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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Information Ethics Advisory Council

DATE: 11 December 2009

RE: Information Ethics Advisory Council Report 2009

MEMBERSHIP:

Toni Carbo, Co-Chair (2009-2010)
Thomas Froehlich, Co-Chair (2009-2011)
Louis-Rene Dessureault (2009-2011)
Jonathan Gordon-Till (2009)
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Advisory Council members were appointed early in 2009 and in March of 2009, Toni Carbo (Drexel University Center for Graduate Studies, College of Information Science and Technology, Sacramento, California) and Thomas Froehlich (Kent State University School of Library and Information Science) agreed to co-chair the Advisory Council.

UPDATE:

The Advisory Council members met on Monday, 15 June, from 1:30 – 3:00 during SLA 2009 and reviewed the previous work on Global Information Ethics, its charge, and developed a detailed plan with a timetable for the year. The AC established as its first priority the development of a draft code for review by the Ethics Ambassadors and for submission as a draft to the SLA Board early in 2010.

The AC has met several times by telephone conference call and during the ASIST Conference in Vancouver, Canada, to develop and review various versions of the draft code, which the AC has determined should be called "guidelines." The Guidelines have been distributed as a draft to the Ethics Ambassadors and the AC will incorporate any comments from them and submit the revised draft to the SLA Board in advance of its January meeting.

The AC co-chairs developed a proposal for a continuing education course during SLA 2010, which was accepted for presentation. The full-day course, "Information Ethics and Critical Thinking for Info Pros" will be held on Saturday, 12 June, before the 2010 Conference in New Orleans.

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