



## Happy New Year from the LSPA

As we close the door on 2023, we want to remember the LSPA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner which we celebrated in Worcester this fall with over 300 LSPA members and friends. It was a great night: [16 LSPA Past Presidents](#) in attendance, [an official citation](#) from the Massachusetts State Senate, a [Lifetime Achievement Award for Paul Locke](#), and a viewing of the LSPA's short video [Suspending Disbelief](#). Take a look at all our party photos by clicking [here](#).

In addition to all the fun, we got down to work in 2023:

- Began to roll out [summaries](#) and [analyses](#) of the newly promulgated 2023 MCP Amendments.
- Welcomed [ten new LSPs](#) to the practice with free LSPA memberships.
- Developed and sent to MassDEP a [white paper](#) advocating for a revised TCE Imminent Hazard threshold.
- Submitted a [comment letter](#) to USEPA regarding the proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for PFAS.
- Supported [Emerging Professionals](#) with review/discussion groups on MassDEP guidance documents, including Vapor Intrusion, Feasibility Evaluations, AULs, and the CAM.

- Sent [this letter](#) to the MA Department of Revenue following their request for feedback on the implementation of the MA Brownfields Tax Credit regulations.
- Provided [detailed comments](#) to NEWMOA on its draft PFAS Prevention Model Legislation.
- Continued to build our [library of OnDemand Courses](#) and held our first Environmental Symposium.
- Assisted with [a TV news story](#) about the financial and emotional nightmare associated with home heating oil spills – another example of why the [LSPA is working to get legislation passed](#) to mandate that insurers provide coverage.
- Sent [this letter](#) to MA EOEEA as part of its public comment period on the secretariat-wide [draft Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Strategy](#).
- Met with new MassDEP Commissioner Heiple, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC) leadership in all four MassDEP regions, and all BWSC Audit Section Chiefs. Shared meeting takeaways through email blasts, compliance tips, and course topics.
- Awarded six LSPA “\$30,000 for 30 Years” Environmental Justice grants to non-profit groups doing grassroots community work in each MassDEP region.

The LSPA Board sincerely thanks our loyal members and volunteers, as well as our generous corporate and event sponsors, for their support in 2023. Because of you, the LSPA was able to further our mission of advancing and advocating for the waste site cleanup practice.



As LSPA President Charles Young, here with MA Senate President Karen Spilka, noted, ***“We have been going strong for 30 years and don’t intend to slow down.”***