In 2006-07, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS) members pursued new relationships with the community and with each other.

A special committee was appointed to explore opportunities for philanthropy in the greater community. The Special Outreach Committee (Kim Ositis, chair) actively pursued its charge, beginning with a proposal for a new $500 annual grant to assist nonprofit organizations with legal resource needs. The 2006-07 grant was awarded to the Domestic Abuse Women’s Network (DAWN) to fund their legal resource center. The committee also raised $500 in gift cards for DAWN’s clients. In addition, the Special Outreach Committee worked with LLOPS’ Webmaster (Brandi Ledferd) to add a bibliography of LLOPS members’ writings to the chapter’s Web page.

In March, LLOPS collaborated with the Washington Coalition for Open Government and the Washington State Library to present the National Sunshine Week webcast “Closed Doors; Open Democracies?” The event was attended by over 50 attorneys, librarians, professors, and students and included a spirited discussion about the importance of openness in government.

LLOPS members also enjoyed an excellent year of educational programs. The Program Committee (Robyn Hagle, chair) provided programs for each of LLOPS monthly meetings, including a special presentation by the lead counsel in the case of *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*. The Professional Development Committee (Marcus Hochstetler, chair) sponsored a Spring Workshop entitled “Tribulations and Trials,” which included a demonstration of a trial and information on managing electronic resources.

LLOPS members asked for additional social events. A special committee was assigned the task of planning informal gatherings. The Social Committee (Jill Allyn, chair) got right to work, scheduling social hours, sports activities, movies, and museum visits for LLOPS members to enjoy together.

The chapter welcomed Ann Fessenden, AALL Vice President, to the March meeting. Ann discussed the recently completed report on authentication of online legal resources. This topic was of particular interest because Washington may soon transition its State Register to electronic format. Ann’s information on authentication prompted the LLOPS Executive Board and the Government Relations Committee (Sue Bellevue, chair), to write a letter of concern to the Code Reviser. As a result of this action, the Code Reviser asked for an opportunity to meet with LLOPS membership, a meeting that will take place in August.

Sue Bellevue was awarded the President’s Award for Excellence in recognition of her contributions to LLOPS, including her work as chair of the Government Relations Committee since 2003. Denyse McFadden was awarded a lifetime membership to LLOPS.
The LLOPS Executive Board for the 2006-07 year included: Laurie B. Miller, President; Nancy A. Noble, Vice President/President-Elect; Ann Hemmens, Past President; Susan Schulkin, Secretary; and Barbara Swatt Engstrom, Treasurer. Kent Milunovich joined the board as acting Treasurer during the two-month absence of Barbara Swatt Engstrom. The LLOPS 2007-08 Executive Board is: Nancy A. Noble, President; Rita Kaiser, Vice President/President-Elect; Laurie B. Miller, Past President; Susan Schulkin, Secretary; and Barbara Holt, Treasurer.

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