as a result of the time he has spent in work for the State Association, and the fact that it was according to custom for the State Association to nominate him for president, the chairman of the nominating committee called Mr. Wolfe aside and told him that it was the opinion of the committee that, if his name were to be placed in nomination, they would be forced to nominate also another member of the Chapter. Mr. Donald Q. Faragher of Rochester was chairman of this committee and, while I doubt he would care to write to the Jury of Fellows at this time, especially since he himself has recently been nominated for advancement to Fellowship, I am sure he would be happy to confirm this information should you make inquiry of him.

This feeling of reluctance to see Mr. Wolfe advanced to Fellowship, which I am sure is shared by many of us in the Chapter, is not entirely personal but is also a reflection of our contempt for the character of the buildings which he designs. Lest I be misunderstood, this is no question of traditional versus contemporary or modern architecture. In no way has his practice shown even average merit and, as a matter of fact, he quite often brags about how he is able to turn out his work almost over night and apparently single handed.

I cannot, with a clear conscience, fail to urge that the Jury of Fellows decline to advance Mr. Wolfe to Fellowship in The Institute.

Very truly yours,

James Wm. Kideney

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

#### Gentlemen:

The undersigned respectfully requests that G. Morton Wolfe, a member of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A. I. A., Inc., be elevated to Fellowship of the Institute in 1958 because he is in good stending in the Institute and has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture by service to the Institute, the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter and to the public.

Mr. Wolfe started to practice architecture in 1908 and has continued under his name for 49 years except for two years in the Signel Corps of the Army in World War I at which time being Chief Inspection Engineer in Aircraft Industrial Service.

Specializes in commercial and industrial work and has had as clients the British Purchasing Commission, Defense Plant Corporation, General Motors and a large number of national corporations as well as hundreds of local ones.

#### A. I. A. CONVENTIONS

Delegate to last 14 conventions, attended 11 and sole Chapter representative at several.

#### CHAPTER ATTENDANCE

In 14 years has attended every Chapter meeting except five.

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS CONVENTIONS

Delegate to last 14 conventions and attended all.

Chairman of the Commercial Exhibit Committee at five conventions and member of five Convention Committees.

### WESTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS SOCIETY STARTING WITH SIX MEMBERS IN 1938, WHICH MEMBERSHIP IN 1942 HAD REACHED A TOTAL OF 92 AND THE SOCIETY WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADING GROUP OF ARCHITECTS IN BUFFALO AND VICINITY AS THE CHAPTER OF THE INSTITUTE HAD BUT ABOUT 25 MEMBERS AT THAT TIME. WAS PRESIDENT FOR THE SIX YEAR LIFE OF THE SOCIETY.

THE REASON FOR FORMING THE SOCIETY WAS TO BETTER EDUCATE THE ARCHITECTS IN THIS AREA ON ETHICS OF THE INSTITUTE TO THE END THAT AT SOME TIME IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO JOIN THE BUFFALO CHAPTER AND THE NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE PREPARED FOR PROPER CONTROLS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

IN 1944 THIS SOCIETY WAS DISPANDED AND NEARLY ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS JOINED THE BUFFALO CHAPTER IN 1944-45-46 WHICH MATERIALLY INCREASED THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHAPTER AND WAS THE IMPETUS OF THE GROWTH TO A MEMBERSHIP OF 121 IN 1957, INCLUDING ASSOCIATES.

BUFFALO-WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, A. I. A., INC.

Joined the Buffalo Chater in March, 1944.

President 1945, 1946 and 1947.

The first act, after becoming President for the first time was to insist upon a minimum fee schedule, to appoint a committee for a study of a standard uniform fee schedule and in one year's time under the able leadership of Roswell Pfohl, such a schedule was prepared and adopted which has not been changed since 1946.

CURRENT AND EIGHT YEAR CHAIRMAN OF PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

Is very active in Chapter matters and works closely with State Education Department to prevent illegal practices.

SECURED INFORMATION FOR THE PREPARING OF CHARGES AND APPEARED AGAINST THREE MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER WHICH MEMBERS WERE FOUND GUILTY BY THE INSTITUTE AND SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR'S TIME.

