

## BCM-BIOAS's Incorporating Purpose vs. Current Purpose

BCM-BIOAS claims on its website that it was “[f]ounded in 1899 as the world’s first children’s museum.” [see website page [History](#)] Also, BCM-BIOAS’s “Assumed Named” [meaning “doing-business-as”] status regarding BIOAS continues as “Active” [see New York State [Division of Corporations, HISTORY OF BIOAS](#)]. As such, BCM-BIOAS was legislated to provide “instruction” to New York City’s school system while also enriching schoolchildren and adults with “enjoyment” through its “libraries [and] lectures.” BCM-BIOAS now touts an “inspirational” rather than “instructional” purpose.

The juxtaposition of BCM-BIOAS’s initial purpose versus its current purpose is clearly demonstrated in [“The Children’s Museum of The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn, 1900-1901.”](#) published by BCM-BIOAS wherein BCM-BIOAS laid out its “instructional” purpose, [at pp. 7 (#13) to 8 (#14)] stating that BCM-BIOAS would be a “Pedagogical Museum and Library ... especially valuable to teachers in public and private schools. ... [and] will be of especial value and interest to young people ... between the ages of six and twenty years ...” [see [PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, PARK INSTITUTIONS](#) and [LAWS](#).]

Incorporating Purpose of BCM-BIOAS	Current Purpose of BCM-BIOAS
<p>See: <a href="#">Chapter 172 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1890</a></p> <p>“Sec. 2 ... the establishment and maintenance of museums and libraries of art and science, the encouragement of the study of the arts and sciences, and their application to the practical wants of man, the advancement of knowledge in science an art, <b>and in general to provide the means for popular instruction and enjoyment through its collections, libraries and lectures.</b>” [emphasis added]</p> <p><a href="#">Chapter 87 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1934</a>, amending Chapter 172:</p> <p>“Sec. 2 ... establishment and maintenance of museum and libraries of art and science, botanical gardens, the encouragement of the study of the arts and sciences and their application to the practical wants of man, the advancement of knowledge in science and art, and in general to provide the means for <b>popular instruction and enjoyment through collections, libraries, lectures, musical and other performances.</b>” [emphasis added]</p>	<p>See: BCM <a href="#">IRS 2018 Form 990</a></p> <p>“... to provide cultural experiences for children that inspire <b>curiosity, creativity &amp; love of learning.</b>”</p>