

# LSRPA Annual Membership Meeting and Voting

Virtual Meeting February 9, 2021

Annual Membership Meeting and Voting Agenda		
4:00pm	Welcome, Introductions, and Thanks	Scott R. Drew, President
4:05 – 4:30 pm	BUSINESS	
•	Presentation by Nominating Committee	Allen Attenborough, Chair
•	<ul> <li>Membership Vote on 2021 Slate of Candidates for Board of Trustees</li> </ul>	
•	Presentation by LSRPA Treasurer	C. Dudley Warner, III, Treasurer
•	• Vote by Membership on the 2021 Budget	
4:30 – 4:50 pm	2020 Year in Review	Scott R. Drew, President
4:50 – 5:00 pm	Expressions of Gratitude	Mark Pietrucha, Vice President
5:00 – 5:05 pm	Intro. Of Scholarship Committee Chair, Benjamin Alter	Mark Pietrucha, Vice President
5:05-5:25 pm	Recognition of 2021 Scholarship Recipients	Benjamin Alter, Committee Chair
5:25 – 5:45 pm	2021 Goals, Policies, and Thanks	Mark Pietrucha, Vice President
5:45 pm	Highlights of day 2 of the NJSRC	Susan B. Boyle, Executive Director



# **Upcoming Events**



#### **Member Breakfasts**

March 16 Historic Fill & Implications for LSRPs April 20 Compliance Statistical Analyses May 18 PFAS Volatility Abstract June 15 Alternative & Clean Fill Updates September 21 Presumptive Remedies October 19 Remedial Action Permit Updates November 16 TBD December 14 TBD

#### **Events**

Fall 2021

6th Annual Golf & Networking Fundraiser Other Events TBD

#### **Steering Committee Meetings**

Time: 2 - 5 pm

February 18th April 15th June 17th August 19th October 21st December 16th

#### Courses

**Environmental Law for Attorneys and LSRPs** In Collaboration with Rutgers University, OCPE February 23-24, 2021

> Due Diligence in New Jersey April 27-28, 2021

**Dates TBD** Case Inventory Document (CID) Training Historically Applied Pesticides: Regulatory and **Technical Insights** Plus Others



## Additional Upcoming LSRPA Events

### **Environmental Law for Attorneys and LSRPs**

In Collaboration with Rutgers University, Office of Continuing Professional Education

February 23-24, 2021

1:00pm - 4:30pm EST (Log-in time: 12:30pm EST)



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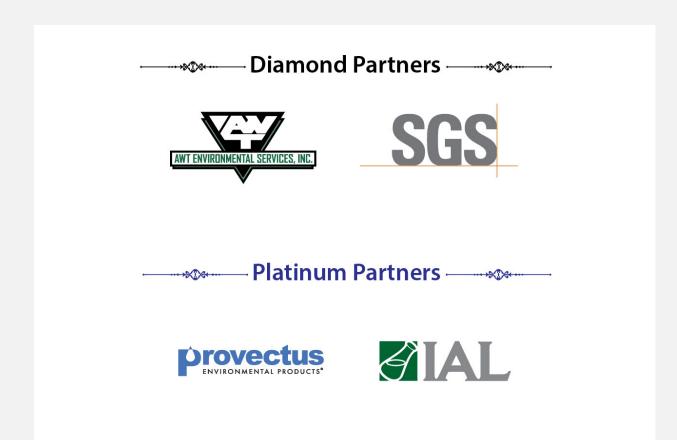








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### LSRPA Business

Nominations for 2021 Board of Trustees

Allen Attenborough, Chair, Nominating

Committee

2021 Association BudgetC. Dudley Warner, III, Treasurer



## **Nominations**`

Allen A. Attenborough, PG, LSRP, Chair

Nominating Committee (NC)