PERSONALLY PREFERRED CHARGES AGAINST ONE MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER FOR VIOLATION OF MANDATORY RULES AND THIS CASE IS NOW BEFORE THE NATIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AFTER A HEARING REFORE THE NEW YORK REGIONAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AT WHICH THE CHARGES WERE FOUND TO BE WARRANTED.

The committee has through its efforts practically stopped unfair competition, illegal advertising by architects, the use of the word, "Architect" by implication and the illegal use of seals.

#### CURRENT AND EIGHT YEAR CHAIRMAN OF RELATIONS WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

Has attended committee meeting every week for several years, composed of eight representatives of labor and eight contractors and is the sole representative of the Chapter.

One of the purposes for the activities is to create a better feeling between contractors, labor and architects and to promote new work for the architectural profession both local, county and statewise. Much is done to settle jurisdictional disputes of labor.

Other activities of this committee are to meet with contractors for the purpose of agreeing on many matters of common interest and importance to both groups and special meetings of architects and contractors are now being held to the end that there will be a general improvement in the conditions of the Building Industry in this area.

The architects of the Chapter are now more highly regarded and respected than at any time in the history of the Chapter.

#### NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS

Chapter Director for two years, third Vice-President for two years, second Vice-President for two years, first Vice-President for two years.

Was chosen by Mominating Committee for the Presidency in 1955 but refused the honor for good personal reasons.

On September 10, 1955 at regular meeting of the State Association Directors, motions were unanimously carried as follows:

"THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGRETFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE REFUSAL FOR MOMINATION TO THE PRESIDENCY BY G. MORTON WOLFE AND THAT A LETTER OF RECOGNITION BE FORWARDED".

"THE CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE THANKS TO MR. WOLFE FOR HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND STAUNCH SUPPORT RENDERED TO THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR AND ELECTION TO OFFICE, DURING THE PAST EIGHT YEARS".

Member of the Legislation Committee for past eight years and Vice-Chairman of Buffalo-Western New York area.

Vice-Chairman Multiple Dwelling Law Committee for three years and currently Chairman of this committee.

Member Statewide Building Code Committee 1955-56.

Chairman of Committee on Revision of Labor Laws and Rules for 1955-56 and now Chairman of this committee for 1957-58.

Mamber of the Committee on Public Relations and Publicity 1955-58.

Member of Ethics and Professional Practice 1955-58.

Member of Committee on Fees & Contracts 1955-58.

### BUILDING CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

IN 1949 ORGANIZED A GROUP WHICH WAS CALLED THE BUILDING CODE REVISION COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF FIVE ENGINEERS AND TWO ARCHITECTS, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS TO REVISE THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO THAT WAS ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD. DURING THE PAST EIGHT YEARS THIS CODE HAS BEEN 90 PERCENT REWRITTEN AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE SIMPLEST YET OUTSTANDING BUILDING CODES IN THE COUNTRY.

THE CODE WAS REWRITTEN AT NO COST WHATEVER TO THE CITY OF BUFFALO BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS STILL ACTIVE IN RECOMMENDING AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED TO KEEP IN LINE WITH PROGRESS OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY.

BOARD OF BUFFALO BUILDING APPEALS (CITY OF BUFFALO)

Vice-Chairman since 1954 and now serving second term of three years.

THIS BOARD CONSISTS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, COMMISSIONER OF FIRE, AN ARCHITECT AND A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER TOGETHER WITH THE VICE-CHAIRMAN WHO IS BOTH ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER. THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD WHICH IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND IS MONPAID, IS TO STUDY HARDSHIP CASES OF BUILDINGS AND IT HAS THE RIGHT TO GRANT VARIANCES TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. THE BOARD PROCESSES SEVERAL HUBBERED CASES A YEAR.

#### BUFFALO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vice-Chairman for two years and Chairman for five years of Building Supplies & Construction Committee with membership in 1957 of 75.

