

## LSP Association 2019 Board of Director Elections Candidate Statement



**Matthew Young**

I have worked in the environmental industry for over 15 years as a consultant, scientist, and project manager. I currently am a Senior Project Manager in the Environmental Affairs Department of Cumberland Farms, Inc. (CFI) I am finishing my first term on the LSPA Board of Directors and for the last year I have served as the Association's Treasurer.

At CFI, I am responsible for managing and collaborating with a team of consulting firms on a portfolio of varied projects in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. These projects include investigation and remediation of impacted properties, investigating and analyzing real estate transactions, and supporting new store construction through remediation, risk reduction, and soil management practices. Prior to CFI, I worked as an environmental consultant serving a variety of customers including retail petroleum, insurance, and property development industries. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry-Geology from Bridgewater State University and a

Master of Science degree in Project Management with a specialization in Geographic Information Systems from Northeastern University.

I have been an active participant on the LSPA Regulations Committee since 2011, serving as co-chair for three years. During this time, I have worked with outstanding co-chairs, committee members, and LSPA membership to review and provide comment on regulatory changes such as MCP Regulatory Reform, MassDEP Guidance documents (Activity and Use Limitations, Vapor Intrusion, Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid), and Similar Soils/Soil Management. I have been honored to serve on the Board of Directors the past three years. This has been a rewarding experience during which I have worked to support the LSPA's online education and advocacy initiatives. In addition, this past year I was excited to serve as the Association's Treasurer, which has allowed me additional opportunity to collaborate with the LSPA Board, committee chairs, and membership to prioritize initiatives and establish a secure plan for the future the of the LSPA.

I ask for your support and consideration to allow me to continue to serve the LSPA. If re-elected, I will work to expand opportunities for online education, advocate for the profession and the LSPA, and work with the LSPA leadership to continue to provide and enhance the LSPA's services to the membership. 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.**

I'm a passionate supporter of the LSPA's mission of education and advocacy for our LSP and associate members. I believe we're at an exciting time for the profession and the LSPA. As a Board member, I have been an advocate of our new online course offering. If reelected, I plan to continue this initiative to add content for convenient access to continuing education. I also strongly believe in the information sharing that the LSPA provides to our membership. The LSPA membership has experiences and specializations that are exciting to be a part of. This allows the LSPA to provide thoughtful feedback to the MassDEP and the LSP Board of Registration as well as receive and distribute information back to membership.

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

- a. A large number of experienced regulators and LSPs appear to be approaching a well-earned retirement and the LSPA will need to continue to support the professional development of emerging professionals and associate members.
- b. Emerging contaminants, refined and revised assessment methodologies, and new cleanup technologies mean that remediation sites are becoming more complex and specialized and the LSPA will need to provide enhanced education and advocacy to support our members.
- c. Supporting development projects is going to become more difficult due to emerging contaminants, soil reuse regulations and fewer options for soil reuse/recycling and the LSPA will need to advocate for additional options or policy change.