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THIRD NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE:

For your convenience, reference is made to previous notices concerning the Convention and the Congress which have appeared in THE OCTAGON this year under sub-headings as follows:

In the January number—
Dates and Plans.
Notice of Number of Delegates.
The XV International Congress of Architects.

In the February number—
Time and Place.
Dates and Plans.
Election of Delegates.
Procedure for Election of Delegates.
Procedure for nominating Officers and Directors by Petition.
Chapter Meetings on Convention Business.

In the May number—
More About the XV International Congress of Architects.

Notices in this and future numbers will cover the following items among others:

In the June number (this one)—
Accrediting and Registering Delegates.
Credential Cards.
Hotel Headquarters and Reservations.
Williamsburg and the World’s Fair.
Transportation Arrangements and Costs.
Equalization of Expenses of Delegates.

In the July number—
Tentative Program of the Convention.
Tentative Program of the Congress, etc.

In the August number—
Proposed By-law Amendments.
Proposed revision of ethical and other documents.
Notice of Nominations of Officers and Directors, etc.

The September number will describe the architectural exhibition to be shown in conjunction with the Congress and the Convention.

It will renew the cordial invitation of The Institute to its own members and to the entire profession in the United States to lay aside dull care, to take time out for the last week in September to make the trek to Washington, and to participate in what may prove to be the grandest party of architects within the memory of mankind, civilized or otherwise.

ACCREDITING AND REGISTERING DELEGATES.

The attention of the chapters and members is particularly called to the provisions of the By-laws of The Institute with regard to qualifying,
accrediting and registering delegates. It is essential that chapter officers who have responsibility in this matter observe the working procedure and see to it that the requirements are met, in order that there may be no delay or embarrassment at the time of registration.

So that full information may be available to all, the following sections of the By-laws of The Institute are quoted in full:

Chapter VI, Article 2. By-laws of The Institute.

Section 1. Authority and Powers of Delegates.

(a) Delegates Represent Members. All rights, powers, and privileges of an annual convention and of a special meeting granted under the laws of the state of New York shall be vested in, and may be exercised by duly accredited representatives of the members of The Institute elected by them. Each such representative shall be known as a Delegate.

(b) Termination of Delegate's Authority. All authority, rights, powers, and privileges of a delegate shall terminate and be cancelled when the meeting to which he was elected adjourns sine-die.

(c) Classification of Delegates. Delegates shall be classified as Member Delegates, representing the corporate members; State Delegates, representing the state association members, and Delegates-at-Large, representing the entire Institute membership.

(d) Delegates-at-large. The delegates-at-large at a meeting of The Institute shall be the members of The Board and the past presidents of The Institute present thereat. A delegate-at-large may also be a member delegate or a state delegate, or both.

Section 2. Member Delegates.

(a) Election of Member Delegates. The corporate members of The Institute in each chapter shall elect the total number of member delegates they are entitled to have represent them at a meeting of The Institute, in the manner prescribed in the by-laws of the chapter.

(a-1) If all of the member delegates elected by the members of a chapter are not accredited to the meeting of The Institute, then such thereof who are accredited shall be entitled to cast thereat the total number of votes which the said members are entitled to have cast for them, and each shall be accredited to cast an equal and proportionate number of said total number of votes.

(a-2) If none of the member delegates elected by the members of a chapter can be present at the said meeting, then the said members may elect any other delegate who is qualified to vote at such meeting to represent them as their member delegate and to cast the total number of votes that they are entitled to cast at the meeting.

(b) Number of Member Delegates. The number of member delegates from each chapter that may be accredited to a meeting of The Institute shall be proportionate to the number of corporate members of The Institute in the chapter who are in good standing thirty days prior to the date fixed for the meeting, and shall be determined by The Secretary from his records, in accordance with the provisions of the table in paragraph (c) of section 3 of this article; provided, that said number of corporate members in a chapter shall not include those admitted to the chapter under the provisions of chapter II, article 1, section 8 of these by-laws.

(c) Credentials of Member Delegates. The election of member delegates from each chapter and such other matter appertaining thereto as The Board requires shall be duly certified to by the president or the secretary of the chapter, and he shall present each duly elected member delegate with a credential card furnished by The Secretary.

Section 3. Number of Delegates.

(a) Notice of The Secretary. The Secretary shall publish a list of the chapters, by states, showing the number of member delegates that may be elected by the corporate members in each chapter and the aggregate number of votes that the member delegates from each chapter may cast, and a list of the state association members, showing the number of state delegates that may be elected by each state association member and the number of votes that may be cast by each state association member. If any state association member has failed to file its required list of members, it shall be noted in the list.

(b) Number of Delegates and Votes fixed by The Secretary. The number of member delegates and the number of state delegates and the number of votes that may be cast shown in the notice of The Secretary prescribed in this section 3 shall fix
the number of delegates that may be elected and the number of votes that may be accredited from each chapter and from each state association member.

(c) Determining Number of Member Delegates. The Secretary shall determine the number of member delegates in accordance with the following table:

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Article 3. Accrediting and Registering Delegates.

Section 1. Credentials Committee.

The Board, at a meeting held prior to the meeting of The Institute, shall elect three corporate members having the qualifications of delegates to act as the Credentials Committee of the meeting. The Secretary, ex-officio, shall act as secretary of the credentials committee, and the committee shall elect one of its members as its chairman. The term of office of every member of the credentials committee shall expire when the report of the committee has been accepted by the meeting.

Section 2. Accrediting and Registering Delegates.

(a) Presentation of Credentials. Member delegates and state delegates to a meeting of The Institute must present in person their credential cards to the credentials committee of the meeting as a prerequisite to their being accredited thereto or registered, as the case may be, and the credentials committee shall examine and pass upon all credentials so presented to it.

