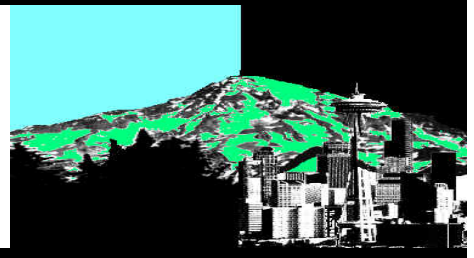


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## President's Message

By Katherine Foster

Wow, how time flies when you have to work, I mean you're having fun. My tenure is up, the crown has found a new home, and this is the last you'll hear from me, at least in this context. I have enjoyed serving as your president and have learned a lot from the experience. Here are just a few of the things I've learned.

If you want to conduct a business meeting where voting might be involved, it would be a really good idea to brush up on Roger's Rules of Order first. I've learned that Mother Nature has more power than the LLOPS President and if she doesn't want you to have a meeting you don't have a meeting. I've learned (actually I already knew this one) with a great executive board and involved membership that the job of President is not as arduous as I thought. All the fame and notoriety of being President is not as overwhelming as one would imagine. I've also learned that writing the President's Message is not that painful and can be done without referring to the seasons of the year (wink wink to Mary Hotchkiss).

I hope all of you will support your incoming President, Karen Helde, by volunteering on a committee. I have decided to continue in my servitude and have made a SERIOUS volunteer commitment to AALL and LLOPS in the upcoming years. I volunteer because I DO learn so much, I have a lot of fun and I'm in such great company. Thanks again for the eXPerience.

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## Ositis and Pacchiano New Landers Scholars

by Penny Hazelton  
University of Washington  
Gallagher Law Library

I am delighted to announce the 2001 Landers Scholarship winners who each received an unexpected check for \$750 to help with their education - Kim Ositis and Rachele Pacchiano.

The Melissa S. Landers Memorial Fund, which is now over \$30,000, was named in memory of a wonderful law librarian who was the Assistant Librarian for Public Services at the Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington School of Law. Melissa died in 1989 of breast cancer and her family and friends decided to create a lasting tribute to her professionalism and her dedication to law librarianship. This fund has encouraged many aspiring librarians without the law degree to turn their attention to law librarianship as a career choice. Our law library community has been enriched by those who have received the award in the past:

Amy Schaff Massey  
Kathleen Edie Clark—El Paso County Law Library, Colorado Springs  
Connelly Johnson—Davis Wright Tremaine  
Fred Hanson—Davis Wright Tremaine  
Jan Lawrence—Dorsey & Whitney  
Samantha Everett  
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Kim Ositis is currently working as a Reference Librarian at the King County Law Library. She graduated from the UW Information School with her MLIS in March 2001. She has worked in many libraries in her career before coming to library school, including three years as the Interlibrary Loan Assistant at the U of Oregon Law Library, a student Reference Librarian for two years in the Gallagher Law Library, a Junior Fellow at the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress where she worked on a project to digitize fire insurance maps, a Library Supervisor at the Gilliam County Public Library, and a volunteer at the Eugene Public Library and the Condon Grade School Library. Kim is excited to attend the AALL Meeting in Minneapolis this summer and in her letter of thanks says, "I hope I can honor the memory of Mrs. Landers by striving to provide excellent service and by my active participation in professional organizations." We think you are well on your way, Kim!

Rachele Pacchiano is already a name many of you know. She is the editor of *LLOPScited!* Rachele has wanted to be a librarian since she was in high school. She will graduate from the UW Information School in March 2002 and realize her dream. Rachele earned her BA in Art History at Western Washington University and has worked in the Whatcom Community College Library, the Bellingham Technical College Library, and has been at Preston Gates and Ellis since 1997 and in their library as a Library Technician since 1998. Rachele says, "Please pass along my sincere thanks to any others who played a part in awarding this fund. This scholarship will certainly help me in my last three quarters of school." Certainly, Rachele's work with LLOPS has already given her some professional experience, and we are all delighted that she hopes to remain in law librarianship once she has earned her degree. Thanks for your contributions already, Rachele. We hope to know you well over the years!

And I do want to thank those who have contributed to the Landers Fund over the years. Earning a library degree is a time-consuming and expensive proposition. The Landers Fund has given some incentive to students in the MLIS program to consider law librarianship; many have enriched our personal and professional lives. And giving to the fund allows many of us to remember our friend and colleague, Melissa Landers. Welcome, Kim and Rachele!