### **Annual Nomination Process**

- September 9, 2020 Call for Nominations via E-Blast
- October 1 Nominations Due
- October 14 NC Begins Candidate Evaluations
- November 4 NC Completes Interviews, Clarifications, and Other Investigations. Voted on and Approved Use of Ranked Voting to Develop Slate of Candidates
- November 17 Nominating Committee Reviews Ballots and Approves Proposed Slate of Candidates
- November 19 Proposed Slate of Candidates Presented to Board of Trustees
- December 4 NC provides Ranked Voting Ballot Total, Candidate Skill Matrix, and Metrics for BOT Candidates to LSRPA Director.
- December 7 Proposed Slate Approved by Board of Trustees
- February 9, 2021

   Annual Meeting Slate Presented for Member Vote

## The Slate of Candidates

6 of 13 BOT terms expired on December 31, 2020.

5 current BOT members applied for reinstatement.

5 new candidates applied for a BOT position.

#### The 2021 Slate of Candidates:

Mark Pietrucha, LSRP Ben Alter, LSRP

Rebecca Hollender, LSRP Joseph Postorino

Marlne Lindhardt, LSRP Joseph Hochrieter, CGWP



### 2021 Board of Trustees

- Ben Alter, LSRP
- Candace Baker, LSRP
- William Call, LSRP
- Scott Drew, LSRP
- Ken Haduch, LSRP
- Rebecca Hollender, LSRP
- Marlene Lindhardt, LSRP

- David Morris, LSRP
- Mark Pietrucha, LSRP
- Joe Postorino
- Andrew Robins, Esq.
- John Scagnelli, Esq.
- Joseph Hochrieter, CGWP



## Information

 Volunteer, submit nominations, ask questions about the Nominating Committee: Contact Allen Attenborough at <u>AAttenborough@firstenvironment.com</u>

#### Looking Ahead

• 7 BOT Terms Expire December 31, 2021.



