

LSP Association 2019 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



Joseph Roman, LSP

I am a Senior Project Manager with GEI Consultants, Inc., and have been practicing environmental consulting for 15 years. Prior to environmental consulting, I worked at the Harvard School of Public Health performing indoor and outdoor air quality studies. My professional experience and education have allowed me to incorporate a strong human health risk component in my approach to contaminated site cleanup.

I've been participating in the LSPA Regulations Committee since 2012, and have served as Co-Chair for the past 2 years. During that time I've helped the LSPA comment on proposed MCP changes, numerous guidance documents, and more focused regulatory and technical issues. My time on the Regulations Committee has also given me great exposure to MassDEP and allowed me to develop collaborative relationships with several Department staff. I am stepping down as Co-Chair this summer, and look forward to an opportunity to continue helping the Association serve its members through a position on the Board.

I've enjoyed my involvement with the Regulations Committee and appreciate the exposure it has given me to the operation of the LSPA. My participation in LSPA Committee Chairs and Steering Committee meetings over the past couple of years has given me a good sense of the effort it takes to run the LSPA, and I look forward to contributing in more of a leadership capacity. I particularly enjoy working with my peers throughout the industry towards a common objective; I think I have the respect, patience, and initiative it would take to be a solid Board member.

Thank you for your consideration,

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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.

Participating in the Regulations Committee over the past 7 years (including Co-chair the past 2 years) has given me exposure to the transitional issues the LSPA is facing. There is a demographical transition on the horizon; many LSPs are approaching retirement over the next 5 plus years. This poses operational issues for the LSPA, including sustaining membership, managing and adapting budget forecasts, and adapting to shifts in member culture. I have engaged emerging professionals to help sustain membership levels, and helped develop accessible and cost effective LSP training options (ie, online courses). It is a challenging yet exciting time to be part of the LSPA leadership, and I look forward to an opportunity to address these issues on the Board.

2. List the top 3 issues facing the waste site cleanup practice in the next 5 years, in your opinion.

- a. There has been a reduction in emerging professionals acquiring their LSP license, and initiatives to maintain licensing within the waste site cleanup practice will be required.
- b. MassDEP is also seeing a reduction in staffing, and the conduit between MassDEP and LSPA will need to be sustained to maintain the technical and regulatory quality of the waste site cleanup practice.
- c. With the anticipated reduction of LSPs on the horizon (as described above), there may also be a business shift in the professionals / firms rendering waste site cleanup opinions.