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## Committee Reports

### 2000 – 2001 Committees

#### **Professional Development**

The Professional Development Committee, Barbara Holt, Jonathan Franklin, and Brenna Louzin (chair) presented the annual Spring Professional Development Workshop on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at the University of Washington Waterfront Activities Center. The theme was "Conquering Knowledge Management." The program format this year did not work around the annual AALL satellite videoconference. Instead, our format was designed to split into a lecture session (A.M.) featuring three very different knowledge management practitioners and an interactive session (P.M.) featuring three km problem solving breakout groups.

Our speakers represented very different library and technology settings. The featured speakers were: Mr. Keith Lipman, Director of Advanced Technology Solutions and consultant with Atvantec; Ms. Martha Leredu, Knowledge Manager for Moss Adams (Seattle-based accounting firm); and Ms. Margaret Maes Axtmann, Past President of AALL and Associate Director of Information Resources, University of St. Thomas Law Library, Minneapolis, MN. Each presented knowledge management from a totally different viewpoint.

Keith Lipman's talk was entitled "Enterprise Information Portals" and focused squarely on defining KM in a legal organizational setting (primarily firm) sketching in all of the management/employee layers as well as software applications and tools necessary for developing and maintaining a knowledge management system. Martha Leredu who took a very pragmatic view of KM, providing us with a "Knowledge Management Implementation Checklist" plus a tool to help attendees rate their organization's "Potential Success with Electronic Collaboration", followed Lipman. Margaret Maes Axtmann rounded out the morning session with a presentation on proscribed elements in licensing external content.

The afternoon session was both practical and interactive. Attendees were to choose one of three breakout groups. Each group was handed a sheet describing a knowledge management scenario that they might face in their own organization. The groups were asked to come up with solutions and then present and defend them to all attendees.

Overall, program evaluations received were very positive. Concerns expressed focused on the need for speakers to be less corporate and use less jargon, but most attendees rated the presenters and subject matter very highly.

In retrospect, the Professional Development took on a very large task this year. It was large because: all of the committee members were new; there were only three committee members to do the bulk of the work; and lastly, we did not use a satellite video-conference segment from AALL to anchor our program. It is important to mention that the law firm committee members were able to contribute all of the photocopying, mailing, stationery costs, in addition to word processing. This saved the Chapter quite a bit of money. Also, the committee posted its program on the LLOPS Chapter Website and after the event, added links to power point presentations featured at the seminar.

This year, as in years past, we solicited database vendors for funds to help defray the cost of putting on the seminar. Our solicitations from Courtlink, Dialog, Lexis, and Westlaw totaled \$2000. The committee was very pleased with this vendor response.

Approximately forty individuals attended the workshop. Registration fees totaled \$1460. This total reflects fees charged to vendors who wished to send representatives to the program. The chapter realized a "profit" of \$1,215 on the 2001 LLOPS Spring Professional Development Workshop, "Conquering Knowledge Management."

Next year, the LLOPS PDC hopes to add a few more members to its committee. And, we will keep our ears and eyes open for new topics of interest, engaging speakers, supportive vendors, and best venues for holding programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenna Louzin  
LLOPS Professional Development Committee Chair 2000-2001

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## **Program Committee**

This year the Program Committee was made up of Karen Helde, Jean Holcomb and Jan Lawrence.

Beginning the LLOPS year with the usual summer wrap-up and informal reports on AALL, for the rest of the fall, we had a great program on the effects of change on library staff (Richard Jost), then a lively program on OCLC. For the "effects of change" program, we extended an invitation to all library staff. This was very well received and well attended. We had a great Christmas party at the new Seattle U. Law Library, with wonderful food and tours of their space. In January, in addition to the business meeting, we got lots of good reading recommendations from Nancy Pearl. In February, we had the Quake (note: program idea for next year—library emergency preparedness!), so postponed the informative E-book presentation (by our very own Internet SIG) until April. (In March, the Professional Development committee hosted a presentation on Knowledge Management.) In May, Jonathan Franklin gave an excellent presentation on UCITA. Finally, in June, we will finish the LLOPS year with a business meeting, the installation of new officers and just plain celebrating.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to those of you who help facilitate booking rooms for our meetings. We greatly appreciate the use of the conference rooms in your buildings and the extra time and resources you and your firms provide to make these meetings possible. I would also like to thank the LLOPS members who participated in providing program content this year (Richard Jost, Liz Doyle, Betsy Chessler, Brenna Louzin, Judy Broom, and Jonathan Franklin ). Thank you for your contributions. And finally, I would like to thank Karen and Jean for making the committee so enjoyable and efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lawrence  
Program Committee Chair

## **Employment Committee**

We posted 12 positions this year. Williams Kastner & Gibbs finally found a librarian for themselves this Spring. We were ready to do a consultation for the firm when they happily found Barbara Arnett.

