



**With your support and participation,  
the LSPA was able to accomplish a great deal in 2014.**

**Some highlights include:**

**Courses for Credit:** We offered 24 courses for LSP credit, including several with MassDEP and three new field courses: one in collaboration with the USGS and Tufts University Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, and two in collaboration with Hanscom AFB.

**Membership Meetings for Credit:** The LSPA held 9 member meetings in the Greater Boston area, 7 of these for LSP credit. We held three member meetings in Western Massachusetts, each for LSP credit. We also purchased video equipment as a prelude to providing videocasts of LSPA meetings and, eventually, courses for credit.

**Events for Young Professionals:** Our Young Professionals Committee developed several very popular after-work events, and we offered discounted evening courses for Young Professionals.

**Up-to Date Information:** We were excited to launch a new, improved website providing easy identification of continuing education offerings, a calendar of upcoming events, advocacy opportunities, and news and announcements. Our information sharing continued with regular email blasts, newsletter articles, and website postings, including “Top Takeaway” summaries of MassDEP meetings on new regulations.

**Advocacy with MassDEP:** The LSPA solicited comments from members, and LSPA committees worked to develop extensive detailed comments on the MassDEP Public Hearing Drafts of Proposed Guidance on Greener Cleanups, AULS, LNAPL and Vapor Intrusion. We also actively participated and advocated for LSPs at MassDEP’s Fall 2014 Soil Management workgroups. In addition, we covered BWSC Advisory Committee and topic-specific meetings.

**Legislative Advocacy:** The LSPA was much more visible this year with legislators. We participated in the Smart Growth Alliance-led coalition for recapitalization of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. We also participated in an ACEC-led coalition for passage of a “Good Samaritan” bill, which was signed into law by the Governor in August. The LSPA also provided technical information to a coalition of legislators on issues of soil transport and quarry reclamation.

**Advocacy with the LSP Licensing Board:** The LSPA developed a 15-page list of detailed suggestions for the LSP Board to consider when revising and updating 309 CMR. The LSPA attended all LSP Board meetings to monitor proceedings and advocate for specific issues affecting all LSPs. We also worked on two LSP Board subcommittees: to update the LSP exam and to propose guidelines for on-line and distance learning for LSP credit.

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