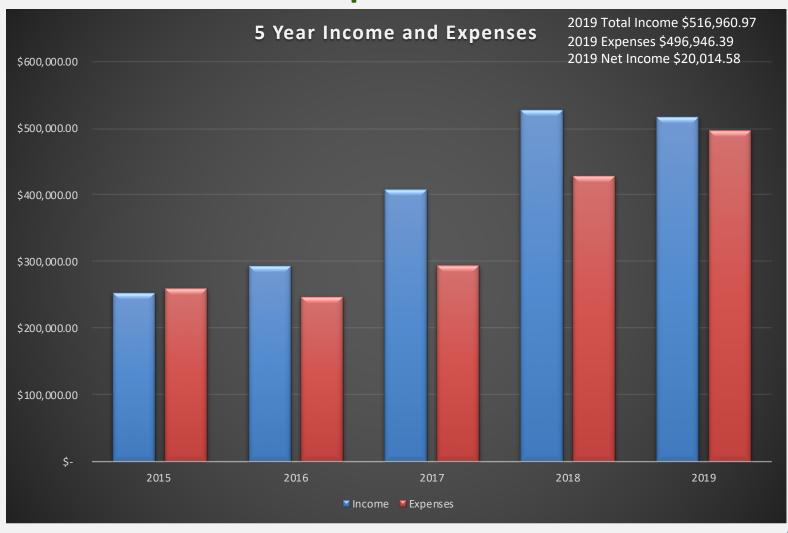




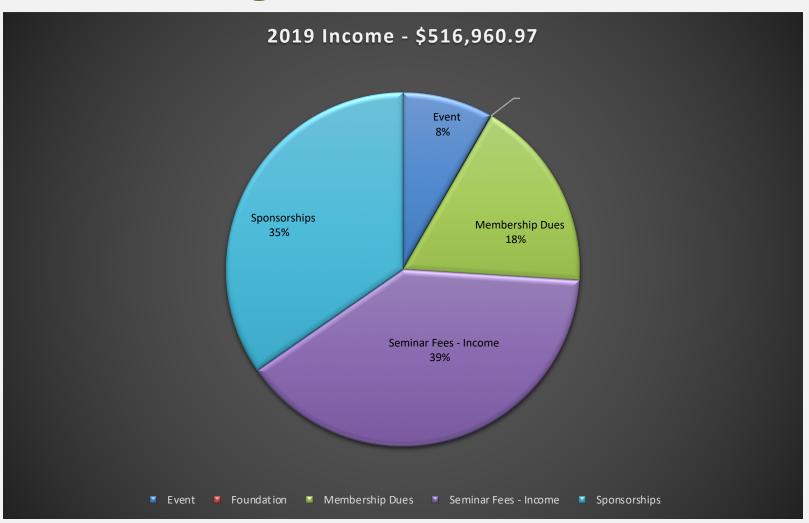
## 2021 Budget

C. Dudley Warner, III, Treasurer

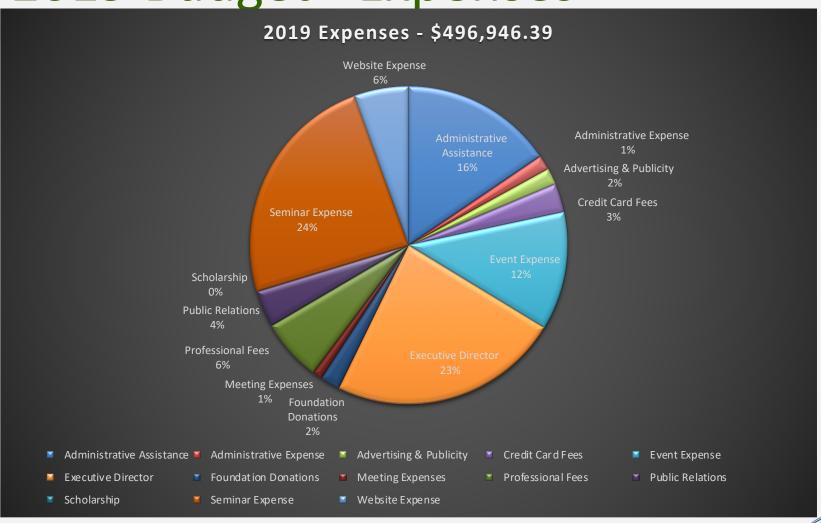
## Income and Expenses



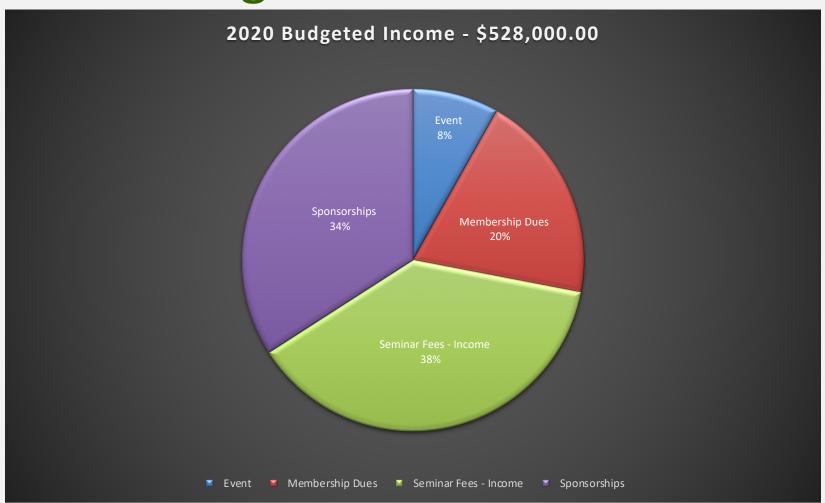
## 2019 Budget - Income



## 2019 Budget - Expenses

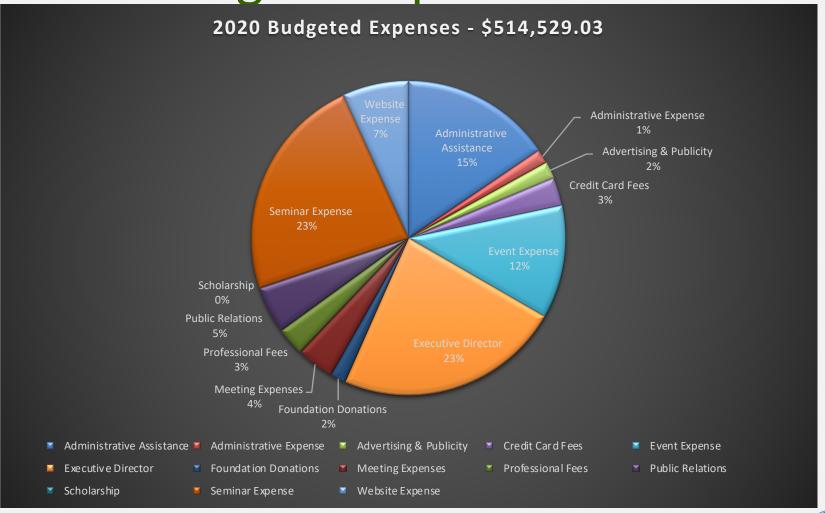


## 2021 Budget - Income





## 2021 Budget - Expenses





## Vote on the 2021 Budget





## 2020 Year in Review

Presented by Scott Drew, LSRP
Outgoing President

### LSRPA 2020 Initiatives

- Resolution 2020-3 Regarding Racism and Organizational Commitment
- Adapting to COVID restrictions:
  - Advocating that LSRP services are essential
  - Everything Virtual
    - Steering Committee Meetings, which saw increased member participation
    - Continuing Education Courses and Regulatory Roundtables
    - Initiated New Chat Events, held monthly
- Covid Impact Surveys of LSRPA Members
  - Data shared with NJDEP, impacted rule relaxation providing additional time for key document submissions
  - Gathered member demographic data for first time



## LSRPA 2020 Initiatives (continued)

- Strove all year for guidance from NJDEP on Mandatory Timeframe Extensions
  - Provided our own written guidance and a Chat for members to fill void resulting from NJDEP not providing any guidance
- Forcefully on record for fairness between LSRPs and unlicensed professionals performing All Appropriate Inquiry transactional due diligence
  - Covid Impact Surveys provided useful data for this effort



#### 1. College Outreach

- \$26,000 in scholarships awarded tonight to 5 undergraduates and 4 graduate students, representing 4 universities.
- 50 scholarship applications, more than double last year.
- Launched the first annual Student Poster Competition
- Close to 200 student members in the LSRPA.
- Successful job placements for entry level candidates via the Resume Portal.

#### 2. Communications

- Media coverage of LSRP and SRRA accomplishments, touting over 14,532 RAOs and science driven solutions.
