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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 2018.

Some highlights of our 25th anniversary year include:

### Advocacy on Issues Affecting Our Practice:

- [Wrote to MassDEP Commissioner](#) regarding the urgent need for new disposal options for soils currently regulated and managed under the COMM-97-01 policy (*Technical Practices Committee*).
- Met with all MassDEP Audit Section Chiefs to discuss themes and specific questions gleaned from review of all MassDEP Notices of Audit Findings (*Loss Prevention Committee*). Published several articles on findings and lessons learned in the LSPA newsletter.
- [Provided three page letter](#) of suggestions to MassDEP on their initial standardized approach to Natural Resource Damages (NRD) assessments.
- Met with Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup staff in three MassDEP regions (NERO, CERO, and SERO) to discuss issues of mutual interest.
- Met with legislators and committee staff in support of LSPA legislation to require insurance companies to provide coverage to residential heating oil customers; the bill remains in the Senate Ways and Means Committee (*Legislative Committee*).
- Issued a call to action for LSPA members to support a MA state budget line item for the re-establishment of a dedicated UST Fund. The line item was included in the final budget. (*Legislative Committee*)
- Attended all meetings of the LSP Board of Registration to track disciplinary actions and trends.
- Covered MassDEP BWSC Advisory Committee and topic-specific meetings, including [3-minute video summaries](#) (*Regulations Committee*).

### Professional Development and Networking:

- Developed and launched the first [MassDEP/LSPA online course](#) for 2 DEP LSP credits. More online courses are planned for 2019.
- Offered over 15 courses with nearly 1400 attendees, including three popular field courses (*Education Committee*)
- Hosted several educational and social events for emerging professionals and those new to the practice, including a soil classification seminar and a tour of an analytical lab (*Emerging Professionals*).
- Co-hosted the annual Winter Garden Party with the Environmental Business Council of New England.
- Presented [results](#) from a WES Professional Practice Grant-funded study on "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.
- Held 11 membership and networking meetings in Eastern and Western Massachusetts, nearly all for LSP credit (*W. MA Committee and MSP Committee*)

## Member Services and Communications:

- Established a Sole Practitioners Group for practitioners who work alone or are the only one of their profession (not just LSPs) in their organization
- Provided new sponsorship benefits tailored to the specific interests of vendors and partner consulting firms; welcomed many new annual sponsors in both categories.
- Celebrated the [LSPA's 25th anniversary](#) with 350 members and guests at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Held our first Story Slam
- Continued our social media presence ([LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and the [LSPA Blog](#)) and provided interactive opportunities



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