(b) Accrediting Member Delegates. When the credentials committee finds that the credentials presented by a member delegate are in due order, that his election is duly certified to, and that he is duly qualified to serve as a delegate, the committee shall endorse his credentials and accredit him to the meeting as a member delegate to represent thereat the corporate members that elected him, and entitled to sit in the meeting, cast the number of votes he has been accredited to cast on any question or division thereat, and exercise therein all the rights, powers and privileges of a delegate.

(c) Accrediting State Delegates. When the credentials committee finds that the credentials presented by a state delegate are in due order, that his election and his authority to cast the vote of the state association member in the meeting are duly certified to, and that he is duly qualified to serve as a delegate, the committee shall endorse his credentials to that effect and accredit him to the meeting as a state delegate to represent thereat the state association member that elected him and entitled to sit in the meeting and cast the unit vote of the state association member on any question or division except on those proscribed in chapter II, article 2, section 5(a) of these by-laws, and otherwise exercise therein all the rights, powers, and privileges of a delegate.

(c-1) If the credentials committee finds that a state delegate is duly qualified to serve as a delegate but that he is not authorized to cast the vote of the state association member, then the committee shall endorse the credentials of such delegate to that effect and register him as a non-voting state delegate at the meeting to represent thereat the state association member that elected him and entitled to sit in said meeting and exercise therein all the
rights, powers, and privileges of a delegate, except that he may not vote as a state delegate on any question or division thereat.

(d) Accrediting Delegates-at-Large. The credentials committee shall accredit each delegate-at-large present at a meeting of The Institute to the meeting as a delegate entitled to represent thereat The Institute membership and to exercise for it and in its behalf all the rights, powers and privileges of a delegate, and to cast not more than one vote as delegate-at-large on any question or division thereat.

(e) Report of Credentials Committee. The credentials committee shall report in writing to the meeting, setting forth in its report, over the signature of all members of the committee, as follows:

(e-1) total number of chapters and the name of each, by regional districts;

(e-2) number of member delegates entitled to be accredited from each chapter and the total number of votes entitled to be cast by the member delegates from each chapter as fixed in the notice of The Secretary prescribed in section 3 of article 2 of this chapter;

(e-3) number of member delegates accredited from each chapter, the name of each such delegate, the number of votes each thereof may cast, and the total number of votes that may be cast by the accredited member delegates from each chapter;

(e-4) total number of member delegates accredited and the total number of member delegate votes that may be cast;

(e-5) total number of state association members and the name of each, by regional districts;

(e-6) total number of state delegates entitled to be accredited and registered, the number thereof entitled to be accredited and registered from each state association member, and the total number of votes entitled to be cast by each state association member, as fixed in the notice of The Secretary prescribed in section 3 of article 2 of this chapter;

(e-7) number of state delegates from each state association member, the name of the state delegate accredited to cast the vote of each such member and the number of votes he may cast, and the name of each non-voting state delegate registered from each such member;

(e-8) total number of state delegates accredited and the total number of state delegate votes that may be cast;

(e-9) total number of non-voting state delegates registered;

(e-10) number of delegates-at-large accredited, the name of each, the total number of votes each may cast as delegate-at-large, as member delegate, and as state delegate, and the aggregate number of votes that may be cast by all delegates-at-large;

(e-11) total number of delegates accredited and the total number accredited and registered;

(e-12) total number of votes accredited to be cast on any question or division not relating to the property of The Institute or its chapters;

(e-13) total number of votes accredited to be cast on any question or division relating to the property of The Institute or its chapters;

(e-14) number of votes necessary to decide any question or division not requiring a two-thirds concurring vote in the case of (e-12) and in the case of (e-13), respectively;

(e-15) number of votes necessary to decide any question or division requiring a two-thirds concurring vote in the case of (e-12) and in the case of (e-13), respectively;

(e-16) such other matters as the committee deems essential.

(f) Final Judge of Delegates. If the credentials committee does not agree unanimously to accrediting any delegate it shall so report to the meeting. If a delegate is not accredited to the meeting by the credentials committee or if an accredited delegate is not accredited to cast thereat the number of votes that he thinks he is entitled to cast, then such delegate may appeal to the meeting; providing, that such appeal is made prior to the acceptance of the report of the credentials committee. In each of these events the meeting shall decide thereon.

(f-1) Within the limits imposed by law, by the provisions of above paragraph (f) and of section 3 of article 2 of this chapter, and otherwise by these by-laws, the meeting shall be the final judge of the qualifications and credentials of a delegate to the meeting, and may admit the delegate to sit therein as an accredited delegate and permit him to cast his vote or votes thereat or it may refuse to admit him as a delegate and refuse to permit him to cast such vote or votes.

(g) Records of the Credentials Committee. The credentials committee shall retain each credential
presented to it and, after endorsing its finding thereon, shall deliver it, with the original copy of its report signed by all members of the committee, under seal to The Secretary.

(h) Records Available to Credentials Committee. The records of The Secretary and The Treasurer shall be available to the credentials committee.

(End of quotation from By-laws.)

CREDENTIAL CARDS.

The Credentials Committee will function under the provisions of Chapter VI, Article 3 of the By-laws as printed herein.

Chapter officers and chapter meetings should carefully observe the procedure set forth in the By-laws in order that all member delegates may be entitled to register and to vote.

Member delegates and delegates of state association members must present their credential cards in person to the Credentials Committee as a prerequisite of their being accredited or registered as the case may be.

Prior to August 15, a supply of credential form cards will be sent by The Secretary of The Institute to the secretaries of chapters and to the secretaries of state association members.

