

# LPSS News

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## Betty Taylor: 1997 Marta Lange/CQ Award Winner

Grace W. "Betty" Taylor of the University of Florida is the recipient of the second annual Marta Lange/CQ Award. Betty Taylor is the Director of the Legal Information Center, College of Law, and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law. Professor Taylor has a long and distinguished career of blending librarianship, law, and computers. She is a national and international leader in law library automation, a true pioneer in the field. Her career is replete with firsts, including the honor of being the first woman to hold an endowed professorship at the University of Florida. She has an impressive record of sharing her knowledge and expertise through publications, presentations, and committee service. Professor Taylor will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 prize donated by Congressional Quarterly, Inc. The award was presented in a brief ceremony at the beginning of the LPSS program at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco on June 29, 1997.

- Ron Heckart, Past Chair, LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee

## Message from the Editor

The LPSS website is moving! The LPSS website will soon be located on the ACRL homepage. Please check back for new resources related to LPSS. Call for contributors--If you have interesting news or would like to contribute to LPSS news please contact the editor via e-mail at [mck4@psu.edu](mailto:mck4@psu.edu).

## LPSS Needs YOU!

Need to beef up your resume with professional activities? Join a LPSS committee! Plenty of opportunities to get involved! Contact: Paula Popma, LPSS Vice Chair, [ppopma@mail.scu.edu](mailto:ppopma@mail.scu.edu) or watch for the October **C&RL News** for information and a volunteer form.

## Call for Submissions: Academic Libraries and Student Success

How do academic libraries and librarians impact the success of students on their campuses? If you have information you would like to share about a successful program or project in which you or your library is involved please share it!. A book focusing on academic libraries and student success is currently being compiled. This is an opportunity for you to stress the importance of your organization and the library profession in student and university success. For more information, contact Maurie Kelly at [mck4@psu.edu](mailto:mck4@psu.edu).

- Maurie Caitlin Kelly, Editor, *LPSS News*



## **LPSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

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San Francisco  
June 28, 1997

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Cathy Doyle welcomed all new and current members to the meeting. In the absence of Brian Carpenter, LPSS Secretary Paula Popma took the minutes.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from Midwinter Conference (Washington, DC) were approved as they appeared in the LPSS Newsletter, v. 12, no. 2.

### **III. Report from the Chair**

#### **A. New Orleans Meeting**

LPSS all committee meeting and executive board meeting will be Saturday afternoon in New Orleans. The Marta Lange Committee, the Library Instruction Discussion Group, and the Nominating Committee will have separate meeting times.

#### **B. ACRL News**

Paula Popma attended the ACRL Leadership Council Planning Session and had the following news to report:

ACRL is working with the ALA Washington Office on how ACRL can be more involved in influencing governmental policy issues.

The ACRL Institutional Priorities and Faculty Rewards Task Force has issued guidelines for ACRL membership comment. The guidelines are in the June issue of C & RL News, p. 414-416. The ACRL Constitution and Bylaws are being revised. The proposal is to abolish the constitution and meld it into the bylaws. The proposed revisions will be on a ballot for membership vote in Spring, 1998.

An ACRL Task Force on Library Outcomes Assessment is just starting to construct a philosophical framework and will then develop 2-3 prototypes. In the meantime, ACRL has discontinued writing standards.

There will be an ACRL sponsored pre-conference in Washington, DC prior to the 1998 annual conference titled "Ivory Towers and Halls of Power, Legislative Advocacy for Librarians." Cathy announced that ACRL is looking for someone from the LPSS Membership Committee to attend the ACRL Membership Committee meeting.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

#### **A. 1997 Program**

Cathy announced the LPSS program "Politics of the Information Future" was to be held in MCC307.

#### **B. 1998 Program**

Stephen Stillwell reported that a request for funding had been submitted. In keeping with Barbara Ford's theme of "Global Reach, Local Touch", the 1998 LPSS program was to be a panel discussion on the Middle East from different perspectives. The president-elect of ACRL had sent out an e-mail that he wanted one large ACRL program rather than separate section programs. Therefore, the LPSS program has been deleted from the schedule.

