

**ALA Executive Board  
2013 Fall Meeting**

**TOPIC:** Conduct at ALA Conferences

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**MOTION:** The ALA Executive Board authorizes the use of the attached conference conduct statement which is in accordance with existing ALA policy and existing legal frameworks, for use in conjunction with ALA conferences.

**REQUESTED BY:** Mary W. Ghikas, Senior Associate Executive Director, ALA

**DATE:** October 10, 2013

**BACKGROUND:**

Prior to the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, a number of ALA members asked if an ALA "anti-

## **Statement of Appropriate Conduct at ALA Conferences**

The American Library Association holds professional conferences and meetings to enable its members to receive continuing education, build professional networks, and discover new products and services for professional use. To provide all participants – mem

who may consult with and engage other ALA staff, leaders and legal counsel as appropriate. Event security and/or local law enforcement may be involved, as appropriate based on the specific circumstances. A follow-up report will be made to individuals who report being harassed.

Prior to each ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference, ALA Conference Services will make the following information available:

- x Information on how to report incidents of any sort to Conference Management (telephone, room location)
- x Emergency contact information:
  - o Venue (convention center, hotel) security
  - o Local law enforcement, emergency and non-emergency
- x Local emergency and non-emergency medical information.
- x Local taxi company(s)
- x Other local services, e.g. hotlines