THIS COMMITTEE IS VERY ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF GOOD LEGISLATION FOR THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THOSE ENGAGED IN IT INCLUDING ARCHITECTS.

#### PUBLICATION

STARTED A PUBLICATION CALLED THE "BULLETIN" IN 1939 FOR THE WESTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS AND WAS ITS EDITOR AND PUBLISHER FOR SIX YEARS, IT BEING PUBLISHED AT HIS EXPENSE.

THE PRESENT BULLETIN PUBLICATION IS NOW THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE BUFFALO-WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, A. I. A., INC. AND IS AN OUTSTANDING ONE AMONG SIMILAR CHAPTERS.

#### MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

American Arbitration Association The American Institute of Architects Buffalo Better Business Bureau, Inc. Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Buffalo & Erie County Planning Association, Inc. Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, Albright Art Callery Buffalo Sewage Advisory Committee Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, Inc. Building Officials Conference of America, Inc. Construction Club of Buffalo The Construction Specifications Institute, Inc. Construction Specifications Institute (Buffalo-Western New York Chapter) Engineering Society of Buffalo, Inc. Erie County Chapter, New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. Erie County Technical Institute (Advisor in Construction Technology) The Founders of the New Canisius High School, Buffalo, N. Y. Joint Industry Committee Mational Council of Architectural Registration Boards National Society of Professional Engineers New York Society of Architects New York State Association of Architects New York State Building Officials Conference New York State Society of Professional Engineers Niegara Frontier Building Officials Association Structural Clinic of Buffalo

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November 4, 1958

The Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Nomination for Fellowship
G. Morton Wolfe

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in adding to the long list of G. Morton Wolfe's sponsors my own name, based on long and close association with him.

First, he is honest, direct, courageous and generous in all his life's efforts whatever he has done. As a member of the building fraternity he has won endless acclaim for his service to others; he never needs service from others.

Mr. Wolfe saw clearly several years ago that many Architects were outside the small group of A. I. A. members and led in the work of organizing the group into the Western New York Society. Six years later he personally caused a merging of this Society with the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. and has thus added strength to the Institute.

Mr. Wolfe's devotion to the A. I. A. both statewide and nationally are outdone only by his valuable activity on the local level. He has oiled the gears between the contractors on one side of the contract and the owners representatives on the other; he has struggled endlessly with codes, his public relations have done much to present the planning fraternity to the clients of Western New York. Above all, his unfailing courtesy to his colleagues who win his respect and his unfailing prosecution of those whose conduct seems unbecoming to the profession, should insure his eligibility to the ranks of the Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick C. Backus

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A R C H I T E C **T** S

January 12, 1959

The Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTGAU

#### Gentlemen:

The Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated G. Morton Wolfe for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, and I feel constrained to add my endorsement to the many others, in behalf of Mr. Wolfe.

I have known Mort Wolfe for over thirty-nine years and have deep respect for his integrity, courage and devotion to his community, his fellow professionals and to his fellow man in general. His efforts in behalf of his fellow Architects and fellow citizens, in my opinion, have earned him the privilege of being recognized and honored with a Fellowship in the "Institute." His accomplishments are:

- 1. He has practiced Architecture for fifty (50) years.
- 2. He has been a Corporate member of his Chapter since March 1944, and has attended almost every Chapter meeting during that time.
- 3. Organizer of Western New York Society of Architects in 1938; served as President and financial backer from its inception until it was disbanded in 1944 in the interests of harmony, when the major portion of its members joined the A.I.A.
- 4. Served as President of his Chapter for three (3) terms. His first act in office was to set up a Committee to prepare a minimum fee schedule, which was adopted within a year and has remained unchanged to the present.

