

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 2017. Some highlights include:

Advocacy on Issues Affecting Our Practice:

- Mobilizing individual LSPA members to write their state senators requesting support for an override to increase 21J Fund funding. The legislative override was successful.
- Submitting dozens of suggestions to MassDEP for possible amendments to the 2014 MCP.
- Providing comments to MassDEP on their “DRAFT Fact Sheet Guidance on Sampling and Analysis for PFAS at Disposal Sites Regulated under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan.”
- Meeting with MassDEP’s Regional and Boston Audit and Enforcement Chiefs to discuss themes and specific questions about MassDEP’s FY 16 audits.
- Requesting that MassDEP and the LSP Board of Registration clarify use of the LSP stamp on MassDEP’s MSR form. An edit was made to the form.
- Developing the bill and securing a legislative sponsor for [Senate Bill 534 \(S. 534\)](#) “An Act relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases.”
- Assembling a group to [testify in support of S.534](#), including two affected homeowners.
- Testifying at an invitation-only legislative committee meeting on solid waste and landfills.
- Testifying in favor of an extension of the [Brownfields Tax Credit](#) and in favor of [H. 452](#) regarding the 21J Fund.
- Attending all meetings of the LSP Board of Registration to track disciplinary actions.
- Covering MassDEP BWSC Advisory Committee and topic-specific meetings.

Courses, Meetings, and Events:

- Hosting several events for young professionals and those new to the practice, including a [tour of a remediation project](#) at a former metal scrap yard, and a “[Drilling 101](#)” event.
- Working with EPA Region 1 and MassDEP to offer a course on the new NPDES RGP permitting regulations.
- Partnering with the Charles River Watershed Association and SAME for an invasive species cleanup event along the Charles River.
- Holding 11 membership and networking meetings in Eastern and Western Massachusetts, nearly all for LSP credit.
- Filling up three sessions of two popular new field courses: [Sediment, Surface Water, and Biota Sampling](#), and [Glacial Geology](#).
- Offering 20 courses with 1400 seats filled by LSP and non-LSP practitioners.

Communication and Other LSPA Member Services:

- Welcoming 14 new LSPs into the practice.
- Continuing our social media presence ([LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and the [LSPA Blog](#)) and providing interactive opportunities.
- Awarding a WES Professional Practice Grant to a team that will conduct an "Evaluation of Elevated Background Concentrations of Lead in Urban Fill in the City of Boston, Massachusetts." [WES Grant applications](#) are now accepted on a rolling basis.
- Revamping the LSPA website to highlight [Job Postings](#).
- Providing a “Compliance Tip of the Month” on all emails.
- Initiating an LSP exam study group effort.
- Sponsoring the [March for Science](#) Boston in April 2017.