- Technical articles, eblasts, and social media posts; includes March
   March 2020 and 2021 LSRP Special Section of *Business* magazine &
- articles throughout the year in Commerce.

#### **Communications (Continued)**

 Minutes prepared/posted for LSRPA's meetings with AC Pedersen, BIR, and SRAG

#### 3. Continuing Education

- Switch to all Virtual (AVLF) courses May 2020
- Review options, test, and choose a course platform
- Kudos to Tiesha Green and Tina Layre for moving the program forward!
- 36 new CEC courses approved by SRPLB
- 26 modified AVLF courses



### **Continuing Education (Continued)**

- Monthly course/roundtable schedule & Exam Prep
- Approved to offer NJ Continuing Legal Education (CLE) cred
- CE Partnerships
  - MA LSP Association
  - Rutgers OCPE
  - o NJDEP
  - NJSBA- Environmental Law Section
  - NJSWEP



#### 4. Sounding Board

- Responded to more Inquiries than expected based on Covid-19 restrictions
- Maintained an average 6-day turnaround time for responses
- Identified areas and topics for possible training
- Provided consensus opinion to technical, regulatory, and policy questions

#### 5. Golf Event

- 174 registered golfers
- 37 Sponsors
- Raised \$23,000+ for LSRPA Foundation and NJSWEP. Nearly \$120,000 in event's 5 years history
- Continued to grow interest among new golfers

#### 6. Governance

RESOLUTION 2020-3 Regarding Racism and Organizational Commitment

#### **Governance (Continued)**

#### 2020 Policies: On the web; please read

- Financial Hardship Policy for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits for Attorneys Policy No. 2020-01
- Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy Policy No. 2020-02
- General Written Communication Policy No. 2020-03



#### 7. Membership

- 995 members: increase of 127 members from 2019.
- Organized and participated in nine Roundtable Discussions (aka Member Breakfasts) (along side with the Continuing Education Committee).