s. harold FENNO w.newell REYNOLDS danielg. McNEIL



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- 5. He served actively as chairman of Chapter Committee on "Practice of Architecture" for eight (8) years, and has been instrumental in keeping the Public and his fellow Architects aware of the Architect's duties and responsibilities to his Chapter, his client and to the Public at large.
- 6. Served for years as liaison between the Building Industry and his Chapter so well that labor disputes in the Building Industry have been almonst non-existant.
- 7. Delegate in attendance to last fifteen (15) conventions of New York State Association of Architects; Member of NYSAA Convention Committee for five (5) consecutive years and Chairman of Commercial Exhibit Committee during same period; Served actively on the following State Association Committees for three (3) years each: Public Relations and Publicity, Ethics and Professional Practice, Fees and Contracts; Member of State Association Legislative Committee for eight (8) years and Vice Chairman representing Buffalo-Western New York area; Vice Chairman of Multiple Dwelling Law Committee for three (3) years and currently Chairman of this Committee; Member of Statewide Building Code Committee for two (2) years; Vice Chairman on NYSAA Committee on Revision of Labor Laws and Rules for two (2) years and currently Chairman of this Committee; Chapter Director to NYSAA for two (2) years; Third Vice President, Second Vice President and First Vice President of the State Organization, consecutively for a period of two (2) years in each office and declined the nomination for President in 1955 because of personal, private reasons.

s. harold FENNO

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8. He has served actively on many local Committees interested in the Economic condition, Health and Well-Being of Buffalo and its citizens. He is a member in good standing of over twenty-five (25) groups within the Buffalo-Western New York area.

It is my firm belief that all this adds up to making G. Morton Wolfe most worthy of advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, and I respectfully request your favorable action on his application.

Sincerely,

S. Harold Fenno

American Institute of Architects

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# FOIT and BASCHNAGEL ARCHITECTS

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TELEPHONE CL. 1144

January 12, 1959

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

#### Gentlemen:

In behalf of my collegue, G. Morton Wolfe, I wish to submit the following data based on approximately twenty years of professional association; three years of which I served on the Executive Committee, two years as Vice President, and two years as President of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A. During the past two and one half years, as a member of the New York State Board of Examiners of Architects, I have worked with him in conjunction with the Ethics and Professional Practice Committee.

Mr. Wolfe organized the Western New York Society of Architects in 1938 and served as its only president for six years until it merged with the Buffalo Chapter A.I.A.

For the next three years he presided over the new Buffalo-Western New York Chapter A.I.A. and appointed a committee to establish a standard uniform fee schedule. So well was this work done, that it still stands in the professional procedure followed by all area architects.

During the next eight years Mr. Wolfe served as Chairman of "The Committee of Practice of Architecture" and worked with the New York State Education Department for the prevention of illegal practice. In the course of this study he personally preferred charges when necessary and through the effort of this committee unfair competition and illegal advertising has practically ceased. Architect's seals are no longer illegally used.

Presently, Mr. Wolfe serves as Chairman of the "Committee of Relations With The Building Industry". For the past eight years he has not missed a single committee meeting and his efforts have lifted the profession to a level heretofore unheard of.

So highly esteemed and respected is Mr. Wolfe that almost five hundred people attended a testimonial dinner in 1958 given in his honor. Included in attendance were fellow architects, contractors, bankers, clients, officers of the AFL and CIO and other community leaders. A gold medal presented for the fifty years of meritorious and devoted service culminated this eventful evening.

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#### Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Mr. Wolfe has also taken a very active part in the New York State Association of Architects, serving as Chapter Director for two years, and Vice-President for six years. He declined the presidential nomination preferring to dedicate his efforts to service on the Legislative, Multiple Dwelling, and Building Code Committees. On two of these he served as Vice Chairman. His tenure lasted on some of these for periods up to eight years.

Among the other committees either headed by or served on by Mr. Wolfe are the following:

Chairman of Committee on Revision of Labor Laws and Rules for 1955-56 and now Chairman of this committee for 1957-58.

Member of the Committee on Public Relations and Publicity 1955-58.

Member of Ethics and Professional Practice 1955-58.

Member of Committee on Fees and Contracts 1955-58.

Concurrently with this professional service, Mr. Wolfe takes an active part in civic affairs. In 1949 he organized a group to revise the 50 year old Buffalo Building Code. The eight years of devoted effort has resulted in one of the finest building codes in the country. This herculean task cost the City of Buffalo nothing.