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS AND RESERVATIONS.

The Mayflower Hotel, 1123 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., will be the official headquarters of the Convention. This hotel is convenient to the public buildings of Washington, to the Departmental Auditorium in which the sessions of the XV International Congress of Architects will be held and to the business section of the city.

All of the business sessions of the Convention will be held in The Mayflower.

Places of other meetings and special functions will be shown in the program.

The Mayflower is one of the finest hotels in Washington, with complete facilities for handling a large convention, including auditoriums, banquet rooms, secondary meeting and committee rooms.

A parking service for automobiles is maintained by the hotel.

The hotel will endeavor to accommodate under its own roof all who make reservations in advance—up to a total of 850 persons. Reservations in excess of that number will be allocated to one of several nearby first-class hotels, each of which has modern rooms and service.

All requests for reservations should be made direct to The Mayflower, on the assurance that desirable accommodations will be available provided such requests reach the hotel not later than September 15, 1939.

Your reservation should refer to the Convention of The Institute, should specify the type and price of room desired, should state the date and time of arrival, and should request a confirmation.

Those making reservations that are received by The Mayflower later than September 15, may not find rooms as desirable as those who make reservations before the dead line.

The rates at The Mayflower and its associated hotels are as follows:

- Single room and bath for one person (for 75 rooms only at The Mayflower)—$3.50 per day.
- Single room and bath for one person (for 50 rooms only at The Mayflower)—$4.00 per day.
- Single room and bath for one person (for 50 rooms only at The Mayflower)—$5.00 per day.
- Rooms with double bed and bath for two persons (for 150 rooms only at The Mayflower)—$5.00, $6.00 and $7.00 per day, depending upon location.
- Rooms with double bed and bath for two persons (for 200 rooms only at The Mayflower)—$7.00, $8.00, $9.00 and $10.00 per day, depending upon location.

WILLIAMSBURG AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Convention and Congress, on the late afternoon of Thursday, September 28, those who desire may arrange for the Williamsburg trip on which the delegates to the International Congress will be the guests of The Institute. One or more steamers will be chartered for the occasion.

The present schedule calls for departure from Washington about 6:30 P. M. on September 28, arrival at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, about 7:00 A. M. on September 29, a day in Williamsburg with specially conducted tours, embarkation for the return to Washington at 6:30 P. M. on Friday, September 29, and arrival
in Washington about 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 30.

 Plans for the descent upon the World’s Fair in New York are in the making. Special cars or regular trains will run at convenient hours on Saturday and Sunday in order to transport comfortably to New York all participants in the Convention and the Congress—in good time for their inspection of the World’s Fair, and for their participation in Architects’ Day at the Fair on Monday, October 2.

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS.

The Institute is advised that those attending the Convention and the Congress may take advantage of the substantially reduced railroad rates from many points in the United States to New York, on account of the World’s Fair, with a stop-over privilege in Washington. Consult your local ticket agent for lowest fares, or combination of fares, from your city to Washington to New York to your city.

Steamer tickets and incidental tickets for the trip to Williamsburg will be available at the Convention at the time of registration.

As heretofore, members are reminded of the advantages of automobile travel to Washington. Groups in various chapters are now planning automobile parties which will substantially reduce travel costs, while making a pleasant journey to the Nation’s Capital.

Now is the time to make your plans.

A splendid opportunity is offered to take your vacation in late September for the purpose of meeting with architects from many foreign countries and from all parts of our own country, to visit Williamsburg for the first time, or again, under auspices which assure special consideration, and to see the World’s Fair on a day set aside in honor of the architectural profession.

Various convention and congress committees are hard at work perfecting arrangements for your comfort and enjoyment.

The Institute depends upon you, delegates and members alike, to be on hand in Washington from September 25 to September 28, so that it may demonstrate the solidarity of the profession to our distinguished visitors from abroad, and likewise to the Federal Government with whom it will act as host at the functions of the Congress.

CHARLES T. INGHAM,
Secretary.

Notice Concerning Equalization of Expenses of Delegates

To THE 71ST CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
To Be Held in Washington, D. C., September 25, 26, 27, 28, 1939.

The effectiveness and interest of Institute conventions depends largely on the number of members present; the number present depends usually on the cost of attendance. The cost of transportation is a substantial part of the cost of attendance, and will amount to more than $15,500 this year if all delegates are present at the September Convention. The transportation costs vary greatly; the thirty-one delegates from west of the Rockies—12½% of the total number of delegates—will pay more than $6,000—about 40% of the total transportation cost—if they all attend.

An entirely satisfactory method for equalizing the delegates' expenses has not yet been developed. A voluntary contribution is not practical and any other kind would amount to an annual assessment, which is not feasible. An ideal means might be an endowment, sufficient at first to ensure the attendance of one member from each chapter, and finally to ensure the attendance of the full number of delegates.

The Board, this year, for the first time, was able to appropriate something towards equalizing delegates' expenses. How best to distribute the comparatively small appropriation, less than one-fifth of the total transportation cost, was long considered; particularly, whether it would be to the best interests of The Institute to distribute the entire amount to delegates from zones outside of a large area described about Washington, or to distribute it as
widely as possible over The Institute domain to ensure the attendance, so far as possible, of at least one member from every chapter.

The first method would permit payment of transportation costs above $90.00 per delegate and would benefit 13 chapters and 45 delegates.

The second method would permit payment of all transportation costs, above $25.00, of one member from each of 58 chapters, probably ensuring the attendance of 58 delegates. This method would benefit four times as many chapters as the first method and be more feasible when conventions are in other cities than Washington.

The Board decided it would be the greater benefit to the interests of the members to ensure the attendance of delegates from as many chapters as possible.

