American Library Association Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to <u>submit an update of their activities within one-month</u> <u>after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.</u> This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter 2013 (full report submitted to Council at Midwinter, which is why we likely forgot to submit this update)

Name of Committee: Committee on Professional Ethics

Committee Chair: Martin Garnar

Committee Members Present: Hilary Meg Albert, Ariel Cummins, Donald Rowe, Mary Jane Santos Philip Tramdack, Leigh Rifenburg (Intern), Jamie Lyn Segno (Intern).

Committee Members Absent: Francesca Hary, Marilyn Hinshaw

Others Present: Committee Liaisons: Jami Jones, AASL; Jean Caspers, ACRL; Jodi Spillane, ALCTS; Jeanne Goodrich, PLA Danise Hoover, RUSA; Kathy Spindel, UFL. Other guests: Martha Buehler, Oak Park Public Library; Katherine Marmer, Student.

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account: Planning for the committee's preconference at ALA Annual (a project in support of the ALA Ethics Education Initiative); planning for the committee program at ALA Annual; work on a new explanatory statement for the Code of Ethics on Social Media.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account: The preconference and program as mentioned above; the completion of the social media document; the start of another explanatory statement on conflicts of interest.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work: We appreciate the continuing presence of the Code of Ethics on membership cards, as it's a helpful reminder of our core values.

Submitted by: Martin Garnar, Chair, Committee on Professional Ethics

Date Submitted: 14 May 2013

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