In addition, Mr. Wolfe has served on the Buffalo Board of Building Appeals since 1954. This board processes several hundred cases a year and is not paid.

The Buffalo Chamber of Commerce has honored Mr. Wolfe and has recognized his leadership ability by appointing him to appropriate committees as either Chairman or Vice Chairman for the past seven years.

Words are inadequate to express my admiration and respect for this man who so capably typifies leadership, professional bearing, devotion and self-sacrifice. In every sense of the work Mr. G. Morton Wolfe is a gentlemen most worthy of your consideration for elevation.

Very truly yours,

FRANKLIN F. FOIT

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# Architects

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November 5, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Ave., N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen of the Jury:

The Buffalo-Western New York Chapter is placing a nomination for consideration for Fellowship in the Institute of G. Morton Wolfe on the basis of service to the Institute and public service.

Mr. Wolfe can only be described as a Statesman in our profession. He is advisor to we younger practitioners; has welded a most unique, favorable relationship between our profession and that of labor with the result that locally, we have had strong assistance from labor in fighting the inevitable suggestions of Public Bureaus of Architects, or departments, being set up to produce public buildings.

He has crusaded on a similar basis for relations with the construction industry and his tremendous contribution of time to the committees on practice has served the public interest as well as that of the Institute.

We believe that his years of service warrant recognition!

Very truly yours

OHN N. HIGHLAND,

JNH:ms

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November 25, 1958

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

#### Gentlemen:

I wish, personally, to endorse the action of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A., in nominating Mr. G. Morton Wolfe for Fellowship in the Institute.

To avoid repetition of facts already in your possession, I refer to the biography of Mr. Wolfe's career dated October 17, 1958 which was forwarded to you by our Chapter. Having been acquainted with Mr. Wolfe since 1925, and active myself in organizations which benefited from his capable, unselfish and untiring efforts, I can certify to the validity of the biography.

No one, in my opinion, has done more to improve the standards of professional practice, the relations between practitioners themselves and between them and the public, and to obtain favorable recognition of our Chapter in the area, than Mr. Wolfe. Serving as he does on many civic and public organizations, he reflects credit upon the profession as a whole. His service constitutes, perhaps, our Chapter's greatest contribution to good public relations.

His election to Fellowship will be applauded by the vast majority of Architects in Western New York. His service to our Chapter, to our State Association, to the profession and to the public is deserving of this recognition.

Very truly yours,

PFOHL, STOLL & ROBERTS

Roswell E. Pfohl

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TREVOR W. ROGERS, A.I.A.
REGISTERED ARCHITECT
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KENMORE 17, NEW YORK

December 22, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Mr. G. Morton Wolfe, member of our local Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A.I.A., has been nominated for Fellowship in The Institute. Since 1908, Mr. Wolfe has been active in our profession, and when organizations for the furtherance of the profession were founded, he was more than active -- he was an organizer!

I know that many of our fellow architects in this area, while still only draftsmen, were encouraged by "Mort" to join and actively participate in the Chapter's activities. He served as President of our Chapter in 1945, 1946, 1947. As head of this group, he insisted upon a minimum fee schedule, and under his able and helpful guidance, such a fee schedule was prepared and adopted.

A good deal of his committee work has been in the field of ethics and professional practice. He has served as Vice President in the New York State Association of Architects, and has been most active in the Legislative Committee.

These are but a few of Mort's activities.
The Buffalo Chamber of Commerce called upon his assistance, and for two years he was Vice-Chairman and for five years he was Chairman of Building Supplies and Construction Committee. Good legislation for the Building Industry has been this committee's goal.

Your kind consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

TREVOR W. ROGERS

TWR:VGR

CC-Mr. W. N. Reynolds

Member of the American Institute of Architects

Member of the New York State Association of Architects

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December 22, 1958

C. STORRS BARROWS, F. A.I. A.

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Re: Advancement to Fellowship - G. Morton Wolfe

#### Gentlemen:

As a past officer and director of the New York State Association of Architects, I have known Mort Wolfe personally for some 15 years. He was always an active and diligent worker in the State Association and has done a great deal in unifying the Buffalo and Western New York Chapters of the A.I.A.

