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TO: OLA Executive Board

FROM: Penny Hummel, 2013-14 OLA President

RE: Conference Code of Conduct

As you may know, this year ALA instituted a [Conference Code of Conduct](#). This [Library Journal](#) article provides an excellent overview of why many in our profession felt that having such a code was desirable.

Now that the ALA's Conference Code of Conduct is actively being implemented, I believe it's a good time for OLA to explore developing our own conference code of conduct, as our goal with all our conferences (whether sponsored by OLA as a whole or by a division) is to ensure that all participants feel safe and welcome.

Therefore, I'm including time on the agenda for the August Executive Board meeting to discuss OLA's response to the ALA Conference Code of Conduct. Should we decide to move forward with developing our own code of conduct, I will ask the 2015 conference committee to be responsible for preparing a draft for board review later this year.