



## **2018-19 Annual Report of the Law Librarians of Puget Sound**

Officers: Kate Stockert, President; Stephanie Wilson, Vice President/President-Elect; Crystal Alberthal, Treasurer; Karen Whitney, Secretary; Catherine Horan, Past President

LLOPS enjoyed another successful year. We continued our focus on community, education and connection.

### **Nominations & Elections**

LLOPS elected Carly Eyer as President-Elect / Vice President and LeighAnne Thompson as Treasurer, both for the 2019-20 year.

### **Chapter Programming**

This year the Program Committee, Chaired by Mary Thurston, planned seven chapter meetings:

- "AALL/SLA Annual Conferences Recap" (August 2018)
- Fastcase Presentation (October 2018)
- Business Meeting (January 2019)
- "Microsoft's Library Evolution" (March 2019)
- "Cannabis Law" (April 2019)
- AALL Visitor Greg Lambert (May 2019)
- Business Meeting (June 2019)

Additionally, Vice President/President-Elect Stephanie Wilson planned the LLOPS Holiday Party in December, sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

### **Government Affairs**

The Government Affairs Committee, Chaired by Maya Swanes, enjoyed a successful year in the Washington State Legislature: SHB 2015 was signed into law by Gov. Inslee on May 21, 2019 to provide funding for a new Washington State library-archives building and for operations of the library and archives facilities. Rob Mead, State Law Librarian at the Washington State Law Library offers additional background:

"The bill funds a new building which will bring the State Library (but not the State Law Library, which is in the Temple of Justice) and the State Archives under the same roof. The archives currently has most of their storage underground, which is risky due to potential flooding. The State Library is currently in a converted office building in Tumwater which is both leaky and unsuited for efficient library operations. The new building will be off of Tumwater Blvd in southern Tumwater, across the street from the Department of Corrections HQ."

## **Connection and Community**

LLOPSCited, the chapter's newsletter, was published four times by editor Mary Thurston. The Social Committee, chaired by Carly Eyer, hosted three after work happy hour events. The Grants Committee, chaired by Ashley Perkins, awarded three grants for professional development to send members to AALL and other professional conferences.

## **New Initiatives**

The Association switched over to Affinipay for collecting membership dues and it appears to be a successful switch. LLOPS also investigated alternatives to L-Soft for a listserv, but did not find a better alternative or a unified platform that offers what is needed. The Community Outreach Committee is investigating partnership options for teaching legal research and legislative advocacy in partnership with local public libraries.