ABC/Bylaws / Rick Stroup
The Bylaws Committee was decidedly inactive in 2011-12.

Discussion List Monitor / Beth Morey
No report filed.

Employment / Karen Helde
The statistics for this committee during 2011 - 2012 suggest a slight improvement in the local job market. I posted 16 library job announcements on the LLOPS email list, 10 for MLS professionals and 6 for paraprofessional or non-librarian positions. I also posted one volunteer opportunity. The file currently holds active resumes for 1 individual, a paraprofessional. An active resume is one that has been received in the past 12 months and has not been withdrawn due to known successful employment or change of plans. All links on the Employment Committee pages on the LLOPS blog have been reviewed and tested.

Government Relations / Sherry Leysen
1. The Washington Supreme Court adopted a Limited License Legal Technician Rule in June 15, which will go into effect on Sept. 1, 2012. Here’s the information from WSBA (http://www.wsba.org/News-and-Events/News/Supreme-Court-Adopts-Limited-License-Legal-Technician-Rule): On June 15, the Washington Supreme Court adopted the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) Rule. The adopted rule is substantively the same as the Legal Technician Rule that was originally proposed by the Supreme Court’s Practice of Law Board in 2008, but never acted on. This rule authorizes non-attorneys who meet certain educational requirements to advise clients on specific areas of law, which have yet to be determined. While the Board of Governors consistently opposed the rule during its development, it’s now time for the legal profession to participate and lead in the decision-making process to shape the best program possible. Nine attorneys will be appointed to the 13-member LLLT Board by the Supreme Court. WSBA’s role is to maintain the high standards set for the legal profession while serving as the regulators of this new rule. The goal is to ensure quality implementation aimed at supporting WSBA members and upholding protection of the public. There is no other state with a similar LLLT rule. This rule provides Washington the opportunity to lead the nation in expanding legal services for the people of our state. The rule will go into effect on Sept. 1, 2012. See the press release issued by the Washington State Supreme Court. Read the adopted Limited License Legal Technician Rule.
2. I’ve also been keeping an eye on new AALL action alerts

Grants / Dawn Kendrick Gibb
The 2011-2012 LLOPS Grants Committee, with members Jan Lawrence and Bridget Dacres and Dawn Kendrick Gibb, Chair, awarded grants to seven members during the year.

The budget for the 2011-2012 year included the following:
In March, LLOPS members Stina McClintock, Eli Edwards and Tish Andresen received registration grants to attend the March 14 LLOPS Professional Development Workshop, Moving Ahead When There’s No Money in the Budget: Delivering Information, Developing Skills, and Serving the Community in Tough Times. Unfortunately, Tish was ultimately unable to attend but both Stina and Eli attended and provided write-ups for the LLOPS blog.

This year LLOPS was one of the chapters eligible for an AALL Annual Meeting Chapter Registration Award which is intended to support new law library professionals' attendance at the annual conference and we are used this award to fund two student applicants’ registrations. The AALL funding, which carried an application deadline of May 1, also covered one of the student’s CONELL registration. The student awards went to Anna Endter and Neel Agrawal, both of whom are completing work in the University of Washington Law Librarianship Program. In mid-May, the committee funded a third UW Law Librarianship student, Michele Knapp, for AALL Annual Meeting student registration and CONELL registration.

Also in May, the committee awarded full early-bird registration for AALL to LLOPS member and past-president Karen Helde. Karen is slated to be a presenter at the Annual Meeting in Boston.

It was a pleasure to award funding to the individuals named in this 2011-2012 report.

This was an interesting year for the Grants Committee. We faced several unexpected twists which have helped us to clarify policies and fine-tune our processes. Members will see some refinements on the grant application form which should help alleviate confusion in future.

The Committee will also recommend the Chapter explore use of registration vouchers for local programs in lieu of sending reimbursement checks.

The Committee notes that the number of grant applications in 2011-2012 was low. We don’t have a ready explanation for this but the result is that we did not exhaust the funds available for award this year. We recommend that the Committee be able to carry over the unspent monies, combine them with a level of generous funding authorized by the LLOPS Board, and in the 2012-2013 awards cycles support our members’ participation in future professional development programming as well as the AALL Annual Meeting to be held next July in Seattle.

$1,500  authorized by the LLOPS Board
$ 520  AALL Annual Meeting Chapter Registration Award (rotating award)
$ 25  anonymous donation by LLOPS member for student registration to Professional Development Workshop.
Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kendrick Gibb, LLOPS Grants Chair  
Bridget Dacres  
Jan Lawrence

iSchool Liaison / Sue Castelin  
In the fall of 2011, I welcomed new library students at the U of Washington iSchool by sending them an introductory email, inviting them to check out LLOPS and join as student members. The email included a link to the LLOPS webpage. I sent the notices via the director of the law library program to the law library students and also sent similar information to MLIS students via the special library association listserv and the general MLIS listserv. I periodically sent notices of upcoming meetings that I thought the students would find informative. I also sent notices forwarded by other LLOPS members to events, such as the spring workshop at Seattle University. And, I had a few job notices that I forwarded to the students. It’s been enjoyable being involved with LLOPS in this manner.

