

LSP Association 2020 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



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With over 16 years in the environmental consulting industry, I am currently a Senior Project manager at Cooperstown Environmental. I have just finished my first term as an LSPA Board member and am seeking reelection for a second term. I have also served as the Board's Clerk for the past two years.

After graduating in 2003, very proud to have made it through the challenging chemical engineering program at Northeastern University, I eagerly began to pursue my passion for the environmental field. During my career, with the help of strong mentorship from a number of inspiring LSPs, I progressed from basic field work, site plans, and data tabulation to report writing, risk assessment, and project management. When I started my career, I had never even heard of an LSP or the MCP, but in June of 2014 I successfully passed the LSP exam and earned my license.

Although my career has primarily focused on MCP work, I have worked on a wide variety of interesting sites from the typical gas stations, dry cleaners, roadway releases, railroad releases, and industrial facilities to a former mental hospital, a former sanitarium, and illegal dumping ground. I feel very fortunate to be in a field with so much diversity; one day I'm digging in the mud and directing heavy equipment and the next I'm developing an assessment plan, selecting the best remedial strategy, meeting with clients, or attempting to stay on top of the ever changing and expanding technology and regulations.

I joined the LSPA as a very shy, green engineer in the mid-2000s, but by 2010 I was a founding member and three-year co-chair of the LSPA's Young Professional Committee. The Young Professionals Committee provided me with the opportunity to learn leadership skills and make invaluable professional connections and friendships. I remained an active member of the Young Professional Committee until 2016 when I became a co-chair of the recently formed Legislative Committee. I was also an active member of the Technical Practices Committee from 2015 through 2016 and have served as a member of the LSPA Board since 2017.

I am honored by this nomination to the LSPA Board, and if elected to the Board, I hope that my enthusiasm for and dedication to the environmental field and the LSPA help me serve its members. My history as a member of numerous committees, particularly the now-renamed Emerging Professionals Committee, will provide the Board with a unique perspective that helps the LSPA continue to thrive well into the future. I will strive to ensure that the LSPA continues to offer engaging and relevant programs to LSPs, as well as programs that serve the broader environmental community who support the work of LSPs.