

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER,
Office of the President,
823 Gloyd Building, Kansas City, Mo.

February 14, 1927.

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

My dear Mr. Baldwin,

This is to enclose three applications for Institute Membership from practicing architects in Kansas City - Mr. Walter A. Besecke, Mr. Victor J. DeFoe and Miss Alice Walton.

You will note that all of these applications carry the necessary endorsement and we sincerely hope the Board will report favorably upon them.

Mr. Besecke does not qualify under Group 1, but does not submit any exhibits inasmuch as he was formerly a member of the Institute and resigned together with several other members of the Kansas City Chapter at the time of the controversy over the Liberty Memorial Competition here, several years ago.

In consideration of the fact that Mr. Besecke is anxious to renew his affiliation, we have not thought it pertinent to ask for his reasons for reinstatement and trust that the Board will accept him in good faith. It is unnecessary to say that we welcome this application as a possible indication that others may follow and that it may be the beginning of the end of the breach between the Chapter and its former members. The importance of favorable action by the Board is obvious.

Mr. DeFoe is Mr. Besecke's partner and on advice from the Chapter, he is forwarding the customary exhibits under separate cover.

Miss Walton, in view of the character of her work and the fact that she appears to be a graduate in a special course in architecture in one of the approved universities, is recommended by her endorsers without further indication of her ability.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of these applications.

(Sd.) COURTLANDT VAN BRUNT,

President.

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Membership in the American Institute of Architects

Objects: The objects of the American Institute of Architects are to organize and unite in fellowship the Architects of the United States, to combine their efforts so as to promote the æsthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession, and to make the profession of ever-increasing service to society.

The American Institute of Architects desires and invites the membership of every practicing architect, or architectural draughtsman, who is willing to join with his professional brothers in upholding and promoting the principles and ideals of service for which the American Institute stands.

Conditions of Membership: Any resident of the United States, who is a practicing architect, or an architect engaged in professional education, or an architectural draughtsman, is eligible to membership if able to submit the required proofs of his or her professional

capacity and honorable personal and professional standing.

The Chapter Relation: Chapters of the Institute are local groups of Institute members and associates organized under a form of Chapter Constitution and By-Laws which provides a standard relationship to the Institute, with varying provisions for local organization and effort. An applicant for Institute membership is assigned, upon election, to the chapter within whose territory he has his business headquarters. If he resides in the territory of one chapter and has his business headquarters in the territory of another, he may make a choice in his application.

Initiation Fee, Dues and Journal: The initiation fee is \$5.00 which must accompany the application. The dues are \$25.00 a year, of which \$2.50 is for one year's subscription to THE JOURNAL of the A. I. A.

General Requirements and Proof of Professional Ability

Educational Requirements and Experience: No exhibits of executed work or technical examination are required of an applicant who can qualify under the provisions contained in the following paragraphs, but every such applicant must send with his application in lieu of exhibits of executed work, and as evidence of the proper educational equipment, his certificate of graduation, or his scholarship award, or some authoritative writing which is satisfactory proof of such graduation or scholarship award.

Those not qualifying under Group I should send exhibits as required under Group II.

Group I. Exhibits are not required: Of graduates in Architecture of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Georgia School of Technology, Harvard University, the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan, Carnegie Institute of Technology, the University of California, Washington University, Syracuse University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Oregon, the University of Kansas, Yale University, the Armour Institute of Technology, the Kansas State Agricultural College, Ohio State University, University of Washington, University of Texas, Pennsylvania State College, and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute..

Or from those who have held accredited scholarships of the American Academy at Rome, Columbia University, Cornell University, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Washington University, or holders of the Rotch, McKim, or Stewardson Scholarships, the winners of the Paris Prize of the Society of Beaux Arts Architects or the Alumni Fellowship of the University

of Pennsylvania; or from those who have passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts.

Practical Experience: Applicants applying under these general requirements shall have had not less than two years' experience as practicing architects; or three years as draughtsmen; or two years as draughtsmen and one year in practice.

Unanimous Endorsement: No exhibits of executed work are required in any case when the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his chapter. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed and in which there were no negative votes. A letter from the chapter secretary to this effect should accompany the application.

Group II. Exhibits are required: Applicants not qualifying under Group I, unless they have unanimous endorsement, should accompany their applications with simple exhibits of executed work consisting of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings. These exhibits may be taken from the office files and need not be specially prepared. They are returned in due course. Such applicants shall have been in independent practice at least three years, or have served five years as draughtsmen.

The architectural draughtsman is not required to submit exhibits of which he is the publicly recognized designer, but he must send two such exhibits of which he can truthfully say he was the principal author, although the work was done in the office of another.

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Walton, Alice
Kansas City

Application for Membership

Application See letter inside
from Chapter President
Feb-4, 1927

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

Prollm. Fee. \$1.50 1/7/27
Initiation.....
Unan. End. *no*
Exhibits *not req. naval. serv.*
On Priv. Com. of.....

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

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name *Alice Walton*
Address *619 Pioneer Trust Bld - Kansas City, Mo*
[Number and Street] [City] [State]

Place and date of birth *Exp. August 1878*

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

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

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

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.....
Has no such law.

If practicing architect, firm name *Alice Walton*

Have been in practice *Ten years*.....years

If draughtsman, employed by.....
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training *About fifteen years office training*

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

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

(1) *Alice Walton*
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

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

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) *Courtenat Van Buren (Secy.)*
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

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

Registration or License Number.
(Essential if Registered)

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

(4) *John H. K...*
(5) *Courtenat Van Buren*
(6) *Geo. M. K...*

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

(7) _____
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April 30, 1927.

Dear Miss Walton:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective April 30, 1927.

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

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

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

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Miss Alice Walton,
619 Pioneer Trust Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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