#### **C. Library Instruction**

Sally Weimer reported for John Stemmer. The Committee did a pathfinder for the San Francisco program. There is a link on the LPSS website to the pathfinder. This committee has its own listserv maintained by Laura Bartolo. It is unclear as to the status of the listserv.

#### **D. Marta Lange/CQ Award**

Ron Heckart announced that Betty Taylor is the second annual recipient of this award. Information about the award criteria is on the LPSS website. Rosemary Little is the new chair of the committee and award nominations should be sent to her.

#### **E. Membership**



Nancy Littlejohn distributed a draft prototype for a revised membership brochure. Stephen will add a budget line in his budget proposal to ACRL to redo the brochure next year.

#### F. Nominating

Kelly Janousek reported for Brian Carpenter. The 1998 election is concluded. Paula Popma was elected vice chair/chair elect, Lucia Snowhill was elected Secretary, and Janice Lewis is the new member-at-large.

#### G. Publications

Paula Popma announced that the committee is looking for a new chair and gained two new members at this conference. The Fall newsletter was planned and there were suggestions for additions to the LPSS website.

#### H. Review and Planning

Ron Heckart suggested that the Marta Lange/CQ Award be presented at a luncheon sponsored by CQ prior to the all committee meeting. The executive board agreed to this proposal. It was suggested that with the all committee format, members be limited to one committee. If a committee chair is not going to attend the conference, they need to designate an alternate chair for that conference and let the LPSS chair know.

#### I. Vendor/Publisher

Graham Walden announced that a third CD-ROM review was ready for inclusion into the LPSS Newsletter. There are three other CD-ROM reviews in the wings. It was suggested that two reviews be included in each Newsletter. However, given space limitations, it was suggested that abridged reviews (so stated in the Newsletter) go into the Newsletter and the full text reviews are posted on the LPSS website.

### V. Liaison Report

#### A. GODORT

The report was deferred due to the absence of Brian Carpenter.

### VI. New Business

It was decided that at the beginning of the All Committee Meeting an announcement would be made inviting all members to stay for the Executive Board Meeting immediately following.

- Paula Popma, Vice Chair/Chair Elect LPSS

### Marta Lange/CQ Award Nominations Procedures

The Marta Lange/CQ Award recognizes an academic or law librarian who, through research, other creative activity, or service to the profession, makes distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science. This award honors Marta Lange, 1990/91 ACRL Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) Chair, whose exceptional talents as a leader were enhanced by a wonderful collegial spirit. Her bright career was an inspiration to others and a model of professional service.

The award is \$1,000 and a plaque donated by Congressional Quarterly, Inc. The jury is the LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee. The success of the Marta Lange/CQ Award truly depends on those who take the initiative to submit nominations. Note that the award criteria are broad and flexible, and membership in LPSS or even ALA is not required. The award deadline is December 1, 1997. Nominees should have achieved distinction in one or more of the following areas:

Planning and implementing a model bibliography/information services program in a law or political science library.



A history of contributions to the field through research, publications, and other activities displaying active participation in the advancement of law/political science librarianship. Service to the profession through ACRL or related regional and national organizations.

Promotion or development of an education program for law and political science librarianship that has served as a model for other courses and programs.

Nominations should include a letter of nomination including your name, address, and phone number as well as the name and address of the nominee; a narrative supporting the nomination; and a current vita. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Send 5 copies to the LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee Chair:

Rosemary Allen Little, Public Administration, Politics, and Law Librarian, Princeton University Library, One Washington Road, Princeton, NJ, 08544.

Phone: 609-258-3209

Fax: 609-258-4105

E-mail: [rosemary@phoenix.princeton.edu](mailto:rosemary@phoenix.princeton.edu)

**Deadline:** December 1, 1997

- **Rosemary Allen Little**, Chair, Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee

### Profile of Marta Lange

Marta Lange, born in Michigan in 1954, was a bright and rising star in academic librarianship when she died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in 1992. She completed her undergraduate education at Central Michigan University, and had masters degrees in Spanish and library science, the former from the Universidad de Salamanca and the latter from the University of Michigan.

After earning her masters in library science, she worked as a reference librarian at the M.D. Anderson Library, University of Houston, and quickly rose to the position of assistant head of the department. In 1986, she became Head of Reference at North Carolina State University Libraries, a position she held until her death.