Suggestions for next year's Chair:

- Rename the position to "Employment Coordinator," since one person usually makes up the committee.
- Possibly link the LLOPS Website with the local bar associations and create a page of tips for firms looking for law librarians.
- Coordinate with Penny Hazelton on application guidelines for new law librarian graduates.

I have enjoyed my work with LLOPS over these two years!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Ball  
Employment Committee Chair

## **Marketing/Publications Committee**

This year's Marketing Committee consisted of Jill Allyn and Ellen Bowman, who served as Chair.

The Committee tried a marketing experiment this year and arranged for a LLOPS exhibit table at two different events: the Washington State Bar Association's "Celebration 2000" in Spokane in September (which was discussed in last year's Marketing Committee report), and also at the "Law Office EXPO, Management and Technology Institute," co-sponsored by WSBA-CLE, WSBA Law Practice Management and Technology Section, and the Association of Legal Administrators, Puget Sound Chapter, which was held in Seattle on March 2.

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A variety of materials was made available at these tables. Among them were our new LLOPS brochure and bookmarks; AALL's brochure entitled, "Finding Your Way in the Information Age" (which describes the different roles of academic, private, and government law librarians); a flyer we prepared entitled, "Do You Need to Hire a Law Librarian?" (which explains how to get the word out to our listserv by contacting Susan Ball); and our "Born to Search" tattoos (which were reportedly quite a hit at Celebration 2000). We also had on display a sample copy of *LLOPScited*, as well as a sample copy of AALL's "How to Hire a Law Librarian," with order forms. For a colorful focal point, we prepared an accordion-type stand-up display entitled, "LLOPS Celebrates 10 Years," consisting of photographs from last year's birthday gathering/new officer installation.

We believe that these two efforts greatly increased our visibility to the WSBA and to the local Association of Legal Administrators, as well as to the legal community in general. We believe that enough contacts were made, and enough ideas were generated, to justify our participation in both events this particular year. Fortunately, we were able to exhibit at each event for a reduced fee. But because exhibiting is not inexpensive, we do not recommend exhibiting as a perpetual marketing strategy for the future. Instead, any future Marketing Committee should evaluate an exhibiting opportunity on its own merits and determine for itself if it would be worthwhile before making a recommendation to the LLOPS Board.

The Committee also revised the flyer we use each year at the University of Washington's Student Resume Night. The flyer, which is designed to supplement our brochure, is targeted specifically at U.W. Information School students.

Finally, the Committee submitted our new LLOPS brochure, which was designed last spring by members of our previous Marketing Committee, to AALL's "Excellence in Marketing" competition. We believe that this is the first time that LLOPS has ever submitted an entry. Although we did not win an award, the Committee strongly encourages LLOPS – as well as individual LLOPS members - to enter the annual EIM competition, whenever appropriate, in the future.

We hope that next year's Marketing Committee will make it a priority to keep the Committee's information that is posted on the LLOPS web site more current than we did! Also, we hope that someone will come forward to serve on the Committee who will be willing and able to send a monthly contribution to the *Washington Journal*, which has indicated its willingness to provide us some free space. In addition, we hope that next year's Committee will seek to increase our visibility within AALL by submitting "Chapter News" regularly to *Spectrum*. Given that the AALL Convention will be held in Seattle in 2003, it is time to undertake such contributions on a consistent basis.

There are two other ideas that next year's Marketing Committee might wish to consider. One is to make LLOPS members aware of opportunities to serve on bar-related committees that are relevant to our professional interests and expertise, such as the WSBA's Electronic Communications committee (which reserves space for non-lawyers) or perhaps even the WSBA's Council on Public Legal Education (CPL), if there are any openings.

