

LPSS Strategic Plan, 2002-2006

At the 2001 Midwinter ALA Meeting, the LPSS Review and Planning Committee began the process of drafting a strategic plan for the Section. The strategic plan would give guidance and purpose to the activities of the section and its committees, as well as to help identify future needs of the section. The goal was to present a final draft to the membership at the 2002 meeting.

A first draft was written and sent to Committee members for input. Following a number of revisions, a preliminary draft was sent to the general LPSS membership via e-mail for comment and input. Comments and suggestions were incorporated into the document, with a final draft presented at the LPSS general membership meeting in January 2002. The membership unanimously approved the document.

The Review and Planning Committee, working with other committee chairs, is now developing the implementation stage of the strategic plan process. The plan will be reviewed annually by the Committee.

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Association of College and Research Libraries Law and Political Science Section

STRATEGIC PLAN
2002-2006

MISSION

The Law and Political Science Section (LPSS), a unit of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is the educational forum and information exchange center for librarians, archivists, and others with interests in all aspects of, or subject expertise in, law or political science collections, libraries, and librarianship.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

LPSS provides continuing education in the areas of law and political science librarianship

GOALS

1. LPSS presents programs at ALA Annual Meetings and co-sponsors appropriate programs with other ALA units and sub-units.
2. LPSS conducts discussion groups at ALA mid-winter meetings.
3. LPSS presents and co-sponsors programs and conducts discussion groups at ACRL divisional meetings.
4. LPSS encourages its members to prepare and conduct poster sessions at ALA, ACRL, regional, state, and local conferences and meetings.
5. LPSS expands continuing education to include information maintained on its web site.
 - o LPSS develops an electronic and a print clearinghouse for pathfinders and other information relevant to its constituency.
6. Realizing that other associations provide continuing education relevant to LPSS members, LPSS pursues reduced rates for LPSS members to attend such meetings.
7. LPSS maintains standing committees and task forces to support the work of the Section.
 - o LPSS reviews continually its committee structure to meet the current and future needs of its members and its other constituencies.
 - o LPSS reviews continually its committee structure to meet the standards and conditions as defined by ALA and ACRL.
8. LPSS realizes the importance of networking to its constituents for enhanced job performance and career advancements and provides opportunities for this networking to occur.
 - o LPSS encourages networking through its sponsorship of social events at ALA and ACRL conferences.
 - o LPSS distributes badge flags to LPSS members at conferences to identify members of the Section to one another and to others.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

LPSS is the main source of information pertinent to law and political science libraries, librarians, and librarianship within ACRL and ALA for law and political science libraries, librarians and, librarianship.

GOALS

1. LPSS communicates with its constituency — law and political science librarians, archivists, library staff assistants; their supervisors or managers; the faculty, students and/or legal professionals that they serve; and the publishers and vendors of material in all formats to the law and political science community — on a continuing basis. Communication includes library instruction and information literacy as appropriate.
 - o LPSS maintains a web site:
 - o LPSS expands its web site to include web resources relevant to and useful to Its constituency, based on the needs and expectations of, and with input from, its constituency
 - o LPSS keeps its web site current and accurate;

- LPSS Committees contribute to areas of the LPSS web site relevant to their individual mission.
 - LPSS maintains a newsletter to assist in communication with and among its constituency:
 - LPSS automatically places LPSS members on the subscription list for the newsletter;
 - LPSS expands the newsletter to include columns on all areas relevant to law and political science libraries, librarians and librarianship beyond that which is covered at present;
 - LPSS investigates alternative formats for the delivery of its newsletter, including its web site and other electronic means.
 - LPSS maintains a listserv that serves as a means of communication for members and the LPSS officers and automatically adds all members to this listserv.
2. LPSS committees prepare relevant publications, such as program pathfinders, for the LPSS web site, and, when required, in print and other formats.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

LPSS promotes law and political science librarianship to new librarians and ACRL and ALA members in general.

GOALS

1. LPSS produces a flyer/brochure to promote the Section and to be used as a marketing tool to prospective members.
2. LPSS works with ALA's New Member Round Table to promote Section membership.
3. LPSS conducts an in-depth member survey of LPSS members to determine needs and skills of members.
4. LPSS works cooperatively with the Spectrum Scholarship Program as a resource for new members.
5. LPSS encourages members to mentor library staff assistants and new librarians.
6. LPSS invites the students of library and information science programs in the vicinity of ALA and ACRL conferences to attend and participate in the LPSS socials, programs, committee and general meetings, and discussion groups.
7. LPSS sponsors social events at ALA and ACRL conferences.
8. LPSS distributes badge flags to LPSS members at conferences to identify members of the Section to one another and to others.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4

LPSS works cooperatively with other ALA and ACRL units and sub-units, as well as other law and political science related organizations, publishers and vendors to envision, create, produce, and promote joint projects.

GOALS

1. LPSS identifies potential partners for cooperative ventures.
2. LPSS communicates with these partners to assist in the facilitating of cooperative projects.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5

LPSS recognizes and values the contributions its members make to librarianship.

GOALS

1. LPSS celebrates and promotes “LPSS Day,” which recognizes the contributions of LPSS members in keeping the academic community informed on issues of the day.
2. LPSS presents the Marta Lange/CQ Award annually to recognize 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. The plaque and stipend are generously provided by Congressional Quarterly, Inc.
3. LPSS recognizes member accomplishments in its newsletter and on its website.
4. LPSS distributes badge flags to LPSS members at conferences to identify members of the Section to one another and to others.

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