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Law and Political Science Section

Association-Membership-1

1. Expand the appeal of ACRL membership among current members

The LPSS Membership committee has developed a face book page to appeal to the technology savvy membership.

Association-Membership-2

2. Increase the number of academic and research librarian members

- 1) LPSS brochures were distributed at both ALA and ACRL conferences.
- 2) LPSS members staff the ACRL booth at ALA Conferences.

Association-Membership-3

3. Increase ACRL's membership of underrepresented ethnic and racial academic and research librarians

LPSS's Review and Planning Committee member took the ACRL training for E.J. Josey Spectrum Mentor Program and is considering sponsorship to LPSS.

Higher Ed-Advocacy-3

3. Strengthen partnerships with other organizations

- o LPSS maintains a liaison relationship with the American Association of Law Librarians.
- o LPSS maintains a liaison relationship with the Government Documents Round Table.
- o LPSS members are asking to investigate a partnership with International Studies Association.

Higher Ed-Advocacy-4

4. Increase ACRL's influence in public policy affecting higher education

- o The 2008 annual research forum discuss the public policy relationship within the academic world. This is a training tool to further this objective.

Higher Ed-Learning-1

1. ACRL expands adoption, use and development of information literacy standards.

The ACRL's Information Literacy Advisory Committee approved the "Political Science Information Competency Standards" after the ALA Midwinter 2008 Meeting. The document has been forwarded to the ACRL's Standards and Accreditation Committee.

Higher Ed-Learning-2

2. ACRL increases members' ability to collaborate and partner with faculty and other campus professionals to integrate lifelong learning skills in the curriculum; and to evaluate programs and assess individuals' lifelong learning skills

The LPSS's Instruction committee held a discussion forum on applying the Political Science Information Competency Standards in the workplace and with faculty and students.

LPSS with GODORT presented a Preconference at the Fall American Political Science Association annual conference. The Preconference called "Maximizing the Value of your Library for Scholarship and Teaching."

Higher Ed-Scholarship-1

1. Strengthen ACRL's role in supporting and developing new scholarly communication models

- o The Vendor and Publisher Review committee is offering the members a chance to provide product knowledge via the membership listserv. This starts with a product review and then discussion about applications of the product under review.

Higher Ed-Scholarship-2

2. Continue to play a leadership role in academic and research librarianship by creating and disseminating tools and a body of knowledge for the field

- o The section will sponsor its second peer-reviewed panel at a discussion session during ALA Annual 2008 conference, "Direct Government."

- o The LPSS Spring newsletter provided a reviews of products that used by the members of LPSS.

Higher Ed-Scholarship-3

3. Improve ACRL's emphasis on the creation, collection, preservation, access, and exchange of information

- o The Membership Committee created an LPPS face book page to allow connections to experts and knowledge.

Higher Ed-Scholarship-4

4. Strengthen ACRL's relationships with learned societies

- o LPSS filed paperwork to establish an official liaison relationship with the American Political Science Association.

- o LPSS with GODORT presented a Preconference at the Fall American Political Science Association annual conference. The Preconference called "Maximizing the Value of your Library for Scholarship and Teaching."

Profession-Continuous Learning-1

1. Align programs and other learning opportunities with member needs and strategic priorities.

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- o LPSS publishes two newsletters Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 providing information about conferences and short courses for members.
- o The members of the Vendor and Publisher Review Committee write product reviews for LPSS News. One of the reviews for 2007-08 included Westlaw Campus Research.
- o LPSS sponsored a program at the ALA 2007 Annual Conference, "Can Blogs be Trusted?"
- o LPSS will be co-sponsoring a preconference with GODORT, "Got Elections! Informing the Public."
- o LPSS Vendor and Publisher Review Committee is creating ways to allow more members a chance to publish product reviews via the Listserve to be more timely.

Profession-Continuous Learning-2 2. Increase professional development opportunities focused on assisting librarians in advocating the value of the library

- o ACRL Action Plan funds will be spent in Fall 2008 to sponsor a booth at the American Political Science Association conference to advocate information literacy and competency for the political sciences and teaching faculty.

Profession-Continuous Learning-3 3. Increase learning opportunities in information technology, including practice, theory, and policy

- o LPSS is creating a Wiki to help with learning technology while applying professional networking.

Profession-Continuous Learning-4 4. Increase accessibility of learning opportunities and enhance incentives and recognition for member participation

- o LPSS sponsored a well attended, informal social at ALA Midwinter 2008 to provide an opportunity for members to be appreciated and network.
- o Provided door prizes for attendance at the ALA Midwinter 2008 LPSS General Membership Meeting. Door prizes will also be used at ALA Annual Conference 2008 to promote recognition for attending the LPSS programming.
- o LPSS Membership committee highlights an active LPSS member in the LPSS News. Fall 2007 it was Lee LaFleur at George Mason University, Arlington campus.

Profession-Continuous Learning-5 5. Increase agility in providing cutting-edge content and delivery formats for learning programs and publications

- o LPSS maintains copies of annual program pathfinders, the section's newsletter, and other continuing education information on its website.
- o LPSS communications with its constituency via the electronic mailing list, LPSS-L that was moved this past year and via the new Wiki developed.
- o LPSS webmaster participates if allowed to train concerning the new content management system.

Profession-Info Tech-3 3. Support members in their exploration and implementation of new and emerging information technologies and their application for library services in educational environments

- 1) LPSS is creating a Wiki to help with learning technology while applying professional networking.
- 2) LPSS is investigating "free" teleconference services to help with virtual members' participation during the ALA conferences. Based on RUSA's work in this area.

Profession-Leadership-1 1. Empower members to communicate the value of their contributions to learning and scholarship

- 1) LPSS Vender/Publisher Committee is offering members chances publish product reviews and share with the membership via LPSS-L or Wiki.
- 2) A call for members to contribute research agendas at the Research Forum during Annual 2008.

Profession-Leadership-2 2. Increase recognition of the value of libraries and librarians by leaders in higher education, etc.

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1) Annually, LPSS selects a recipient of the Marta Lange/CQ Press Award. The winners are chosen for their record of contributions to law and political science librarianship, and they receive a plaque, \$1000, and the recognition of their colleagues around the nation. At the ALA Annual 2007 conference, CQ Press sponsored a reception to honor our award winner, Binh Le, Pennsylvania State University, Abington. This summer CQ Press will host a reception to honor our latest award winner, Lisa Norberg, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.