The other idea is to start planning in the fall for LLOPS to undertake something as a chapter to celebrate either National Library Week, which is usually in early April, or Law Week, which is usually the first week in May. Because some LLOPS members typically plan activities at their own libraries during National Library Week, the chapter might consider doing a project during Law Week instead. For example, LLOPS members might take a one-hour shift at their local public or county law library during busy times to provide extra reference help and answer legal research questions from the public. Or LLOPS members could volunteer at local public schools to speak in the classroom about how to research legal issues affecting the students' lives or in the news. Either one of these ideas would be a public service project that would allow us to share our expertise with the community at large. We could easily publicize such a chapter wide activity to the local media and thereby raise the visibility not only of the chapter, but of law librarianship as a profession.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellen D. Bowman  
Marketing/Publications Committee Chair

### **Membership Committee**

The LLOPS Membership Committee for 2000-2001 consisted of Bridget Dacres, Chair, and Ann Hemmens, the single member. The membership as of June 29, 2001 consists of the following:

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In August, 2000, the Committee Chair explored the AALL arrangement under which Headquarters staff would manage our membership database and print our directory. She determined that the costs were out of proportion to the size of our membership. The Chair recommended to the LLOPS Executive Board that we continue to manage our own database and directory preparation.

The Chapter acquired a new version of *Microsoft Publisher 2000* software for use in preparing the *2000-2001 Membership Directory*. Several members were quite late in submitting their membership renewals, which resulted in delayed publication of the directory. The directory cost \$291.10 to produce and distribute. Copies were available at the Holiday party in December and the remainder were mailed.

At the January 31, 2001 LLOPS business meeting, President Katherine Foster announced that Rena Boyd had been given a lifetime membership, bringing the number of such memberships to five.

Two Associate/Vendor organizations acquired the LLOPS membership mailing list: Washington State Bar Association and the Daily Journal Corporation, publisher of *Washington Journal*. These sales resulted in \$100 revenue for the chapter.

To address some of the problems associated with delayed renewals last year, the procedures for handling membership renewals for the 2001-2002 year will include:

Mailing the membership form separately, not with the new President's call for volunteers

Distributing copies of the form at the last business meeting of the year

Posting reminders about membership initiation and renewal in these places:

- The summer issue of *LLOPScited*
- On the LLOPS Website
- On the LLOPS listserv

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bridget Dacres  
Membership Committee Chair

Academic	24
Associate/Vendor	16
Corporate	2
Court/Government	20
Lifetime	5
Private	51
Retired	1
Student	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124</b>

### **Nominations and Elections Committee**

The Nominations and Elections Committee was composed of Connelly Johnson, Rick Stroup and Barbara Rothwell. We were pleased to submit to the LLOPS Executive Board the nomination of Jill Allyn for Vice-President/President-Elect, and especially pleased to have two candidates for Treasurer, Rita Kaiser and Brendan Starkey.

Ballots were mailed on April 28, 2001. Of the 118 ballots mailed 67 were returned. New officers Jill Allyn and Rita

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Kaiser will take office at the June 27, 2001 LLOPS Annual Meeting.

The 2001-2002 LLOPS Executive Board:

Karen Helde—President  
Jill Allyn—Vice President/President-Elect  
Linda Tobiska—Secretary  
Rita Kaiser—Treasurer  
Katherine Foster—Immediate Past-President

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Rothwell  
Nominations and Elections Committee Chair

### **Grants Committee**

The LLOPS Grants Committee offered grants to the membership for three learning opportunities in 2000-2001.

Elizabeth LeDoux from Preston Gates & Ellis and Crystal Sherman from Riddell Williams received \$450 grants to attend the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

Kim Ostitis of the King County Law Library received a grant of \$90 to cover the cost of attending CONELL at the AALL Annual Meeting.

Brandi Ledferd of Preston Gates & Ellis received a grant to attend the LLOPS Professional Development Workshop: Conquering Knowledge Management.

All of the Grants awardees have agreed to write an article for *LLOPScited* summarizing their experience.

As noted by past Grants Committees, there were few applicants for the grants approved by the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connelly Johnson  
Barbara Rothwell, Grants Committee Chair

### **Newsletter Committee**

The newsletter committee for the Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS) started this year and the new committee term (2000-2002) with brand new members:

Rachelle Pacchiano, Newsletter Editor  
Brendan Starkey, Layout Editor  
Fred Hanson, Advertising Editor

As of June 2001, we have produced three issues: Fall 2000 (Volume 12, Number 1), Winter 2000-01 (Volume 12, Number 2), and Spring 2001 (Volume 12, Number 3).

Thanks to the Internet SIG committee, *LLOPScited* is now available on the LLOPS website (<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/Committees/Newsletter/llopscited.htm>).

