

LSP Association 2024 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



**Susan (Sue) Bator, LSP
Principal
GeoEngineers**

I am an LSP and Principal at GeoEngineers USA, PC where I lead the environmental practice in our downtown Boston office. I am also the company-wide lead on emerging contaminants including PFAS. I hold a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and an M.S. in Hydrogeology, both from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

I have been in environmental consulting for over 26 years and have been an LSP since 2019. For almost ten years I have been involved with the LSPA Regulations Committee and was recently on the 30for30 Grant Review Committee.

I have managed numerous sites regulated under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) and hydrogeological investigations at commercial, industrial, and municipal facilities throughout the Commonwealth and in other states. I have diverse experience in environmental due diligence, regulatory compliance work under the MCP, site investigation and remediation, construction support services, and risk reduction.

I want to thank the LSPA Nominating Committee for this opportunity to join the Board of Directors. I look forward to contributing to the Board and appreciate your consideration.

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Lori A. McCarthy, LSP

Associate

O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun Associates, Inc.

I am an Associate at O'Reilly, Talbot, and Okun Associates, Inc. (OTO), where I have been the Environmental Team Leader since 2022. Prior to joining OTO, I was a senior project manager at Atlas Technical Consultants (2016-2022) and Environmental Compliance Services (1999-2016). I have Bachelor of Science degrees in Biochemistry and Environmental Science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. I became licensed by the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals (LSP Board) in 2019. That same year, I joined the Western Massachusetts LSPA Committee. I have enjoyed collaborating with my committee members to bring training and networking opportunities in the Western Region and contributing to the annual meetings between the LSPA and MassDEP Western Regional Office staff to discuss regulations and guidance impacting the practice of our members.

I am originally from Poland, Maine, which is a small town just outside of the former mill towns of Lewiston and Auburn. The early days of my environmental career found me traveling across Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts to perform environmental sampling and monitor remediation systems. These experiences exposed me to the transformative power of Brownfields redevelopment in both urban and rural communities. I have been fortunate to be part of the redevelopment teams for several properties in central and western Massachusetts. Contributing to projects that result in opportunities for housing, education, health care, employment, and access to open space to the people in our Commonwealth is especially fulfilling to me.

If elected to the LSPA Board, I would put my efforts toward both recruitment and retention of membership to the LSPA. For more than 30 years, LSPs have been critically important in returning unusable or underutilized properties back to beneficial use through our assessment and remediation of releases of oil and hazardous materials. We are seeing the beginning of a wave of retirement of LSPs as we enter this third decade. We risk losing decades of collective knowledge if we do not engage retiring LSPs in the development and mentorship of new professionals. At the same time, I believe it is important to encourage professionals entering consulting or other associated fields to be involved with the LSPA, and so I would also support additional outreach to the many colleges and universities within the Commonwealth to foster early interest in becoming an LSP. I see this outreach as a critical step in increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in our ranks.

I thank the LSPA Nominating Committee for considering me for the Board of Directors.

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Crista Trapp

**Human Health Risk Assessor & Senior Scientist
The Vertex Companies, Inc.**

I am a Human Health Risk Assessor and Senior Scientist with The Vertex Companies, LLC. I began my career as a human health risk assessor after graduating from Harvard School of Public Health with a Master of Science over 20 years ago! In the year after getting my Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health Science and Protection from Salisbury University in Maryland (1998), I worked in a hazardous waste treatment and storage

facility wet chemistry laboratory and in graduate school I managed the aquatic biogeochemistry laboratory. In my 20+ years working in the environmental consulting field, bringing my laboratory and data management experience together with my human health risk assessment expertise has been an asset to the LSPs and project managers with whom I work.

Since 2005 I have been an associate member of the LSP Association (LSPA) but it was not until I joined the Loss Prevention Committee (LPC) in 2015 that I considered myself an active member of the LSPA. I served as chair of the LPC from 2017 through 2021, when I was elected to the LSPA Board of Directors. My time as chair of LPC as well as Clerk for the LSPA Board for the past two years, working alongside LSPs, environmental attorneys, other risk assessors, and LSPA Staff, has given me the advantage of an intimate knowledge of risk assessment, environmental protection, and economic development needs among the LSPA membership. I have enjoyed growing into the leadership roles I have had within the LSPA and am looking forward to continuing my role as a member of the Board of Directors. I am excited to continue to bring my energy and outside-the-box thinking to a fantastic group of people and am hopeful I will continue to make a positive contribution to the organization.

Thank you for nominating me again!