There are few in the profession who have given as much of themselves as Mort Wolfe to help in the advancement of the architects in the State of New York.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend G.Morton Wolfe for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours.

C. Storrs Barrows, F.A.I.A.

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November 13, 1958

Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I wish to personally endorse and join the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, A. I. A., in nominating G. Morton Wolfe for Fellowship in the Institute.

In my opinion, he merits and is worthy of advancement to Fellowship, for reasons as follows:

- a) He was instrumental in unifying the profession in the western part of New York State.
- b) In so doing, he contributed to the advancement of the profession of Architecture, and rendered great service to the Institute.
- c) For many years, he has given unselfishly of his time and efforts to the Architects of New York State, by participating in legislative activity and developing closer relationship between the Architect, Public Officials, Contractor and Labor.
- d) His active participation for many years in the work of the New York State Association of Architects accounts in no small measure for the prestige and stability this Association presently enjoys.

I have made the above statements regarding Mr. Wolfe without any mental reservations in me whatsoever, and without fear of contradiction.

Very respectfully,

George J. Cavalieri

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November 4, 1958

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The Jury of Fellows The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

#### Gentlemen:

I have been asked by W. Newell Reynolds, A. I. A., President of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, to support the nomination of G. Morton Wolfe for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute on the basis of Service to the Institute and Public Service.

My knowledge of Mr. Wolfe's work is limited to contacts made through New York State Association of Architects affairs.

During the past six years Mr. Wolfe gave fully of his time and knowledge to the New York State Association of Architects. He carried out his assignments with competence and vigor.

Yours cordially,

CARL W. CLARK, F. A. I. A.

CWC:abp

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#### M. W. DEL GAUDIO

ARCHITECT 545 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 9, 1958

The Jury of Fellows The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

#### Gentlemen:

Mr. G. Morton Wolfe has been known to me for over 20 years during which time I have always found him to be a very ardent and sincere worker for the Architectural Profession.

He has represented the Buffalo area on legislative matters and has been my associate on the Legislative Committee for the New York State Association of Architects, for most of that period. His advice and council on all matters affecting the profession has been sought after, followed and found helpful.

He has served as chairman for the Committee on Commercial Exhibits for all the Conventions I had been chairman of since 1951. The results have been remarkable from a standpoint of public relations with the suppliers of building materials.

The efforts that Mr. Wolfe has expended to improve the position and practices of the Architectural profession have been continuous and successful.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Mr. Wolfe for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

M. W. Del Gaudio

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Nov. 25. 1 9 5 8

The Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D.C.

#### Gentlemen:

May I have the privilege of adding my endorsement to the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter's nomination of G. Morton Wolfe for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Mr. Wolfe for over fifteen years and hold him in high regard not only as an architect, but as a distinguished leader of men.

In his many activities upstate, he has advanced the status of architects among the members of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, the building officials and many other civic and professional organizations.

More than anyone else I can think of, he has furthered the interest and aims of the American Institute of Architects and, in my humble opinion, he justifies the Jury's favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

AG:hs

SIMEON HELLER \* GEORGE J. MELTZER MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

November 12, 1958

Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects The Octagon 1735 New York Ave., N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that G. Morton Wolfe, A.I.A. has been nominated for Fellowship by the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of the New York Institute of Architects.

During the past twenty years that I have been a member of the New York State Association of Architects, I have worked closely with G. Morton Wolfe. I have been a member of many of the committees which he has headed and that he has always brought to a successful conclusion, due to his efforts and hard work. At times, when I have been head of a committee, I have had his complete cooperation. During the past three years as Secretary of the New York State Association of Architects, I have called on him many times for work, information and for assistance and he has never failed to give me complete cooperation and service and to do the job required in an exemplary manner. As an Architect, he has always displayed tremendous knowledge and interest in his work. I know from conversations with many of the Architects in the area in which he practices that they consider him a highly qualified Architect and one who does credit to the profession. I also know that he has raised the status of the Architect in the Buffalo area because of his civic interest and his interest in the entire building industry.