Accordingly, The Treasurer will make refund payments to the individual delegates who are entitled to same, after the close of the Convention. The aggregate amount that will be paid to the delegates from each chapter is shown in the list below, and that amount will be divided equally among the accredited delegates from the chapters who remain during the entire convention.

CHARLES T. INGHAM, Secretary.

The aggregate amount that will be paid to the delegates from each chapter listed herein is shown opposite the name of the chapter, as follows:

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National Housing Act Amendments Now in Effect

THE President’s signature of the National Housing Act amendments of 1939 (FHA) should assure a continuation of home construction activities during coming weeks at a pace well ahead of last year, Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald predicted in a statement issued June 10.

Mr. McDonald expressed the opinion that it is safe to anticipate a sustained volume of applications for insurance of small home mortgages and modernization loans during the immediate future. Enactment by Congress and approval by the President of legislation extending certain FHA functions which were due to expire on June 30, 1939, should remove any doubt as to the continued availability of the liberal financing facilities offered by FHA.

Principal features of the amended Act are:
1. Authorization for the President to increase to $4,000,000,000 the amount of outstanding mortgage insurance obligations the FHA may have at one time. The present limitation is $3,000,000,000, and the outstanding principal obligation at this time is approximately $1,400,000,000, not including approximately $400,000,000 in outstanding commitments to insure.
2. Continuation of the FHA’s authority to insure mortgages on existing construction until July 1, 1941. Homes financed with FHA-insured mortgages will continue to be eligible for FHA financing indefinitely.
3. Requirement that in the refinancing of mort-
gages the applicant for insurance must file a certificate that the mortgage holder has refused to grant him equally favorable terms.

4. Extension indefinitely of the authority of the FHA to insure mortgages on small homes involving mortgages of not more than $5,400 for terms up to 25 years. Under the old bill the maximum maturity of 25 years reverted to 20 years, as of July 1st.

5. Authorization to continue insurance of lending institutions against loss on property improvement loans up to $2,500 each with a new provision empowering the Administrator to charge an insurance premium not in excess of three-fourths of one percent to offset a portion of operating expenses and losses.

6. Establishment of a prevailing wage scale to be determined by the Secretary of Labor on large-scale projects (Section 207).

7. Revision of the conditions under which insurance may be granted on mortgages covering large-scale projects.

8. Repeal of Section 210 under which the Administrator was authorized to insure mortgages under special conditions in the price range up to $200,000.

Regional Meeting of Great Lakes and Illinois-Wisconsin Districts

June 23 and 24, at the University of Notre Dame

A NOTICE from Talmage C. Hughes, Secretary of the Detroit Chapter concerning this important meeting follows, in the form of a cordial invitation to all architects, particularly those in the two districts named, to attend a gathering of architects which promises much in the way of enlightenment and entertainment:

Your attention is called to an unusual meeting which is being arranged for June 23 and 24 at the University of Notre Dame. The program will offer an opportunity to hear some nationally known speakers discuss vitally interesting topics, according to an announcement by Clair W. Ditchy, Regional Director of The Institute. All architects are invited to attend and are urged to bring their wives.

The University of Notre Dame has generously offered the use of all their facilities including the opportunity for golfing, swimming, tennis, etc. The first session has been arranged for the afternoon of the first day permitting everyone to drive over in the morning. Watch the Bulletin for further details.

Friday, June 23, 1939

1 P.M. Registration.
Address of Welcome—Rev. Father O’Hara.

2 P.M. Regional organization meetings.
(1) Illinois-Wisconsin District.
(2) Great Lakes District.

4 P.M. Symposium:
Subject: Housing and City Planning.
Presiding Officer: Walter R. McCormack.
Principal address: Dr. Robert W. Kelso, Chairman—Citizens Housing and Planning Council, Detroit.

7 P.M. Meeting of the Directors of the Indiana Society of Architects.

8:30 P.M. Symposium:
Subject: Williamsburg.
Presiding: Thomas E. Tallmadge.
Address: William Graves Perry.

Saturday, June 24, 1939

Discussions.
(a) Membership—Alfred P. Shaw.
(b) Publicity—Talmadge C. Hughes.
(c) Unification—Leigh Hunt.

1 P.M. Meeting of the Indiana Society of Architects.
Recreation—Golf, swimming, tennis, etc. on campus.

8 P.M. Banquet.
Toastmaster—Roger Allen.
Speakers: President Charles D. Maginnis, and Rev. Father O’Hara.
Public Information

A NOTABLE example of the durable value of local public information is provided by the Connecticut Chapter of The Institute. It is announced that a series of articles written by Herbert Gibson of Hartford, secretary and treasurer of the Connecticut Chapter, for the Hartford "Courant" will form the basis of the text of a new book to be published under the title of "A Vital City Plan for Hartford".

The volume, which will contain photographs and drawings, will be dedicated to the late Arthur L. Shipman, Sr., with whom Mr. Gibson served on the City Plan Commission of Hartford. Mr. Gibson is supervisor of the Commission.

Planning authorities have expressed approval of the publication in book form of Mr. Gibson's contributions to the "Courant". Walter H. Blucher, executive director of the American Society of Planning Officials, commented on the need of "articles which state in simple language the relationships between public works, traffic, zoning, streets, and planning."

Hugh R. Pomeroy, chief of field service of the National Association of Planning Officials, said of Mr. Gibson's writings: "I am impressed by their value as a popular presentation of city planning problems. It seems to me that they should give the citizens in general a good idea of the benefits which can result from an active city planning program and that they should thus be most useful in building the popular understanding and support of planning which are essential to its success."