#### 8. Risk Management and Loss Prevention

- Regular meetings with NJDEP Bureau of Inspection and Review (BIR).
- LSRP business practice issues: LSRP standards of care, client communications, Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board (SRPLB) complaints and related issues, LSRP contracts, insurance, liability issues and concerns. Also:
  - Use of rounding of analytical data to determine compliance with NJDEP remediation standards.
  - Claims against LSRP's, engineers, and consultants.
  - NJDEP interpretation of technical requirements for completing remedial investigations.



#### **Risk Management and Loss Prevention (Continued)**

- LSRP practice issues (continued):
  - Historic Fill and site wide RAO requirements under ISRA.
  - COVID-19 and LSRP issues.
  - LSRP site review protocols for clean fill and quarry materials.
  - Vapor Intrusion (VI) guidance requirement to report a discharge when SGSL is exceeded and compound observed does not appear to be a contaminant of concern (COC) at the site.
  - LSRP's obligation to report discharges discovered during due diligence All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI)
  - Handling NJDEP mandatory timeframes, extension requests, missed timeframes.
  - Obtaining NJDEP remediation files during the pandemic through NJDEP
     OPRA and direct PRCR document requests.

#### **Risk Management and Loss Prevention (continued)**

- LSRP Practice Issues (continued)
  - Environmental Justice (EJ) Developments and implications for LSRPs;
  - NJDEP Regulation By ListServ/Variances and issues for LSRP practice;
  - SRRA 2.0 Updates and LSRP issues;
  - NJDEP PFAS requirements and LSRP practice issues;
  - Conflicts of Interest between LSRPs;
  - LSRP Independent Professional Judgment.



#### 9. Regulatory Outreach

- NJDEP RAP Stakeholder Committee improved forms / instructions; provided helpful hints on RAP applications via NJDEP SRAG and LSRPA breakfast sessions
- NJDEP CID Stakeholder Committee completed revisions / improvements for new CID; prep for training session (Feb 2021)
- Provided detailed comments on Remediation Standards Rule Proposal and the associated ARS Technical Guidance Document



#### **Regulatory Outreach (Continued)**

- Involvement on Technical Guidance Documents:
- Attainment (Update including memorializing DEP "rounding" policy)
- Vapor Intrusion, MNA and Soil S/RI/RA (Updates)
- Field Sampling Plan Manual (Update)
- Perimeter Air Monitoring (New)



#### **10.** Aspiring Professionals

- Completed First Year as Committee
- Engaging more Aspiring Professionals (APs) within the LSRPA
- Aspiring Professionals "BOGO" 2020.



# 2020 Year In Review: Committee Updates

#### 11. Finance

- Reestablished Finance Committee in 2020
- Reviewed mission statement and yearly finances; impacts of pandemic on income



# 2020 Year in Review: Committee Updates

#### 12. NJ Site Remediation Conference (NJSRC)

- NJDEP Chief of Staff Shawn LaTourette delivered the Keynote during a plated luncheon.
- Increased conference participation to almost 600 attendees and 57 exhibitors.
- Pivoted our 2021 conference planning efforts to ensure a safe and successful virtual conference.