The Fall 2000 issue was the premier issue to feature the Seattle skyline/mountains graphic—it appears in the upper right hand corner on the first page.

Beginning with the Spring 2001 issue, our newsletter is now being sent to other chapter newsletter editors around the country. A list of the newsletter editors was compiled at the beginning of the year and provided to chapter newsletter

editors. In turn, the *LLOPScited* editor receives other chapter newsletters.

Lexis-Nexis pays for the printing of our newsletter at Kinko's. They provide for up to \$400.00.

The editor purchases around 200 copies of the newsletter:

28—Newsletter Editors

5—Peter Beck of AALL (he distributes around AALL headquarters)

5 (or so)—Fred Hanson (for potential advertisers)

124—LLOPS members

The rest are currently residing with the Newsletter Editor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachelle M. Pacchiano  
Newsletter Committee Chair

### **Treasurer's Report**

Law Librarians of Puget Sound  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Bank Balances  
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2000 - June 15, 2001

<b>Balance in Key Bank on July 1, 2000</b>		\$ 5,650.13
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Chapter Dues	\$ 1,725.00	
Meeting Registrations	\$ 1,475.00	
Newsletter Advertising	\$ -	
Directory Sales	\$ 75.00	
Contributions & Donations (\$500 expected from Dialog)	\$ 1,500.00	
Interest	\$ 36.57	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 4,811.57</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Meeting Food & Beverage	\$ 115.08	
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$ 221.80	
Dues Invoice Printing & Postage	\$ -	
Election ballot Printing & Postage	\$ 80.88	
Program Committee Postage	\$ 68.00	
Annual Directory Printing & Postage	\$ 292.10	
Spring Workshop	\$ 2,318.34	
Other Expenses (P.O. Box, Grants, Leadership Training, Marketing)	\$ 2,896.29	
Insurance	\$ 193.50	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 6,185.99</b>
<b>Certified Deposit Accounts Funds</b>		<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Balance in Key Bank on June 15, 2001</b>		<b>\$ 6,775.71</b>

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Dear LLOPS members:

As your treasurer, I am pleased to present the above statement of the financial results of your Chapter for the fiscal year 2000-2001. In summary, we maintain a bank balance of \$6775.71 including our investment accounts. Our Spring Workshop netted a profit due to both member and non-member attendance and significant support from vendor sponsors. Thanks committee members and vendors! Once again we were able to print *LLOPS*cited at no expense to existing assets due to generous support from Lexis, but we saw a decreased revenue stream from *LLOPS*cited advertising. We also saw expenditures by the Board on various marketing efforts such as new brochures/bookmarks, joint sponsorship with SLA for the UW Information School student night, and a LLOPS exhibit and attendance at the WSBA Legal Expo. Due to West's continued support, we enjoyed a lovely holiday party. If any member would like to examine our records and books of account, or if there are any questions, please contact myself or our new treasurer, Rita Kaiser. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as LLOPS Treasurer for this year and I would like to express my appreciation to our past treasurer, Claudia Jalowka, for her hard work in setting up our spreadsheets and accounting system.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kara Phillips  
Treasurer

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## **Member Spotlight on *Tim Sheehy*** **Interviewed by Rachelle Pacchiano**

I recently met with Tim Sheehy, the Library Director of the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Courts Library. He is our featured LLOPS member for the Summer 2001 issue of *LLOPS*cited. The 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Courts Library, for those of you who don't know, is located on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the United States Courthouse.

Tim Sheehy grew up in Columbia, Pennsylvania, a small town near Lancaster. He received his undergrad degree in Economics from *Franklin & Marshall College* in Lancaster. From there, he decided to attend law school because, "the economy was bad and there were no jobs."

He received his law degree from *Duquesne University* in Pittsburgh. During the summer following graduation from law school, Tim worked in the Public Defender's Office in Montour County, PA. Things were a little slow that summer: only one crime was committed, a probation violation. In the fall, Tim went to work in a private law office. A side story: the person for whom he worked later became a conservative talk show host!

Tim became a VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) volunteer and moved to East Los Angeles. There, he worked on *Medi-Cal* (health care insurance for millions of low-income, elderly, and disabled Californians) violations. He was given the opportunity to work at the *Western Center on Law & Poverty*, a non-profit legal services program devoted to high-impact poverty law litigation and legislative advocacy in the state of California.. The project going on then was testing three brand new types of software: Lexis, Westlaw, and Juris! And you guessed it, Tim got hooked and decided to pursue a law librarianship degree. He attended UCLA where he received his MLS.

