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Subject: Ethics and behavior expected of RSA Board representatives

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## **Code of ethics**

- 1. We provide the highest level of service to all RSA library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests.
- 2. We protect each RSA library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired, or transmitted.
- 3. We believe that the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion form the foundation of the library profession, our professional associations, and our interactions with each other and our members.
- 4. We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.
- 5. We treat co-workers and other colleagues with respect, fairness, and good faith, and advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions.
- 6. We do not advance private interests at the expense of RSA library users, colleagues, or our employing institutions.
- 7. We shall not engage in financial transactions using nonpublic Library information or allow the improper use of such information to further any private interest.
- 8. We are entrusted with fiscal responsibility as described in the Bylaws of the Resource Sharing Alliance and are responsible for setting a tone within their functional area of responsibility for ethical conduct and integrity.
- 9. We exercise prudence and integrity in the management of funds in our custody and in all fiscal transactions in which we participate.