

With the support and participation of over 800 members, and generous corporate and event sponsors, the LSPA was able to accomplish a great deal in 2016.

Some highlights include:

### Courses, Meetings, and Events:

- Holding professional development and social events for young professionals and those new to the practice.
- Establishing the first student chapter of the LSPA at Bridgewater State University.
- Offering young professionals discounts on many LSPA courses.
- Holding 12 membership meetings in Eastern and Western Massachusetts, nearly all for LSP credit, including a presentation by the LSP Board of Registration.
- Posting membership meetings on the [LSPA website](#) for member viewing.
- Offering 25 courses, and filling over 1000 seats with LSPs and non-LSPs.
- Celebrating the LSPA's 23rd year with a sold-out annual dinner.

### Advocacy on Issues Affecting Our Practice:

- Working closely with MassDEP on the most recent version of LNAPL guidance, and developing an approach to MCP telemetry requirements.
- Helping to [stop passage of H. 695](#), *An Act Establishing a Department of Environmental Protection appeals board*, including soliciting letters from individual LSPA members to state leadership.
- Soliciting [comments](#) from LSPA members and committees, and [sending a letter](#) to MassDEP on its *Historic Fill / Anthropogenic Background Public Comment DRAFT Technical Update*.
- Meeting with MassDEP's Regional and Boston Audit and Enforcement Chiefs to discuss our questions and observations about the audit process.
- Meeting with key state legislators to [share our positions](#) and discuss issues that affect our practice.
- Attending all meetings of the LSP Board of Registration to track disciplinary actions and trends.
- Covering MassDEP BWSC Advisory Committee and topic-specific meetings.

### Communication and Other LSPA Member Services:

- Announcing our courses by "semester".
- Developing a social media presence ([LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and the [LSPA Blog](#)) and providing interactive opportunities.
- Introducing a new team of LSPA contractors who bring innovation and stronger skills to our work.
- Scoring exemplary results on our first comprehensive financial audit.

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