

PREFACE

The Academy was founded in 1971, held its first Annual Conference in 1977 (Akron, Ohio), and has grown and prospered over the years. The relevancy of the Academy's mission and activities to our chosen target market of the marketing professoriate has been a key factor in attracting the discipline's best and brightest throughout the world. The Revised Articles of Association of the Academy, approved by the Board of Governors in the Spring of 1984 and by the General Membership in the Fall of last year, defines the mission of the Academy as follows:

1. Provide leadership in exploring the normative boundaries of marketing, while simultaneously seeking new ways of bringing theory and practice into practicable conjunction;
2. Further the science of marketing throughout the world by promoting the conduct of research and the dissemination of research results;
3. Provide a forum for the study and improvement of marketing as an economic, ethical, and social and political force and process;
4. Furnish, as appropriate and available, material and other resources for the solution of marketing problems which confront particular firms and industries, on the one hand, and society at large on the other;
5. Provide publishing media and facilities for Fellows of the Academy and reviewer assistance on Fellows' scholarly articles;
6. Sponsor one or more annual conferences to enable the Fellows of the Academy to present research results; to learn by listening to other presentations and through interaction with other Fellows and guests; to avail themselves of the placement process; to conduct discussions with book editors; and, to exchange other relevant information;
7. Assist Fellows in the better utilization of their professional marketing talents through redirection, reassignment and relocation;
8. Provide educator Fellows with insights and such resources as may be available to aid them in the development of improved teaching methods, materials, devices and directions;
9. Seek means for establishing student scholarships and professional university chairs in the field of marketing;
10. Offer Fellow of the Academy status to business and institutional executives and organizations; and,
11. Modify the Academy's purpose and direction as the influence of time and appropriate constructive forces may dictate.

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