The success of Mr. Gibson's efforts, and the public service which he has performed should stimulate every Chapter of The Institute to make the most of its opportunities in the field of public information.

JAMES T. GRADY, Publicist

Structural Service Department

BY THEODORE I. COE, TECHNICAL SECRETARY, STRUCTURAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Arc Welding.

The trustees of The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation have made available "Arc Welding in Design, Manufacture and Construction", a volume containing 109 of the outstanding papers for which awards were made in their recent $200,000 Award Program.

These papers constitute 1408 pages of scientific data on 109 different subjects related to arc welding and design, manufacture and construction. Single copies are $1.50 and may be had from The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, P. O. Box 5728, Cleveland, Ohio. Outside of the United States, the price is $2.00 per copy.

"Residential Building."

By Lowell J. Chawner, Chief, Division of Economic Research, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

A Technical Monograph on one phase of housing, prepared for the Industrial Committee of the National Resources Committee, has been published as "Housing Monograph Series, No. 1". Copies may be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington, at 10¢ each.

"Lumber Requirements for Nonfarm Residential Construction."

The Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has published an interesting bulletin entitled, "Lumber Requirements for Nonfarm Residential Construction", copies of which (Misc. Pub. 347) may be obtained from Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., upon request, as long as the supply lasts.


The following additional Reports may be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington.

Report BMS15—Structural Properties of "Wheeling Long-Span Steel Floor Construction"......10¢
Report BMS16—Structural Properties of a "Tilecrete" Floor Construction.............................10¢
Report BMS17—Sound Insulation of Wall and
Floor Construction ........................................ 10¢
Report BMS19—Preparation and Revision of Building Codes ........................................ 10¢

Fire Protection of Openings in Walls and Partitions.
The National Board of Fire Underwriters, (85 Johns St., New York, 222 West Adams St., Chicago, and Merchants Exchange Building, San Francisco), have issued NBFU Pamphlet No. 80 containing the “Regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters for the protection of openings in walls and partitions against fire as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association”.

The Producers’ Council, Inc.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting.
The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of The Producers’ Council, Inc. was held at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, May 10-11, 1939.

On May 9 a meeting was held of the local Producers’ Council Clubs, which are composed of the local representatives of members of The Council in twenty-two cities throughout the country.

A meeting was also held, on May 9, of The Council’s Industry Affairs Committee with which an increasing number of leading trade associations are cooperating.

As the meeting of The Council occurred during Chicago’s “Building Industry Week”, members attended the banquet of the Chicago Building Congress which sponsored the week’s activities. Charles D. Maginnis, President of The Institute, was one of the principal speakers.

Officers.
Newly elected officers of The Council are: Albert B. Tibbets, President; E. L. Saberson, Second Vice-President, and G. C. Denebrink, Secretary. F. J. Plimpton was re-elected First Vice-President, and J. J. Matson, Treasurer.

Managing Director.
James W. Follin, well known to many architects through his connection as Secretary of the Construction Code Authority and, more recently, as Chief of the Home Building Service Division, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, has been appointed Managing Director of The Council.

Newly Elected Member.
The National Fireproofing Corporation, of Pittsburgh, Greer McIlvaine, Official Representative.

Delano & Aldrich Scholarship

Mr. Pierre Bailleau of Paris has been awarded the Delano and Aldrich Scholarship for this year. He should arrive in this country in the late summer.

Mr. Bailleau has won many of the prizes at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. He has 61 values in the first class and has twice been logiste for the Grand Prix de Rome. In him, the Paris Committee on Selection has continued the tradition of choosing brilliant students for this Scholarship.

The Committee on Education will, in due course, welcome Mr. Bailleau on behalf of The Institute, and will then publish plans for his stay in this country. By so doing, the Committee will facilitate the cooperation of the members of The Institute with the purposes of this Scholarship.

C. C. Zantzinger, Chairman,
Committee on Education.

Reprints of Evaluation of the Fort Wayne Housing Project

An article entitled “An Evaluation of The Fort Wayne Housing Project” by George H. Gray, A. I. A., appeared in the May OCTAGON.

In response to requests for copies a limited number of reprints of this article have been made. They are available upon request, at no charge.
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*Readmission.

The School Medal Awards

The School Medal of The Institute, established in 1914, is awarded each year to a student in each of the recognized architectural schools, who is qualified by his scholarly standing and character and who has had not less than three years of residence and work in any of the recognized schools.

The award is made under the direction of the Committee on Education after the student has been proposed by the faculty to The Secretary of The Institute.

A copy of Mont St. Michel and Chartres is presented to the winner of the Medal, and a second copy of the book is usually awarded to the runner-up. Many of the schools present the Medal and the books with appropriate ceremony at commencement time, and in many instances, the local chapters of The Institute participate.

Some chapters, in cities where the recognized schools are located, collaborate with the dean of the Architectural Department in presenting the awards at chapter dinners or other appropriate exercises.

