

LLOPS

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

2020-21 Annual Report
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LLOPS 2020-21 Officers were: Carly Eyler, President; Mark Desierto, Vice President / President Elect; LeighAnne Thompson, Treasurer; Angela Gonzalez-Curci, Secretary; and Stephanie Wilson, Past President.

Nominations & Elections:

LLOPS elected Laura Edmonston as President-Elect / Vice President and Julie Brown as Treasurer, both to serve in 2021-22.

President's Award for Excellence:

Program Committee Co-Chairs Crystal Alberthal and Maya Swanes received this award at the June 2021 virtual business meeting.

Chapter Programing and Professional Development:

The LLOPS Programs Committee, co-chaired by Maya Swanes and Crystal Alberthal, organized several terrific virtual presentations for our monthly meetings. Topics included voting and civic engagement, outreach and access to justice during the pandemic, and academic library open access case law projects.

Vice President / President-Elect Mark Desierto planned a virtual Holiday Party in December 2020. Members played trivia and Lexis provided prizes for trivia winners.

The LLOPS Board also planned a Spring Professional Development Conference and the event was held virtually in June 2021. The Conference featured two guest speakers, Professor Margaret Chon of Seattle University and Ramon Barajas Jr., Library Manager at Alston and Bird and Past President of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). Along with telling us about their individual work, both speakers discussed their extensive work promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within organizations and institutions. This discussion set the stage for the new LLOPS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (noted below), which formed in 2021.

Connection and Community:

The Social Committee, chaired by Jessica King, hosted one virtual happy hour event in July 2021. Our newsletter (LLOPSCited), edited by Angela Gonzalez-Curi, published one issue in Fall 2020.

New Initiatives

In October 2020, the LLOPS Executive Board rolled out a new listserv platform called Gaggle Mail to reduce administrative costs.

In January 2021, the LLOPS Executive Board surveyed members about Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiatives and the results showed huge support for starting a DEI Committee. Three LLOPS members,

Erin Rance, Crystal Alberthal and Charlotte Daugherty have volunteered to serve on this Committee and will work with the Executive Board to establish Committee goals, guidelines and objectives.