

LSP Association 2023 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



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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.