

# ALA Council Committee Report Form

TO: ALA Council

DATE: January 9, 2026

RE: *(select one)*

**ACTION REQUESTED**

INFORMATION

REPORT

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

**Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)  
Report to Council**

As the chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE), I am pleased to report on the committee's activities since Annual Conference in June 2025.

**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**

COPE committee members and liaisons is forming working groups tasked with the following:

[Ethics and Social Media Q&A](#) – Current version of the document is under review. The Q&A was first written in 2015, and then updated in 2019. We anticipate revisions and updates will be needed.

Ableism Q&A – The committee is renewing its efforts to write this document.

Artificial Intelligence – A working group is investigating if a document from COPE is needed, and if so, what type (e.g. Guidelines, Q&A).

# ALA Council Committee Report Form

## Thank You

The Committee on Professional Ethics would like to acknowledge and thank the unit liaisons for their commitment and contributions. COPE also thanks the OIF staff for their commitment, assistance, and hard work. In particular, Eric Stroshane for serving as staff liaison. COPE thanks President Sam Helmick and the Executive Board for their confidence in the committee and for allowing them to serve ALA.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALA Committee on Professional Ethics

## CONTACT PERSON:

*Julia Warga, Chair*  
*University Librarian, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH*  
*[jwarga@jcu.edu](mailto:jwarga@jcu.edu)*

## STAFF LIAISON CONTACT:

Eric Stroshane

**BACKGROUND:** *(add information)*

# ALA Council Committee Report Form