Membership / Barbara Rothwell  
Barbara Rothwell reported a current total of 134 members and that 51 renewals had been received to date (6/27/12) for 2012-13.

Newsletter/Blog / Philippe Cloutier  
2011-2012 Final Report

Chair: Philippe Cloutier  
Members:  
Robyn Hagle, ended May 2012  
Kristine Lloyd, ending August 2012  
Stina McClintock

1) Blog postings have remained steady throughout the 2011-2012 year.  
2) LLOPS webpage hosted payments for the Spring Workshop (I believe successfully).  
3) Members will be down to 2 after the summer, posting frequency will drop.  
4) We just started using Google Analytics and the numbers are relatively high.

May 25 – June 26, 2012
Nominations & Elections / Karen Helde
The committee consisted of Jonathan Franklin, Connelly Johnson and Karen Helde, Chair.

The committee was tasked with locating candidates for two positions: Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary. Kim Ositis stepped forward to run for Vice President and Bret Masterson for Secretary. The election was conducted via electronic balloting. Eighty-five LLOPS members voted, and Kim and Bret’s victories were announced to the membership. New officers were installed at the June 27, 2012 LLOPS Business Meeting.

The Nominations & Elections Committee page on the LLOPS blog has been reviewed and updated.

Professional Development Workshop / KerryFitz-Gerald
Annual Professional Development Workshop
The Annual workshop was held March 14, 2012, at the Seattle University School of Law Annex. Entitled Moving Ahead When There’s No Money in the Budget: delivering information, developing skills, and serving the community in tough times the workshop included 4 interesting sessions with a range of speakers:

Session I: The Municipal Services Research Center
The MRSC promotes excellence in local government by providing professional consultation, research and information services to elected officials and staff of Washington city and county governments. Fortunately for us, many of their resources
are also made available to other researchers via their website. In this session new Executive Director Tracy Burrows and Legal Consultant Joe Levan will discuss the work done by the MRSC, resources they make available to the public, and what trends they are seeing in the state’s public sector as budgets shrink.

Session II: Pathways to Professional Development
As budgets tighten, it can be harder and harder to find professional development opportunities. Yet employers still look for employees who have added new skills to their resumes. Electronic Services, Instruction and Administrative Librarian Eura Szuwalski (from the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library) will discuss how to find free or low cost continuing education opportunities, while Gary Davis, Associate Executive Director of Companis, will talk about finding and using volunteer opportunities to build your resume.

Session III: What’s Up in Olympia?
We could call it politics as usual, but budget pressures have forced the state legislature to make hard decisions about resource allocations. Tacoma News Tribune writer Peter Callaghan will review the most recent legislative session.

Session IV: Local Government at Work
Local government plays an important role in our day to day lives and can add unexpected layers to legal research problems, and yet not many of us understand how the process really works. Seattle City Councilmember Bruce Harrell will talk about how local governments move from ideas to policies to legislation, and how budget pressures can affect the process.

After a very slow start to registration nearly resulted in the cancelling of the workshop, ultimately around 35 people attended what proved to be an interesting day. Evaluations following the workshop were quite positive, with each session being proclaimed "the best" by different respondents.

In light of the slow registration and because the annual AALL meeting will be held in Seattle next year, it is recommended that at most a short program be held next year, and that LLOPS membership be surveyed following the AALL annual meeting to determine what programming and format will best suit the organization in the years to come.

Programs / Barbara Swatt Engstrom
The Program Committee provided an interesting and useful slate of monthly meetings in 2011-12: August: AALL/SLA RoundUp, which Kerry Fitz-Gerald organized; September: Evaluating eBooks, Brandi Ledford presenter; October: Historical Research on Japanese SU Students from World War II; January: LLOPS Business Meeting & Committee Updates, plus a run-down of the AALL Futures Summit, by Robyn Hagle, Tina Ching, & Philippe Cloutier; February: Apps & Tablets for Lawyers, moderated by

Salary Survey / Christy Leith
The salary survey was done in October 2011.

Social / Jennifer Hill & Mort Brinchmann
Several LLOPS Happy Hours were held this past year.

Webmaster / Kim Ositis
A new widget was installed on the website that will highlight upcoming events. For next year, the LLOPS Board needs to discuss renewal options for website hosting, as ours expires in a few months.

Treasurer’s Report / Stephanie Wilson
LLOPS ended the fiscal year with assets of $21,743.

Income: Membership dues $1,910 and registrations form the Professional Development Workshop $2,085 continue to be the primary sources of income. Vendor contributions totaled $1,850.

Expenses: Key chapter expenses include the general business meeting expenses $557 and the Professional Development Workshop $766. In addition $368 was spent for the monthly general meetings. Again this year the Professional Development Workshop expenses were slightly lower because Seattle University School of Law provided the venue and lunch at no charge.

The chapter continued its commitment to professional development by awarding grants totaling $945.