With this knowledge of his service to the profession and his standing as an Architect I recommend that the Jurors of Fellowships consider his nomination as a Fellow and give him this honor which he so fully deserves.

SH:sg

SIMEON HELLER

Sincerely,

# SAMUEL A. HERTZ ARCHITECT 103 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Member of The American Institute of Architects

November 7th, 1958.

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

FACTUAL

It is a great pleasure for me to recommend G.Morton Wolfe, who has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter A.I.A. for Fellowship in the Institute. As Past President of the Bronx Chapter of the American Institute of Architects I have known Mr. Wolfe over 30 years. I have had the opportunity of meeting and working with him frequently at all of our conventions and in numerous committees.

He was extremely valuable representing the Buffalo area on the State-Wide Building Code committee of which I was Chairman. His suggestions, the result of careful study, included deleting from the Code the out-of-date earthquake provisions for the Buffalo area. In addition his specific recommendations for improving the labor law provisions were most helpful.

In the past 14 years he attended as a delegate all of the New York State Association of Architects Conventions, and was most active in obtaining subscriptions and arranging booths for the display of building materials products and architectural exhibits. In fact throughout his long and useful career, Mr.Wolfe has been a liason between the building industry and the architectural profession.

In the six years I represented the New York State Association of Architects in Albany as Legislative Representative, Mr.Wolfe, was unstinting of his time and effort in aiding me in introducing and processing legislation of value to the profession. He originated Bills pertaining to the State Board of Standards and Appeals which were subsequently enacted into law.

In summary I would like to say that Mr.Wolfe has continually worked to improve the position and practice of our profession. His efforts have radiated from early local improvements to matters of state-wide interest. He is deserving of recognition for his civic and professional endeavors. It is a privilege to recommend him for Fellowship in the Institute.

derely,

Samuel A. Hertz

### Mayo, deWolf & Associates, A.I.A.

A R C H I T E C T S

FRANK V. MAYO, F.A.I.A • EDWARD H. de WOLF, A.I.A.

EXCHANGEBLDG STOCKTON 2, CALIF.

December 17, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N. W.
Washington 6 D. C.

FACTUAL

Re: Nomination of G. Morton Wolfe

#### Gentlemen:

I have been privileged to know Mort Wolfe for over fourteen years, since we meet regularly at Conventions to discuss many phases of practice from which I always derive inspiration. He has a record of achievement and service to his fellow architects and perhaps more particularly the younger men, on a person to person basis, that he has at times unfolded to me that I am sure is not made known or publicised. Perhaps because we are from such distant regions that he feels like opening up to me, so to speak.

To recommend him for Fellowship is a privilege. When the nomination by his Chapter came to me, with a list of his accomplishments and activities, I felt that his indefatigable labours to advance understanding and practice among his fellow architects, the builders and laborers on his jobs, is outstanding.

He has contributed much to the welfare of the profession in the fifty years of his practice. Success has not decreased his interest in the profession, it has accelerated it. May I hope that you will be stow upon him this high honor.

Sincerely,

Frank V. Mayo, FAIA

January 29,1959

Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, NW Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Attention: Florence H. Gervais, Secretary to the Jury of Fellows:

Gentlemen:

The nomination of G. Morton Wolfe for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects has come to my attention.

G. Morton Wolfe has been associated with me in Institute matters for over ten years. I have worked closely with him first in the unification of the New York State Association of Architects when it became an Institute member. Since then I have enjoyed his help and wisdom on many State and National items as it concerns the architectural profession.

Mr. Wolfe in his specialty of industrial architecture has done a fine job. His conduct as an architect has been an example for the younger men. His interest in architectural organizations and institute matters has been unrelenting.

As one who has completed fifty years of activity in the profession and for the reasons given above, I lend my whole hearted support to the nomination of G. Morton Wolfe for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT MELNIKER, A.I.A.

