

## LSP Association 2020 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



**Michele Paul, LSP**

I am the Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship for the City of New Bedford. I am finishing my first term on the LSPA's Board of Directors and I have been the LSPA President for the past year. I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the LSPA's Board of Directors for another three years and look forward to this opportunity should the membership support my candidacy. I remain active with the LSPA's Education Committee as I have for the past 16 years; my time as Committee Chair and on the LSPA Board has deepened my appreciation for the professionals who tirelessly serve on LSPA committees and the contributions they make to our practice. Increasingly, the LSPA is gaining recognition and respect throughout the Commonwealth in shaping public policy regarding environmental health and safety.

I have been an LSP since 2001 and have spent over 30 years in private practice, non-profit work and now in public service. I am passionate about brownfields redevelopment, and the public policies that shape these urban infill projects located largely in environmental justice communities. I am currently on MassDevelopment's Brownfield Advisory Group and MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee.

Navigating the Massachusetts Contingency Plan from the standpoint of a practitioner, potentially responsible party, innocent landowner, *and* community advocate has provided me the unique opportunity to develop a broad perspective regarding LSPs, regulators, and the regulated community. I bring these perspectives when working on issues that can affect our practice and our membership in various ways. I ask your consideration to allow me the opportunity to continue these efforts through a second term on the LSPA Board of Directors.