Marta Lange was active in a number of civic and professional groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, American Business Women's Association, North Carolina Library Association, and the American Library Association. Her history of the development of the standard reference work, Roget's Thesaurus, was published in Distinguished Classics of Reference Publishing (Oryx Press, 1992).

Marta Lange's contributions to the Law and Political Science Section are noteworthy. In the mid-1980s she chaired the LPSS Publications Committee and during her tenure, wrote the section's first policy and procedures manual, which became a model for other ACRL sections. She also chaired several successful conference program planning committees, and was elected vice chair/chair elect in 1989. She served as chair during 1990/91. Marta Lange brightened and enriched all of the professional settings in which she worked. LPSS is fortunate to have been graced by her presence. A natural leader, she combined tact and competence with a warm and welcoming manner. She accomplished much in an all-too-brief career, and is fondly remembered.

- **Ron Heckart**, Past Chair, Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee



## **Initiatives**

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**Initiatives**, a new, quarterly electronic journal is seeking contributors.

Do you have a project, program, or issue you wish to discuss? Are you looking for solutions to problems or assistance with your ideas. Initiatives was created for just this purpose.

Each issue will contain the elements of traditional journals, such as articles and editorials. However, Initiatives will also feature a **Nuts and Bolts Spotlight** initiatives and the **Initiatives Focus**, which will offer readers the opportunity to obtain practical information from experts and networking opportunities with individuals involved in unique projects.

For more information on **Initiatives**, contact Maurie Kelly at [mck4@psu.edu](mailto:mck4@psu.edu). We want to hear from academic librarians and LPSS members!

## **LPSS-L**

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LPSS-L, the Sections official listserv, is the major communication vehicle for members to conduct business. However, we hope that every subscriber will use the listserv to pose questions, recommend new print and electronic tools, chat, and share information that goes beyond formal ALA business.

The list resides at Ohio State University, and one may subscribe by sending e-mail to

[listserv@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu](mailto:listserv@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu)

The subject line should be empty and the body of the message **MUST** contain only the following line

subscribe lpss-l Firstname Lastname

After one is a subscriber, messages can be sent to the LPSS-L list by sending e-mail to

[lpss-l@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu](mailto:lpss-l@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu)

Please remember that both initial messages and replies to the list are sent to every subscriber, not just the individual who posted the message.

If you change your e-mail address or wish to end your participation in the list, send e-mail to

[listserv@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu](mailto:listserv@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu)

The subject line should be empty and the message should read

unsubscribe lpss-l

Any questions or problems concerning LPSS-L should be referred to Pat McCandless at Ohio State University Libraries at (614) 293-6151 or via e-mail to [mccandless.1@osu.edu](mailto:mccandless.1@osu.edu)

- **Pat McCandless**, Ohio State University



## **Roster of LPSS Committee Members**

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### **Executive Committee**

Stephen Stillwell, Jr., Chair, 1999  
Paula Popma, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, 2000  
Catherine Doyle, Past Chair, 1998  
Lucia Snowhill, Secretary, 1999  
Janice Lewis, Member-at-Large, 1999  
Nancy Littlejohn, Member-at-Large, 1998

### **Library Instruction Committee**

John Stemmer, Chair, , 1998  
Janice Lewis, Member, 1999  
Sally Weimer, Member, 1998  
Christine Angolia, Member, 1998  
Lisa Stimatz, Member, 1998  
Brian Carpenter, Member, 1999  
John Dillard, Member, 1999  
Allan Metz, Member, 1999  
Paul Vermouth, Member, 1999

### **Marta Lange/CQ Committee**

Rosemary Allen Little, Chair, 1998  
Ronald Heckart, Member, 1999  
Patricia McCandless, Member, 1999  
Maurie Kelly, Member, 1998  
Judy Solberg, Member, 1998  
Sue Parker, Member, 1999

### **Membership Committee**

Nancy Littlejohn, Chair, 1998  
Suping Lu, Member, 1998  
Madison Mosley, Member, 1998  
Janice S. Lewis, Member, 1999

