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**ALA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE
REPORT TO COUNCIL
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As the chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE), I am pleased to report on the committee's activities since LibLearnX in January 2024:

Charge

The council committee on professional ethics shall augment the Code of Ethics by explanatory interpretations and additional statements, prepared by this committee or elicited from other units of ALA. When units of the association develop statements dealing with ethical issues, a copy will be sent to the committee on professional ethics for review so that it may be compared to the existing ALA code of ethics in order to determine whether or not conflicts occur.

COPE Statements, Q&As, and Working Groups

As the Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) prepares to for the next edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual, the COPE committee members and liaisons are in small working groups tasked with updating and revising the following committee documents for updates and possible publication in the 11th edition of the manual:

[Enforcement of the Code of Ethics Q&A](#)

[Speech in the Workplace Q&A](#)

The next projects for the committee beginning in July 2024 are the revision of the following documents:

[Copyright: An Interpretation of the Code of Ethics](#)

[Conflicts of Interest Q&A](#)

[Ethics and Social Media Q&A](#)

Thank You

The Committee on Professional Ethics would like to acknowledge the unit liaisons for their commitment. COPE also thanks the OIF staff for their commitment, assistance, and hard work. In particular, Eric Stroshane for serving as staff liaison, and Aimee Strittmatter for scheduling our meetings. COPE thanks President Emily Drabinski and the Executive Board for their confidence in the committee and for allowing them to serve ALA.

Respectfully submitted,
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