C. C. Zantzinger, Chairman of the Committee on Education, announces the recipients of the School Medal Awards for 1939 as follows:

Alfred Pope Brooks......Yale University  
Stanford A. Busby......University of Texas  
Thomas Harrison Canfield. Ohio State University  

C. C. Zantzinger, Chairman of the Committee on Education, announces the recipients of the School Medal Awards for 1939 as follows:

Everett Garmen Fellinger. Catholic University  
Thomas J. Geraughty.....University of Kansas  
Lois Beryl Goetz.........University of California  
Norman Alvin Grant.....Syracuse University  
Frank Grays.............University of Southern California  
William Egler Haible.....Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Alvin B. Harrison.......Tulane University  
George Wilber Hazen......University of Washington  
A. Clark Hudson.........Georgia School of Technology  
John Brockie Lukens.....University of Pennsylvania  
William W. Lyman.........University of Michigan  
Francis R. Meisch.......University of Minnesota  
Winifred June Milliard...Kansas State College Architecture  
Edward Allen Moulthrop..Cleveland School of Technology  
Nicholas J. Pascullis.....Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Susan Sallee............Washington University—St. Louis  
Karl Schlachter........University of Cincinnati  
Leonard Max Schober.....University of Illinois  
Sylvia Shimberg.......Columbia University  
Francis J. Sitek.........Pennsylvania State College  
William Benjamin Tabler. Harvard University  
Richard Louis Thomassen..Carnegie Institute of Technology  
William H. Walker, II....Princeton University  
Wm. Tilman Warren, Jr...Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Ion Lewis Travelling Scholarship

The University of Oregon 1939 Ion Lewis travelling scholarships were awarded to Rollin H. Boles and George C. Kottchik. Both graduates of the University in 1937, they have since been employed in Portland offices. They are Junior members of the Oregon Chapter, A. I. A. Tentative plans provide for their leaving Portland for New York and Europe about July first.
Arizona.

On Saturday evening, May 13, the Arizona Chapter held its annual meeting in Tucson. A review of the year's work was taken and new officers were elected. They are M. H. Starkweather of Tucson, President; Frederick Wallis Whittlesey of Phoenix, Vice-President; Richard A. Morse of Tucson, Secretary; Josias T. Joesler of Tucson, Treasurer; Roy Place of Tucson was elected a Director. The Directors who continue in office are Charles J. Gilmore and Royal W. Lescher of Phoenix.

The Chapter regrets the resignation of Mrs. Robert Spencer of Philadelphia who has been living in Tucson and assigned to the Chapter for the past two years.

The Chapter elected its retiring President Leslie J. Mahoney of Phoenix as delegate to the Seventy-first Convention of The Institute.

During the past few months, the most interesting activity which the Arizona Chapter has entered upon was the sponsoring of an Architectural Exhibit of current Arizona architecture. The exhibit was open to all registered architects in the state and was held during the last week in March under the auspices of the Tucson Fine Arts Association in their Gallery in the Temple of Music and Art. It was then sent to Phoenix where it was shown in the lobby of the Westward Ho Hotel. The exhibit consisted entirely of photographs and sketches of completed projects done here in the state. To make the exhibit portable, each entry was uniformly mounted on a 30 x 40 matted card. The exhibit was received with a great deal of interest, as it was the first one of its kind ever tried in the state; and the Chapter hopes to make it an annual affair.

Frederick W. Whittlesey, Vice-President (Completing secretarial duties)
Richard A. Morse, Secretary

Central Texas.

The luncheon and garden reception, which was tendered to the other three Texas Chapters of The Institute, on May 13th was preceded by a private showing of an exhibit of the works of Austin members and associates. After luncheon, a tour of the hill country west of the City was made, including a visit to the Marshall Ford Dam, highest in the chain of power and conservation dams in the Colorado River project. A garden reception was held at the home of the Vice-President, Mr. Hugo Kuehne, ending the Central Texas Chapter's program for the day.

The exhibition of members' and associates' works, which was formally opened to the public, Sunday, May 14, was well received. The Gallery of the State Federated Womens' Clubs Building was loaned to the Chapter without cost, and as there are only seven practicing members and two associates in the local group, each exhibit was comprehensive in its scope. A large mount, eight feet square, set forth the principal aims and objects of The Institute, as well as showing in graphic form the functions of the architect. Another exhibit was made up of measured drawings of historic Texas buildings as prepared by the Historic Monuments Commission.

Clifford H. James, Secretary

Chicago.

The Chicago Chapter made a working arrangement with the Illinois Society of Architects early in the year whereby alternate meetings, as far as practical, would be worked out under the sponsorship of the Society. This was done in an attempt to secure larger attendance at meetings which would be fewer in number but more significant in their scope. The results of these meetings speak for themselves.

The opening meeting in September, 1938 was attended by approximately 155. The October meeting was a reception to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in conjunction with Armour Institute of Technology and the Illinois Society of Architects and was attended by approximately 450. The November meeting on Air Conditioning was in conjunction with the Illinois Society of Architects and engineering organizations and was attended by approximately 800. Probably 200 more were turned away because the hall was filled to capacity. The December 20th informal Christmas meeting was held in the studio of Thomas E. Tallmadge with a Christmas dinner party following at the Normandy House for Chapter members only. About 36 attended this very
successful holiday party.

The January meeting on Books and Source Information for Architectural Practice was attended by about 80, and was presided over by Thomas E. Tallmadge. Professor Ludwig Hilberseimer, Syberen Frank Nydam and Dr. Walter Curt Behrendt also contributed. Mr. Richard E. Schmidt brought interesting old volumes. There was quite a significant collection of important books which were examined at the termination of the meeting.

The February meeting on Talks on the Chicago Subway, in conjunction with the Illinois Society of Architects, was attended by approximately 95. The March meeting to which the Illinois Society of Architects was invited was for the benefit of the architectural students and was attended by approximately 77. At the April meeting, under the sponsorship of the Illinois Society of Architects, Dr. Hugh L. Dryden of the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. spoke on "A New Approach to Technical Research on Building Materials and Structures." The special guests were Mr. Leigh Hunt, State Association Representative of The A. I. A., and officials of the Chicago Building Congress. There were about 70 present.