### **Nominating Committee**

Kelly Janousek, Chair, 1998

### **Program Committee (ALA 1998)**

Stephen Stillwell, Chair, 1998  
David Ettinger, Member, 1998  
Gwedolyn Halford, Member, 1998  
Patricia Roshaven, Member, 1998

### **Program Committee (ALA 1999)**

Paula Popma, Chair, 1999

### **Review and Planning Committee**

Judy Solberg, Chair, 1998  
Charles Spornick, Member, 1999  
Catherine Doyle, Member, 1999  
Dennis Lambert, Member, 1998

### **Publications Committee**

Nancy Littlejohn, Chair, 1998  
Theresa Trost, Member, 1999  
Paula Popma, Member, 1998  
Maurie Kelly, ex-officio  
Michael Jackson, Member, 1999  
Catherine Hanson, Member, 1999

### **Vendor/Publisher Liaison Committee**

Suping Lu, Chair, 1998  
Atifa Rawan, Member, 1998  
Theresa Trost, Member, 1998  
Ted Smith, Member, 1998  
Janice Lewis, Member, 1999  
Charles Willett, Member, 1999  
Merle Slyhoff, Member, 1999

- **Paula Popma, Vice Chair/Chair elect**



## **LPSS Review: LOIS Professional Library**

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The LOIS Professional Library is a series of CD-ROM databases containing state and federal full-text laws including case law, statutes, administrative regulations, court rules, session laws, and other legal publications. Law Office Information Systems, LOIS, is based in Van Buren, Arkansas. The company's mission is to "provide superior electronic information products at prices everyone can afford." The products are available both on CD-ROM and on the Internet (<http://www.pita.com/>). Each database is referred to as a "library" and may be purchased as individual subscriptions. The disks are updated quarterly. On-line updates are available weekly via the N-Line Update service at no extra charge. Access to databases on the Internet is a separate subscription.

The databases available include:

United States Supreme Court Reports contains every official opinion handed down by the Court since June 27, 1949. The cases are taken from the official electronic opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States. Supreme Court decisions are available on-line via LOIS N-Line Service two hours after release.

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals database is sold as a set containing all 13 circuit courts, or individually by circuit. The Federal Circuit cases date back to 1971. The sources for the cases are the official electronic opinions of the courts.

State Libraries-- Only fifteen states were available as of May 1997: Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. The specific content of the state databases varies from state to state. Some include bar publications for an additional fee.

The system will run with either DOS or Windows. Requirements: Windows 95, NT, or DOS 3.0 or higher; 4Mb RAM; modem for N-Line updating (9600 or faster); and 5Mb free hard disk space (amount depends on how many products are installed). Easy to follow non-technical installation procedures are on the disc and in the manuals. Test CDs are useable for 30 days without a password. A complete 74 page users and quick reference manual are on the disc. These manuals are very comprehensive, beginning with installation procedures, and continuing from basic mouse use through complex searching. A LOIS training manual may be purchased. User and technical support are available at a toll free number. Each "library" comes with a single sheet "CD-ROM Fact Sheet" explaining the contents of the database. The discs have unlimited usage and may be networked at no extra charge. The databases run PITA software which was developed by LOIS which allows multiple field and boolean full text searching.

LOIS CD-ROM databases provide an inexpensive and easy to use alternative to on-line databases. With basic computer skills, and an elementary knowledge of legal concepts, college students can use this product effortlessly. However, some issues such as equipment purchase, memory requirements, and the unavailability of the West Key Number system (due to copyright restrictions), do offer some challenges.

For more information, contact LOIS, Inc., Law Office Information Systems, 105 North 28th Street, Van Buren, Arkansas, 72956, [infor@pita.com](mailto:infor@pita.com)

- **Nancy Littlejohn**, Bibliographer for Criminal Justice and Law, Central Missouri State University

\*\*To see the complete review of LOIS, check the LPSS website!



## ALA MIDWINTER MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

January 9th-14th, 1998

**General meeting information:**

<http://www.ala.org/events/mw98/index.html>

**Some Internet sites of interest....**

**Best of New Orleans**

<http://www.gambit-no.com/>

**Discover New Orleans**

<http://www.discoverneworleans.com/>

**French Quarter Virtual Tour**

<http://www.frenchquarter.com/>

**Gumbo Pages**

<http://www.gumbopages.com/>

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