His first job in a law library was at Tuttle & Taylor, a law firm in Los Angeles. The law librarian he worked for there, C.C. Smith, later became a reggae show host. I am not joking!

Tim went on to work at the L.A. County Law Library, the third largest law library in the nation. There, he says he was given great law librarianship training from the volume and diversity of questions they received. And the librarians have a rich collection from which they can answer those questions. He then went to work at the UCLA Law Library as their Instructional Services Librarian. In addition, he worked for the University of California librarians union doing contract negotiation.

When did he arrive in Seattle, you ask? Well, Tim vacationed here several times and fell in love – especially with the San Juan Islands. He now lives on Bainbridge Island. In 1989, he joined LLOPS. He had always belonged to professional organizations as he has learned plenty from them. He has not been disappointed with LLOPS in this regard!

Tim's favorite part of his job at the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Courts Library happens when he is asked to work on a project and he reads about the subject the following day in the newspaper. As a librarian, Tim has always enjoyed the aspect of working with people. Tim's best day on the job occurs when there are so many projects coming in that he can't sit down for a second to deal with the routine stuff. His worst day happens when he can't answer a question and he is certain the answer lies out there

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somewhere.

Tim's worst job took place during a summer break from *Franklin & Marshall*. He worked at a resort in a haunted house where his job was to scare small children! What has been his favorite job so far? His one right here in Seattle!

The 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Courts Library is funded to meet the needs of the judges and law clerks. They are open to the public, however, and do answer many questions from lawyers and pro se patrons. At the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Courts Library, everyone has a shift at the reference desk. There are three librarians and one technician in addition to Tim. Tim says they "all work amazingly hard and are a great team!" Following the February earthquake where the library was a mess, they had it back up in three days.

In 2004, Tim will open a new 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Courts Library when the building of the new U.S. Courthouse is completed. This library will serve the needs of the Bankruptcy Court and U.S. District Court. The library in the current courthouse will remain to serve the needs of those at the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The library in Tacoma will remain and is currently not staffed. From the first day, Tim and the other members of the staff have been involved in the space planning for their new library. Again, they will be located on the top floor of the U.S. Courthouse. The plans call for an 8000 square foot library (larger than the current one). Tim invites all LLOPS members to watch the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks from their new digs when it opens!

In his spare time, Tim enjoys sea kayaking with his partner Pat and kickboxing at the YMCA. He has one 9 year old dog, Rose, a German Shepherd, and one 12 year old Siamese cat, Khmer, named after the temple building Khmer civilization of Cambodia.

It was a pleasure chatting with Tim Sheehy. I hope you have enjoyed reading what he has been up to!

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## **LLOPS Meeting**

**June 27, 2001**

**Photos taken by Susan Schulkin, Lane Powell**



Katherine Foster, Microsoft, thanks Ellen Bowman, Davis Wright Tremain, for serving as the 2000-01 Marketing Committee Chair.



Katherine Foster honors Ellen Bowman with The President's Award. Ellen received a giant basket of candles for all of her work during the past year.



Karen Helde, Lane Powell and the 2001-02 LLOPS President, receives the crown from Katherine Foster, LLOPS President 2000-01.



Karen Helde in her role as LLOPS President;  
Katherine Foster looks on.



Kim Ositis, King County Law Library, and Rachelle Pacchiano,  
Preston Gates & Ellis and a student at the iSchool, recipients of  
the 2001 Melissa S. Landers Memorial Fund.

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## **UCITA in Washington**

**by Elizabeth LeDoux**  
**Government Relations Chair**

In the coming year, every single of member of LLOPS will be called on to help with the fight against the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). We will be teaming up with the Washington Library Association to outline a game plan and implement our attack.

UCITA has been defeated across the country by grassroots organizations like ours, and though it will be a challenge we will prevail. If you have any questions about UCITA or our campaign against it, please contact Jonathan Franklin at the UW Law Library (206-543-4089, [jafrank@u.washington.edu](mailto:jafrank@u.washington.edu)).

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### **A reminder from your Membership Committee:**

The LLOPS Membership Application for 2001-2002, and your fee, should be returned promptly so we can get the LLOPS Directory out as soon as possible.

By now you should have received a form in the mail. Or you can visit the LLOPS Website, <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/Join/memform.pdf> and print the form from there.

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