

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8-9, 1912.

tions be instructed to make such investigation as possible and give the people who proposed Mr. Harfst a chance to substantiate:

Mr. Baldwin read a communication from Mr. Torbitt explaining in regard to objectionable advertising that had led to rejection of the applications of Charles Opel and Arch N. Torbitt, of Springfield, Mo.

Moved by Mr. Sturgis and seconded by Mr. Crane, that the action which has been taken regarding these gentlemen be reconsidered. Unanimously carried.

Moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that the applications of Mr. Opel and Mr. Torbitt be accepted.

A letter was read from James C. Teague, Calgary, Alberta, applying for ~~associate~~ membership and stating that, while he resided and practiced in Canada, he was and always expected to be an American citizen.

The Secretary said the Board was at a loss how to interpret the bylaw which reads "any resident of the United States who is a practicing architect."

Moved by Mr. Sturgis and duly seconded, that that particular paragraph of the Bylaws, Article 1, Section 1, be interpreted by the Board of Directors as meaning citizenship, and that the Board recommends to the Convention the revision of that paragraph and the substitution of the word "citizen" for the word "resident," for purposes of clearness. Carried unanimously.

A communication from J. Pickering Putnam was read, applying for reinstatement in the Institute, and recommending revision of the plumbing laws.

Moved by Mr. Sturgis and seconded by Mr. Baldwin that he be reinstated. Unanimously carried.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge receipt of this letter and to state that while the subject is unquestionably one of great importance, the date at which it was received made any arrangement for its adequate treatment in the present convention impossible. This is a matter that can be much better handled by the local Chapters, as the Convention has no supervision over Federal laws, and we suggest it be brought up before the Chapters.

The Secretary reported eight applications for membership received so recently that the usual time allowed for privileged communications had not yet elapsed, and action on these names was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

A list was read of members delinquent in payment of dues.

Moved by Mr. Medary and duly seconded that the Secretary shall prepare an amendment to the bylaws, to be presented to the Board of Directors at their next meeting, providing for the automatic dropping of delinquent members after a certain length of time. Unanimously carried.