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#### HARRY M. PRINCE

ARCHITECT

MEMBER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS

December 12, 1958

NEW YORK 17, N.Y.
PHONE MURRAY HILL 3-1954

The Jury of Fellows, American Institute of Architects, The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It is a privilege for me to write in behalf of G. Morton Wolfe of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been nominated by his Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Throughout my activities over the last twelve years in connection with both public work and Institute matters on a national, state and local level, I have always found Mort Wolfe in the foreground of any fight to advance or protect the interests of our professional colleagues and safeguard the interests of the public generally affected.

In public affairs he showed the way for his city and led the fight to adopt modern laws and provisions for the advancement of public health and safety in residential structures and for a code to provide the latest technological thinking in the use of materials and their application to new buildings.

As a director and officer serving with me for many years on the Executive Board of the New York State Association of Architects, his work merits the greatest consideration and praise. He was never too busy to take time from his extensive practice to devote his efforts tirelessly in the service of our Association, our profession and our responsibility to the public.

In deepest sincerity I can wholeheartedly recommend G. Morton Wolfe to you for advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours

Harry M. Prince

# HAROLD R. SLEEPER, F.A.LA, ARCHITECT

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December 17, 1958

Jury of Fellows American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Aveneu, NW Washington 6, D.C.

#### Gentlemen:

I am pleased to endorse the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter's nomination of G. Morton Wolfe to Fellowship in the Institute because of service and public service. He has been most active in the Building Trades organizations in Buffalo for a long period of years and I am sure that his activities have enhanced the prestige of Architects in Western New York.

He has done a great deal for his Chapter. He has served as its delegate in many conventions and meetings. He has also been active in the New York State Association of Architects where he worked so successfully in the Commercial Exhibit Committee.

He has worked in civic affairs and given a great deal of his time to building code revision and to the Board of Building Appeals.

I believe he is worthy of advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Sleeper

HRS:jb

CHARLES M. SPINDLER, R.A.

REGISTERED ARCHITECT

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January 28th, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Mr. Morton Wolfe is one of the stalwarts of the profession. I believe he has held every office in his Chapter and also in the New York State Association of Architects.

He is continually championing the cause of Architects in their contacts with Municipal and State Departments, particularly in the Labor Law Field. No assignment is too much for Mort to accept and bring to a successful conclusion.

It is an honor for me, and I believe it would be a similar honor to the profession, to advance him to fellowship.

CMS:AL

CHARLES M. SPINDLER

Yours very truly

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January 6, 1959

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. G. Morton Wolfe, A.I.A. of Buffalo, New York has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the fields of Service to the Institute and Public Service.

It is a privilege for me to add my support to Mr. Wolfe's nomination.

For many years I have had the opportunity of observing Mr. Wolfe's positive accomplishments in behalf of the Profession and for the betterment of building construction. We have had occasion to work together on the New York State Association of Architects' Committee on Revision of Labor Laws and Rules, particularly as related to factory construction. His grasp of the problems involved and his keen analysis were of real value to the committee, of which he is now Chairman.

Of Mr. Wolfe's many constructive accomplishments during his 50 year practice, those that stand out in my mind include his successful efforts in connection with the revision of an obsolete City of Buffalo Building Code and his unwavering determination to upgrade the practice of architecture as a Profession. For many years Chairman of his Chapter Committees on the Practice of Architecture and on Relations with the Building Industry, Mr. Wolfe can be proud, in my opinion, of what has been accomplished to raise the standards of professional practice and to create a mutual respect between practitioners and others of the building industry in the Buffalo area.

Believing that Mr. Wolfe is most worthy of advancement to Fellowship, I respectfully request your favorable action in his behalf.

Very truly yours,

Leonard A. Waasdorp

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1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? Yes
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? Yes
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? 4es
4. What is your opinion of his character? Howest, Honorable
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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments?
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business?
4. What is your opinion of his character? 600d

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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? YES
4. What is your opinion of his character? / CONSIDER. HIM AS A
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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? To some extent
4. What is your opinion of his character? Tends to be a clown
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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? Yes
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4. What is your opinion of his character? Excellent