

# LLOPS

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

## **2016 Annual Report**

Officers: Anna L. Endter, President; Catherine Horan, Vice President/President-Elect; Carly Eyler, Treasurer; Marc Lampson, Secretary; Barbara Engstrom, Past President

It was a busy year for LLOPS. As a chapter, we advocated for UELMA, drafted a strategic plan, held a professional development conference as well as monthly meetings, and awarded grants so that our members could continue to develop professionally.

### **UELMA**

The path to enacting UELMA in Washington, although long, was a great example of cooperative advocacy by LLOPS members at the local and national level and we were pleased to see the legislation passed. After years of advocacy, in 2016, UELMA was introduced by Senator Jamie Pedersen. The LLOPS Board passed a Resolution in support of the bill but it died in committee. The bill was reintroduced in early 2017 as SB 5039, again by Senator Pedersen. Soon after the bill's introduction, LLOPS members Rob Mead, Peggy Jarrett, and Anna Endter testified in support of SB 5039 in the Senate Law & Justice Committee. Peggy Jarrett made a second trip to Olympia to testify in the House Judiciary Committee in March and led LLOPS' final advocacy effort to move SB 5039 out of the House Rules Committee. This was an important win for our state and chapter.

### **Strategic Planning Task Force**

The Strategic Planning Task Force was formed by the LLOPS board in summer 2016 and included: Laurel Evans, Chair; Crystal Alberthal; and Barbara Engstrom. Together, the Task Force created and delivered a Strategic Plan that will guide our activities as a chapter for the next three years. Next year's Board, led by Catherine Horan as President, will continue the work on the Plan and begin implementation.

### **Chapter Programming and Professional Development Workshop**

This year, the Program Committee, which included Kate Stockert, Jessica King, and Mary Thurston, planned eight chapter meetings. Topics included:

- AALL/SLA annual conventions round up (August 2016)
- Washington Courts on the Odyssey Project (September 2016)
- Guest Speaker Toby Brown on Law Librarians & Practice Mgmt (October 2016)
- Business Meeting (January 2017)
- Guest Speaker Tracy Maleeff on Cybersecurity (February 2017)

- Marc Lampson on PLLKC's Rita R. Dermody Legal Help Center (April 2017)
- AALL Visitor (May 2017)
- Business meeting and birthday party (June 2017)

In addition, the Professional Development Committee (PDC), chaired by Brenna Louzin, and supported by Melia Cossette, Kara Dunn, and Rob Mead, planned and hosted a workshop in spring 2017 entitled *Unique Perspectives in Law & Librarianship*. Although attendance was relatively small, participants had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a wide range of ideas: using big data to generate bylines for a major metropolitan newspaper; educating legal professionals to work in Afghanistan; using optimal tools to design and deliver your messages; and a wrap up session about perspectives on librarianship and diversity issues.