The May meeting was preceded by a reception in honor of President Maginnis. Chapter president Phillip, Secretary Alexander H. Bauer and Peter Brust and several others from the Wisconsin Chapter attended. The reception was followed by a purely business meeting for the election of delegates. At the dinner of the Chicago Building Congress, which followed, as the opening function for Building Industry Week, President Maginnis addressed approximately 1,000. He gave an extremely impressive and interesting address punctuated with significant witticisms which he used effectively to establish his criticisms in a friendly way against architectural and aesthetic inconsistencies of the present order of things. On Wednesday, May 10, at a luncheon meeting of the Producers’ Council Convention in the ballroom of the Blackstone Hotel, to which the architects were particularly invited, President Maginnis was given an enthusiastic greeting when introduced by Elmer C. Roberts, President of the Chicago Chapter. His observations were most effective stimulants for worth-while architectural and building industry efforts.

The radio program sponsored by the Chicago Chapter, "So You Want to Build", was announced at these meetings. These programs started on May 13 and are being given every Saturday over Station WGN at 9:00 to 9:15 p. m. Mr. Peter B. Mayo, sub-chairman of the Publicity Committee, is directing these broadcasts. He was the first speaker, followed by Elmer C. Roberts on May 20 and May 27. The broadcasts are given to stimulate the interest of the public in worth-while building with proper consideration for design. By various methods the functioning of the architect is insinuated and his value to the public as well as to society in general is emphasized. The first part of the broadcast consists of a short message containing important building information; the second part is in answer to questions received by the station in regard to building problems.

Carl E. Heimbrodt, Secretary

Detroit.

The Detroit Chapter held its May meeting in Ann Arbor on May 27 at the Michigan Union. Dinner was served to some fifty members and guests. Mr. William Stanley Parker, F. A. I. A. of Boston, chairman of The Institute's Committee on Industrial Relations was our guest of honor. Mr. Parker, who is also chairman of the Construction League of the United States, had accepted an invitation to address a meeting in Detroit the evening before for the purpose of assisting toward organizing there a unit of the Construction League.

President Hyde in opening the meeting stated that it was indeed a happy occasion to which we all looked forward annually, with Ann Arbor in all its beauty and the opportunity to meet again with the ladies. Being a bachelor, he has his own ideas about that.

To many it also meant going back to their alma mater and he regretted that some found it necessary to go East to college. He said that on such an occasion he felt that he would like to always be a student.

Dean Wells I. Bennett welcomed members and friends including several seniors in the architectural college. Mr. Hyde called upon Clair W. Ditchy, Regional Director of The Institute, to present to Mr. Harry Morris of the Class of '39 the Alph Rho Chi Fraternity Medal. Mr. Ditchy said he felt a distinct pleasure in this ancient custom because
it carried with it not only the idea of scholarship but a recognition of the recipient’s service to his University.

Earl W. Pellerin, who was recently awarded an Edward Langley Scholarship, was recognized with a few words of felicitation. He leaves on June 3rd for a sojourn in Europe.

The A. I. A. Medal for the senior with the best four year record was presented by Mr. Parker to William Wells Lyman; the second medal going to Werner Anderson. Mr. Parker was a member of The Institute Committee on Education at the time this award was instituted.

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Bergman S. Netzler, Secretary

Kentucky.

Our Regional Director, Clair Ditchy, was down from Detroit for our May meeting. I am glad to say that we had the best attendance so far this year. Mr. Ditchy had much to say in favor of unification of the profession, and the advantages to be obtained therefrom. He also stressed the importance of Regional Conferences (See page 10) as a means of more closely uniting the Architects of adjoining states.

At this meeting Mr. Wischmeyer reported that, at their request, he had talked with the Building Section of the Louisville Credit Men's Association regarding credit evils resulting from the Mechanic's Lien Laws. Mr. Wischmeyer stated they were so interested they requested a meeting with the architects in order that they might further study the subject.

The Kentucky Chapter was the guest of the Louisville Chapter, Associated General Contractors, at dinner, Wednesday, May 10, 1939, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. The idea in back of the meeting was to foster a better feeling between architect and contractor. There was a short discussion following the dinner, led by Thomas J. Nolan, A. I. A., relative to specifications.

While no problems were solved, I would say all present enjoyed themselves. There is no doubt that such meetings promote a better understanding between architect and contractor.

Bergman S. Netzler, Secretary

Minnesota.

The annual meeting was held on May 18 and the following officers were elected:

Roy Childs Jones, President; Dale R. McInery, Vice-President; Paul Jones, Second Vice-President; Roy Norman Thorshov, Secretary; and William W. Tyrie, Treasurer.

An illustrated talk was given by Robert T. Jones, a national authority on housing and a former president of the Minnesota Chapter, on “The Critical Aspects of Present City Planning.”

Mr. Jones stressed the need of leadership by the architects in formulating policies and plans to be followed by the city in order to protect and direct the growth of the city itself.

Roy Norman Thorshov, Secretary

Saint Paul.

A dinner meeting of the Saint Paul Chapter was held May 15, 1939 at the Saint Paul Athletic Club with twenty-four members and guests present. George F. Lindsay spoke on “New methods of construction as applied to Low Cost Housing for the Lower Income Group”.

Mr. Lindsay, an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects, collaborated with the late Mr. Brown of Hewitt and Brown, of Minneapolis, in organizing the Architects’ Small House Service Bureau, was a member of Ex-President Hoover’s Better Housing Committee, a former chairman, U. S. Government’s Lumber Specifications Committee covering governmental use of lumber, and an executive of Weyerhaeuser Affiliated Companies. Perhaps it should be further stated that Mr. Lindsay has made an analysis of the problem of “Low Cost Housing for the Lower Income Group”, which analysis has had national distribution and recognition.

