

## LSPA 2017 Board of Directors Elections



### **Jeanine Grachuk, Esq.**

I am an environmental attorney and partner at Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. I am currently finishing my first term on the LSPA Board of Directors and for the last two years I have served as the association's clerk.

As an environmental attorney, I provide advice to industrial and commercial clients on complying with environmental laws including Massachusetts site cleanup regulations and managing environmental risk in transactions such as those risks posed by contaminated properties. In addition, my practice involves defending enforcement actions and advising on permitting complex projects. I especially enjoy providing strategic guidance on achieving closure at contaminated sites in Massachusetts. I graduated from Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in both Environmental Science and Science in Society in 1991, and I graduated from Harvard Law School (cum laude) in 1995.

I have been an active member of the LSPA since 2006 and served as chair of the Loss Prevention Committee in 2010 and 2014. My participation in the committee has been rewarding because it has provided me with opportunities to learn from LSPs, risk assessors, and other environmental professionals as we discuss the challenges LSPs face in achieving site cleanups. I have worked to share what I have learned with the LSPA community through newsletter articles and membership meeting presentations. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to contribute to the LSPA.

If elected, I will continue to work diligently to help the LSPA meet the challenges ahead and advance the environmental profession. Thank you for your consideration.

## LSPA 2017 Board of Directors Elections



**Lauren Konetzny, LSP**

I am very proud to have earned my undergraduate degree from Northeastern University's challenging chemical engineering program. In 2003, while most of my classmates were seeking careers in the pharmaceutical industry, I eagerly began to pursue my passion for the environmental field. Shortly after graduation I accepted a position as an environmental engineer at Coler & Colantonio, Inc. I continued working at Coler and Colantonio (which was purchased by Clough Harbor Associates during my employment) for nearly 11 years, until November 2014 when I started my current position as a project manager at CDW Consultants, Inc. Throughout the course of my career, with the help of strong mentorship from a number of inspiring LSPs, my duties progressed from basic field work, site plans, and data tabulation to report writing, risk assessment, and project management. When I started my career, I had never even heard of an LSP or the MCP, but in June of 2014 I successfully passed the LSP exam and earned my license.

Although the primary focus of my career thus far has been MCP work, I have been afforded the opportunity to work on a wide variety of interesting sites. My project experience ranges from typical gas stations, dry cleaners, industrial facilities, and roadway and railroad releases, to having worked at a former mental hospital, a former sanitarium, and at an illegal dumping ground. Most recently, during my time at CDW, I've managed numerous hotel redevelopment projects at contaminated properties, including the 2015 to 2017 remediation of the winner of the Environmental Business Council's 2017 James D.P. Farrell Award for Brownfields Project of the Year Award. I feel very fortunate to be in a field with so much diversity; one day I'm digging in the mud and directing heavy equipment and the next I'm developing an assessment plan, selecting the best remedial strategy, meeting with clients, or attempting to stay on top of the ever changing and expanding technology and regulations.

I joined the LSPA as a very shy, green engineer in 2004, but by 2010 I was a founding member and three-year co-chair of the LSPA's Young Professional Committee. The Young Professionals Committee provided me with the opportunity to learn leadership skills and make invaluable professional connections and friendships. I remained an active member of the Young Professional Committee, while simultaneously participating on the Technical Practices Committee from 2015 to 2016, until I became a co-chair of the recently formed Legislative Committee in the fall of 2016.

I feel honored to have been nominated to the LSPA Board, and if elected, it's my hope that my enthusiasm for and dedication to the environmental field and the LSPA will continue to help me serve its members. My history as a member of numerous committees, particularly the Young Professionals Committee, will provide the Board with a unique perspective that helps the LSPA continue to thrive well into the future. If elected, I will strive to ensure that the LSPA continues to offer engaging and relevant programs to LSPs, as well as programs that serve the broader environmental community who support the work of LSPs.

## LSPA 2017 Board of Directors Elections



### Michele Paul, LSP

I serve the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts as its Director of Environmental Stewardship and am privileged to have held the position since 2012. I have been active with the LSPA's Education Committee for ten years, having served as Chair or Co-Chair half of this time. I have also recently begun work with the LSPA's newly-formed Legislative Committee. The dedicated professionals who constitute LSPA's committees truly make working with the LSPA a pleasure. Our entire practice benefits from their efforts to identify issues and cull out potential health, safety, and economic impacts on our membership, our clients, and the Commonwealth's citizenry. I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the LSPA's Board of Directors and look forward to this opportunity should the membership support my candidacy.

I have been an LSP since 2001 and have spent a combined 30 years as an assessment and remediation

consultant, a project manager for an economic development non-profit organization, and as municipal staff. After learning the engineering aspects of assessment and remedial system design, operation, maintenance, I became passionate about brownfields redevelopment, and the public policies that shape these urban infill projects located largely in environmental justice communities. I am currently on MassDevelopment's Brownfield Advisory Group and MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee.

Navigating the Massachusetts Contingency Plan from the standpoint of a practitioner, potentially responsible party, innocent landowner, *and* community advocate has provided me the unique opportunity to develop a broad perspective regarding LSPs, regulators, and the regulated community. I enjoy working with the various stakeholders on each project to reach consensus on goals and outcomes and to recognize any unintended consequences and/or challenges early in the process. I use this approach while working with our LSPA committees and subcommittees to consider a broad array of issues that can affect our practice and our membership in various ways. I ask your consideration to allow me the opportunity to further these efforts through service on the LSPA Board of Directors.