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An [American Library Association \[ALA\] Executive Board](#) member, **Diane Chen**, has committed [plagiarism](#). Diane Chen writes for the [School Library Journal](#).

On 30 June 2009, she wrote, "[ALA Event Meet West Bend Community Library Supporters](#)," by **Diane Chen**, *School Library Journal*, 30 June 2009. On that very same date, **Deborah Caldwell-Stone** of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom had already written the words Diane Chen copied and more. See, "[West Bend Librarians and Community Activists Share Censorship Stories at ALA Annual Conference](#)," by **Deborah Caldwell-Stone**, *OIF Blog*, 30 June 2009. Take a look. It is a word for word copy, 100%. Only the title has changed. Nowhere does the real source of the wording appear.

Incredibly, Diane Chen proclaims everything she writes is her own, and nothing she writes is the ALA's! See for yourself: "[All blog posts reflect the opinons \[sic\] of Diane and not her district or ALA](#)."

Is this plagiarism, or is this plagiarism? Will there be any consequences for this from the *School Library Journal* or professionally generally?

Do any [ALA Code of Ethics](#) apply to Executive Board members who plagiarize?

(If some of the links in this blog post no longer work or suddenly the wording is attributed to Deborah Caldwell-Stone, it might be due to appropriate corrective action as a result of this blog post. I have kept a copy of the original page in case anything changes and I am required to defend my statements.)