Mr. Lindsay has approached the problem of low cost housing for the lower income group from the social as well as from the economic and the structural side. Furthermore, his analysis is not merely an expression of opinion but a factual survey directed toward the lowest possible costs rather than merely the lowering of costs. To accomplish this he con-
tended that complete standardization was the one and only solution of the problem, and that complete standardization makes mass production possible, which in turn makes lowest possible costs.

Mr. Lindsay stated that “By complete standardization in motor cars is meant one basic design for each size car, from which basic design all motor car parts are built exactly alike and are interchangeable. Likewise, complete standardization in a house means one basic plan, or rather one basic design for each size house, in which all building material parts or units are built exactly the same, from the same pattern or die, and are likewise interchangeable. The slightest deviation or change in this basic design costs money, and if lowest possible cost is to remain the real and definite objective, then no change, however slight, can be made.

“After the adoption, however, of such a basic design, this does not mean that this basic design cannot be added to, changed, or embellished in any way that one’s individual wish or personal desire may dictate, but only at or with such additional cost as one’s pocketbook will allow.”

He said that making possible the building of completely standardized small houses at lowest possible cost in all parts of the United States, would necessitate both a National Building Code and the cooperation of union labor.

He advocated that to determine lowest possible costs would mean first correlating the results of past research, then the making of a further far-reaching engineering and research study, and the designing of various sized completely standardized lowest possible cost small houses as would meet the local needs of the northern and southern sections of the country and the individual needs of farmhouses. Necessary equipment to manufacture and to construct and to sell the completed houses at a guaranteed cost would then be required with a national publicity campaign making known the outstanding qualities of these completely standardized houses and of their extremely low cost.

Paul M. Havens, Secretary

Virginia.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Chapter was held in Richmond, Va., on May 5 and 6, 1939.

Motion was made and carried that the Virginia Chapter serve as host for the trip to Williamsburg in connection with the Convention of The Institute in September.

At this meeting it was decided that the Virginia Chapter would continue its cooperation with the Joint Engineering Societies of the State by participating in their annual meeting to be held at time and place to be selected. A motion was unanimously carried that the Virginia Chapter appoint a special committee to call together all licensed architects in the State for the purpose of forming a State Organization, conforming to by-laws approved by The A. I. A.

After a lengthy discussion on the question of stock plans for small houses, it was decided that the President of the Virginia Chapter appoint a committee to study the problem as related to the Virginia Chapter.

This was the first time that the Virginia Chapter has attempted a two-day annual meeting and the consensus of opinion was that it has proved to be a success. On the first day sessions were held in the morning, afternoon and after dinner at night. On the second day the final business session was held with adjournment shortly before noon.

The Virginia Chapter was very pleased to have addresses by Mr. Leigh Hunt and Mr. Pierre Blouke.

L. P. Smitey, Secretary

Washington, D. C.

Record attendance marked the occasion of the annual meeting, with annual reports far from disturbing, when, they bear out, as in our case, a comfortably increased bank balance, notably increased membership (there are 23 new Associates with regular members holding their own) and the Chapter up and going. Credit for the rebuilding of the Chapter, suffering formerly somewhat from traditional “archiritis” goes to our beloved Louis Justement, outgoing President.

Philip Schreier, young, able, with a trenchant legal mind and the appropriate local rhetoric dived into The Institute unification issue and made, in what later turned out to be his maiden speech, literal mince meat out of the issue. After that and some animated debate, the ticket—Schreier—Faulkner—Kastner—Dixon—Wenig—was a pushover and elected by acclaim.

Later, after adjournment, in the congenial sur-
roundings of the inn, a free-for-all debate on the more fundamental issues of architecture brought the event to an inglorious but entertaining end.

At the May meeting Chapter president Justement, in summing up a report on Competitions, submitted a resolution, unanimously adopted by the Chapter, as follows:

WHEREAS the Washington, D. C. Chapter, A. I. A., has for some time advocated architectural competitions as the best method for selecting architects for public work and

WHEREAS the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department has recently announced a series of regional architectural competitions for the selection of designs for Federal Buildings, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington, D. C. Chapter express its gratification concerning the action of the Procurement Division and earnestly hopes that it will be possible to continue and expand this practice and to have the successful architects perform full architectural services for the projects involved.

Dr. Locraft, in submitting a spirited report on Education, called attention to significant trends in this field: "Should architectural education be directed to meet primarily registration requirements or broader architectural objectives?". The committee report on registration dealt with urgent local developments vitally affecting professional licensing. The Chapter takes an understandable interest in this matter.

Washington architects, who have followed with some bewilderment the Jefferson Memorial controversy are today wiser and happier people. The perusal of a well presented, if expansive, report of the Commission of Fine Arts in its concluding evidence throws a new light on the greatly debated function of the structure in the Capital: The World's Largest Comfort Station. Quotes the report:

"The toilet rooms are left in the Memorial as originally planned by the architects . . . toilets with entrances to them from the portico of the Memorial . . . that since these public toilets were the only ones in that general vicinity of the Capital City they would become well known to tourists in the course of time and that the Memorial would be used by persons who have no other interest than to visit these toilets."

ALFRED KASTNER, Secretary

Wisconsin.

A joint meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter, the State Association of Wisconsin Architects, and the Producers' Council of Wisconsin, was held at the Elks Club, Thursday evening, April 27. These meetings are becoming more interesting and the attendance is increasing. A talk on wood, which was given by Dr. James W. Laurie, was very instructive. The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. presented a series of films showing the manufacture of plate glass and its various phases in connection with the building industry. These meetings are producing good results and creating a closer feeling between the architects and the manufacturers.

ALEXANDER H. BAUER, Secretary

Necrology—Members, Fellows and Honorary Members

As reported to The Institute from December 15, 1938, to June 10, 1939. Please report any omissions to The Secretary.

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