

Dated Undated 19 .
Received December 14, 1949 .
Granted February 15, 1950 .

MEMBERSHIP NO 7303



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

In due order
January 16, 1950
J.A. [Signature]

- A Name of applicant John Topzant Chapter Wisconsin Archs. Asso.
- B Address of applicant 1604 North 72nd Street, Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin
- C Applicant proposed by Gerrit de Celleke and Walter G. Memmler
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on December 14, 19 49
- E Application returned for correction 19 .
- F Application in due order on January 16, 19 50.
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent. (Wisc.) Dec. 14 1949 . Received January 16, 19 50.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on January 20, 19 50 on December 20, 1949 .
 - (b) Form S12, 30-day extension ending on 19 ., on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on December 20, 1949 .
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~to that application be denied~~ received on December 27, 1949 .
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on February 7, 1950 .
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on February 7, 1950 .
- M Applicant was admitted on February 15, 1950 .
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on February 15, 1950 .
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ 19 . returned to applicant on 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

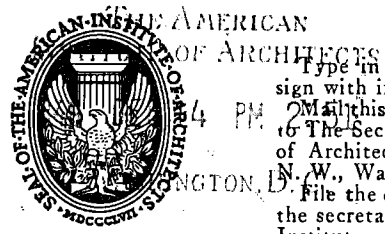
I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

John Topzant
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Wisconsin Archs. Asso. Chapter.

Date February 15, 19 50.

[Signature]
Secretary

(a)



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink. Mail this original and check for \$10.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

- 1. My full name is John Topzant
- 2. I am a natural citizen of United States
- 3. My legal residence is in the City of Wauwatosa
County of Milwaukee State of Wisconsin
- 4. My address in The Institute records will be
1604 North 72nd Street
Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin.
- 5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Architect
- 6. I desire to be a member of the Wisconsin Chapter.
- 7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute.
- 8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
- 9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

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State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

State whether residence or office address.

State whether a practicing architect, a teacher, or a public official.

Date 19

John Topzant
Applicant sign full name in ink

PAID
DATE 8-10-1949

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Oct. 28, 1890 Place of birth Milwaukee, Wisconsin

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

Wisconsin

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

Wisconsin

(c) I hold Certificate No. A1217 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
North Division High School	Milwaukee	3	years	

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

None

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

	From	To
Fred Graf, Architect (Deceased) Milwaukee, Wisconsin Henry Rotier 1638 So. 26th St, Milwaukee, Wis.	1908	1917
	During the period between 1908 and 1917 associated with said Architect for approximately two years.	

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Fred Graf, Architect	1917	1920	Wisconsin
John Topzant, Architect (Individual business)	1920	1949	Wisconsin

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

None

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from ----- to -----
- 17. Junior of Institute from ----- to -----
- 18. Associate of ----- Chapter from ----- to -----
- 19. Junior Associate of ----- Chapter from ----- to -----
- 20. Student Associate of ----- Chapter from ----- to -----
- 21. Member of State Organization in Wisconsin from 1930 to 1949.

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 10 years. I have known the applicant for 25 years.

Signed *Gertrude M. Miller*
Proposer
152 W. Wisconsin Ave
Address

Signed *Edward S. Munn*
Proposer
1825 E. Hartford Ave
Address

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

John Topzant, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Madison, Wisconsin
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 14, 1949

[Signature]
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? YES
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption? YES
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? NO. If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of first registration January 25 1918. Registration No. A-1217. Is it current? yes

[Signature]
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date January 12 1950

Wisconsin Registration Board of Archs. & Pro. Engrs.
(Name of Board)

February 15, 1950

Dear Mr. Topzant:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Wisconsin Architects Association, a Chapter of the A.I.A., effective February 15, 1950. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. John Topzant, A.I.A.
1604 North 72nd Street
Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin

CWD/kk
Enclosures

*Members
Topsant, John*

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NOTICE OF IMPENDING SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

April 23, 1960

**Mr. John Topsant
Room 202-03, 8320 W. Blue Mound Road
Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin**

Dear Mr. Topsant:

As you know, every corporate member of The Institute must be assigned to a local chapter and is obligated to pay dues and assessments levied by that chapter.

When such local dues and assessments remain unpaid, the chapter may request The Institute to suspend or terminate the membership.

It is a long-established policy of The Board of Directors of The Institute to support the chapter in this procedure, but not without making every effort to bring about the restoration of the good standing of the corporate member concerned.

The Chapter to which you are assigned has requested that your membership in The Institute and the Chapter be suspended for such non-payment.

The purpose of this letter is to suggest that you make payment of all outstanding obligations, thus preserving your corporate membership in good standing.

Your response to the above will be greatly appreciated not later than **May 25th**, for we must proceed to act on the Chapter's recommendation to suspend your membership at the next meeting of The Committee on Membership held thereafter, if payment is not made by that date.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

P.S. **The Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Chapter is Mrs. Ruth Hill, 4003 West Capitol Drive, Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin, should you care to get in touch with her regarding this matter.**

C.C. Acety Dept



date: May 2, 1960

reply to: 4003 West Capitol Drive
Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin

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

Dear Florence:

This is to advise that John Topzant, AIA, has paid his 1959 and 1960 chapter dues and is now a member in good standing.

Mr. Topzant also sent to this office his check for his 1959 and 1960 Institute dues which he asked that we forward to you. It is enclosed herewith.

We can assume that Mr. Topzant is again a member in good standing on all counts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Hill".

(Mrs.) Ruth Hill

Enc.

cc: Mr. Topzant

Handwritten note:
00-00-00 detached

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

*Members
Topsant, John*

May 4, 1960

Mr. John Topsant, A.I.A.
8320 W. Blue Mound Road - Rm. 202-03
Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Topsant:

The Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Chapter has advised us that you paid your chapter dues which were in arrears. Therefore, the chapter's recommendation to suspend your membership has been withdrawn.

Also forwarded to this office was your check in the amount of \$100.00 for 1959 and 1960 Institute dues thereby restoring your membership to good standing.

This is gratifying news, and the Officers and Directors join with me in extending appreciation of this indication of your continuing interest in and support of our professional society in its work on behalf of the profession.

Sincerely yours,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr.

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

cc: Mrs. Ruth Hill

cc: Accts Dept



date: January 31, 1962

reply to: 4003 West Capitol Drive
Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin

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*John
letters
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Miss Florence Gervais, Head
Membership and Records
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:



The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A., at its most recent meeting recommended the suspension of John Topzant, AIA, on the basis of non-payment of his 1961 Wisconsin Chapter dues and also for the non-payment of a public relations assessment of approximately two years' standing.

At the same meeting, the Board honored a request for transfer to the Western Michigan Chapter from Paul James Valliere. Mr. Valliere is a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Chapter.

The request for transfer of Donald P. McGinn to the Iowa Chapter was considered at this same Board meeting. However, Mr. McGinn has not paid his 1961 dues to the Wisconsin Chapter. For this reason, the Board could not act favorably in recommending the requested transfer.

*Noted
JLR*

Sincerely yours,

Jane Richards
(Mrs.) Jane Richards
Executive Secretary

JR:hmr

1960

Dues for 61

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*Biography
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March 28, 1962

F

Mrs. Jane Richards, Exec.-Secty.
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.
4003 W. Capitol Drive
Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Richards:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Mr.
John Topzant, a corporate member of The A.I.A.
and Wisconsin Chapter since 1950.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records
it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed
forms executed and two returned to The Institute.
The third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's
files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, A.I.A.
Executive Director

WHS:mm

cc: Treasurer's Office

Enclosures