

LSP Association 2019 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



David Foss, LSP

I have submitted a petition with the support of members of the LSPA to be a candidate for the board of the LSPA. I respect the knowledge and experience of the current LSPA Board and the efforts of the nominating committee. I believe, however, that the LSPA membership should have options and the opportunity to vote for a board candidate that is open to new ideas and is willing to share different perspectives.

As Principal Hydrogeologist, I lead the Brownfield Redevelopment practice at Wilcox & Barton, Inc. Much of my career has focused on environmental due diligence and the remediation and redevelopment historic industrial properties and brownfields with a wide range of hazardous waste and petroleum concerns. I also work with a broad range of clients including real estate developers, petroleum industry clients, fleet transportation firms, solar photovoltaic developers, municipalities, and regional planning commissions.

Communication, information distribution, and advocacy are key tasks for the on-going success of our professional practice and the LSPA. I prioritize clear communication in the successful completion of my clients' projects. I will bring those skills and experiences to the LSPA to promote our profession in the regulated community.

I have been a member of the LSPA since 1995 and an active member of the LSPA Regulations Committee since approximately 2010 [Co-Chair from 2016 to 2018]. In my role on the Regulations Committee, I have engaged and interacted with other members of the LSPA leadership, MassDEP regulators, and other stakeholders in the commonwealth to advocate on behalf of the regulated community during the process of regulation modernization.

I would be honored to represent the LSPA membership on the LSPA Board of Directors. If elected, I plan to continue as an active member of the Regulations Committee with a focus on communication between stakeholder groups in the development of updated regulations. As an association, the LSPA can be the link bringing together the perspectives of LSPs, the enforced community (PRPs), regulators, and public health constituents.

I am committed to the development of our industry and am willing to commit my time and energy to promote the LSPA as leader in the Massachusetts regulatory environment. Thank you for your vote.

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Candidate for LSPA Board. Response to questions from LSPA Board.

1. Please explain the particular issue or issues that motivate you to serve on the LSPA Board.

Communication, information distribution, and advocacy are key tasks for the on-going success of the LSPA. After 25 years in the industry, I want to invest my time and energy to promote the practice. My experience includes working with public and private clients, on large and small projects, on emergency response sites and 300-year old Brownfields. I believe my diverse project and client background positions me well to represent the diverse constituency that is the LSPA membership. During my time as Co-Chair of the Regulations Committee, I saw the importance of seeking out input from all stakeholders including regulators. I will prioritize active data gathering and open communication to help the LSPA Board promote our profession in the regulated community.

2. In my opinion, the following are three key issues to be faced by the waste site cleanup practice in the next 5 years:

- a. Communication: The accelerating rate of change in electronic communication will continue to place increased stress on LSPs, staff, clients, regulators, and the regulated community.
- b. Contaminants of Emerging Concern: As regulatory agencies quantify risk to human health and the environment, setting new standards and updating regulations, our role as LSPs will involve a greater effort the identification of compounds of concern addressing a larger range of OHM.
- c. Demographics: The retirement of many of the most experienced LSPs and MassDEP regulators will lead to a change in the structure of the environmental consulting and engineering industry.