

LSP Association 2023 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



Lars Andresen
Office Practice Leader
TRC

For the past eight years I've greatly enjoyed my involvement with the LSPA. I was actively involved in the Emerging Professional Committee for five of those years (two as co-chair) and am currently serving on the Regulations Committee.

Through my experience with the EPC and in my current role as Office Practice Leader at TRC, I've been an advocate for developing junior staff through training and educational opportunities like those provided by the LSPA. As many experts in the field are transitioning out, the industry is at a turning point. We need to encourage and cultivate the next generation of environmental professionals and LSPs, to ensure the preservation of this industry and workforce. If elected to the Board of Directors, I plan to continue this advocacy and ensure the LSPA continues to be a welcoming organization to newcomers.

I began my career in geophysical investigations, and now, with over 15 years in the consulting field, I am a Senior Project Manager and Office Practice Leader with TRC. During management of large-scale projects over the last several years, I have deeply appreciated the LSPA's advocacy for topics such as soil capacity at landfills and insurance policies for UST holders. I would be honored to be a part of such an important organization.

I want to thank the LSPA Nominating Committee for this opportunity to join the Board of Directors. If elected, I look forward to working with the dedicated group of professionals by adding my voice to advocacy efforts and to bringing additional training and educational opportunities to those new to this profession.

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Katherine E. Kudzma, LSP
Director of Site Investigation & Remediation
VHB

I am currently the Director of Site Investigation & Remediation at VHB and have been an active participant in the LSPA since 2008. I am thrilled to have been nominated to this year's ballot for the LSPA Board of Directors, alongside a couple of impressive nominees no less.

When I embarked on my professional career, all I knew was that LSPs communicated mostly in acronyms and always had a Tupperware container of PPE, miscellaneous tools, and black Sharpies in the trunk of their cars. Several years (and spent Sharpies) later, after overcoming a steep learning curve, I feel fortunate to be a contributing member to this community of practice with the common goal of protecting human health and the environment at its core.

As co-chair of the LSPA Legislative Committee, I've observed the various stakeholder interests and emerging issues that drive new legislation, and I've had the opportunity to conceptualize how proposed legislation could impact our careers as LSPs, as well the industries that we support.

Living in Boston, an area rich in history (and filled land), I have a particular affinity for documenting the presence of Historic Fill and conducting subsurface assessments to support the revitalization of brownfields. However, I am also passionate about incorporating innovative technology into our work, furthering diversity in our industry, as well as demystifying the LSP licensing process. In 2021, I was invited to be a panelist in the LSP Exam Prep course, and was delighted to support soon-to-be LSPs through sharing my experience. As a Board member, I would value the opportunity to bring my interests to the LSPA in a new way, while taking action on behalf of our members and their interests to support the future advancement of our organization.

Although I am proud to hold a bachelor's degree in Environmental Geosciences from Boston College and master's from Harvard University, much of what I have learned in my 15-year-long professional career can be credited to the mentoring and professional development opportunities I have been provided by the LSPA and its members. Therefore, I would be ecstatic to give back to the LSP community, while continuing my quest to evolve as a practicing professional. Thank you for considering me for the LSPA Board.

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Amy A. Roth, P.G., LSP
Vice President
Wilcox & Barton, Inc.

I am an LSP and Vice President for Wilcox & Barton, Inc., currently leading our Southeastern New England Environmental group. I have been involved with the Technical Practices committee of the LSPA for more than ten years, acting as co-chair for the past two, and have participated in a number of work groups along the way. I really enjoy working with my peers in the LSPA and appreciate the network of support and professional collaboration that the LSPA creates.

I hold a B.S. and an M.S. in Geology/Geochemistry from Washington University in St. Louis, so my environmental career started in Missouri, but I have been living and working in Massachusetts for more than 20 years. I have been an LSP since 2005 and a Professional Geologist in New Hampshire since 2002. I appreciate being able to work with a wide range of clients and concerns, from acute and personal releases of home heating oil to chronic and complex releases of solvents and other industrial chemicals. More recently, I enjoy working with municipalities that are struggling to respond to releases of PFAS impacting private and public drinking water wells. Outside of work, I am just wrapping up four years on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for my town and am now serving on the Board of Health.

Thank you very much to the LSPA Nominating Committee and the existing LSPA Board members for their support. I look forward to contributing to the Board and appreciate your consideration.