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 2015.

Some highlights include:

Courses, Meetings, and Events

- Hosted 1,390 LSP and non-LSP participants at more than 20 courses, including several with MassDEP
- Videotaped member meetings and posted to website for members to see anytime
- Held 11 membership meetings, 10 for LSP credit, in W. Mass and E. Mass
- Held 5 events for young professionals and those new to the practice, with 20 to 40 in attendance at each
- Hosted annual dinner for nearly 300 members, sponsors, supporters, and guests

Advocacy and Awareness

- Recommended regulatory reforms to LSP Board of Registration, including:
 - Reduction of required LSPA credits from 48 to 36, for parity with similar professions
 - Ability to carry over LSP continuing education credits in 6 month period
 - Electronic renewals and payments
 - Substantial revisions to disciplinary process
- Provided comments to MassDEP on draft LNAPL guidance and the interim draft reclamation soils policy, and input on practice issues, including telemetry systems
- Met with MassDEP Commissioner and legislators regarding modernizing the LSP Board of Registration statute
- Testified before legislative committees on five bills: two directly impacting LSPs, one on brownfields tax credits, and two on waiving MCP compliance fees for municipalities
- Met several times each with the Senate and House Chairs of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture to discuss issues that affect our practice
- Filed an amicus brief in response to a request from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
- Spoke at three meetings of the MA Health Officers Association and the MA Association of Health Boards
- Delivered presentations to students and professors at area universities to foster next generation of environmental consultants/LSPs
- Planned and coordinated with fellow organizations in Connecticut (EPOC), New Jersey (LSRPA), and one being formed in Colorado

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