# Thank you to Champions during the first 11 years

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# Thank You and Recognition of Board of Trustee Member Who Has Completed His Term

C. Dudley Warner, III



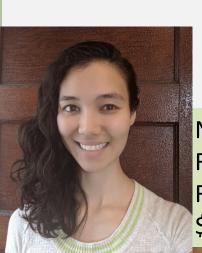
# Thank You and Recognition of Outgoing President

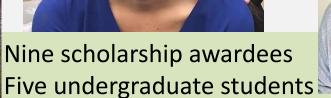
Scott Drew, LSRP



# The <u>Next</u> Next Generation: Elmeryl Davis Memorial Scholarship Awards

Benjamin Alter Chair, College Outreach Committee Scholarship Recipients



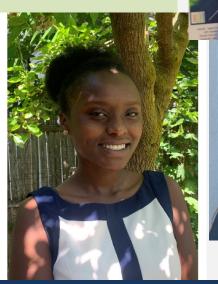


Four graduate students, one part-time

\$26,000 in total awards











# Overarching Goals of the LSRPA:

- Elevation of the Profession
- Good Science
- Transparency in Process
- Diversity of Thought=Better End Products
- Respect for all Members
- Leverage of our Strong Membership

Mark Pietrucha, LSRP Vice President

#### 1. College Outreach

- Increase # universities with students applying for scholarships
- Increase the # of students entering the Student Poster Competition
- Hold regional student events
- Improve traffic to the Resume Portal
- Establish a mentoring program

#### 2. Communications

- Inform/educate members, clients and members of business community about affirmative obligations and how to comply with upcoming timeframes.
- Increase communication with state and local elected officials, environmental commissions, and conservation organizations.
- Engage in dialogue with Environmental Justice groups



#### Aspiring Professionals:

- Opportunities for AP involvement
- Hold up to 4 training and/or networking events geared towards APs
- Continue to hold an annual joint networking event for APs



#### 3. Continuing Education

- "Call for Courses" from all members.
- 9 CEC applications submitted for 2020 / 20 Course Concepts
- Obtain NJ Court approval for LSRPA to provide Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits (process underway):
  - Partnering with the NJSBA- Environmental Law Section in the development and presentation of courses for both CLEs and CE's with 2020 Env Law Section Chair, Cathy Ward, Esq.
  - Increased Continuing Education Summit collaboration



#### 4. Golf Event

- Increase attendance at the 6th Annual and raise more money for LSRPA and NJSWEP scholarships
- Creation of a cornhole tournament, networking and charity fund raiser hopefully for summer of 2021 (seeking volunteers)

#### 5. Governance

Continuous improvement of operational policies for LSRPA governance.



#### 6. Membership

- Expand membership to include other disciplines (e.g., attorneys, professional engineers, etc.)
- Increase member involvement.
- Exceed 1,100 members.

#### 7. Nominating

- More transparency in the nominating process.
- Develop minimum qualifications guidelines for BOT candidates



#### 8. Regulatory Outreach

- NJDEP RAP Stakeholder Committee
- Finalize updates to guidance docs for Soil and GW RAPs
- Continue to address LSRP concerns regarding NJDEP RAP permit reviewer comments/rejections
- NJDEP CID Stakeholder Committee NJDEP/LSRPA training session in February 2021
- Develop Training Following Remediation Standards Rule Revisions & Address Changes to Technical Guidance Based on Rule Adoption



#### **Regulatory Outreach (Continued)**

- FSPM and Perimeter Air Monitoring (pending new guidance docs)
- Active Participation on NJDEP Guidance Revisions:
- Historic Fill, LNAPL
- Participate on NJ Licensing Board Rule Revisions
- Participate in ARRCS/TRSR Rule revisions



#### 9. Risk Management and Loss Prevention

- Coverage and advice on LSRP practice issues;
- Meetings with BIR.

#### 10. Sounding Board

- Increase awareness of Sounding Board services
- Track Inquiries by category (Technical, Regulatory, Legal)
- Identify common and repeated Inquiries for training



#### 11. Aspiring Professionals

- Renew "BOGO" for 2021
- Hold 4 AP events:
- "Life of a Sample" virtual learning in January or February 2021
- Virtual Beer Tasting event in February or March 2021
- Drilling Demonstration in person (later 2021)
- Annual October Networking Event for APs



#### **Aspiring Professionals (Continued)**

 Virtual Mentoring program to present environmental services to precollege students (laborers, scientists, engineers)

#### 12. Finance

- Review short-term and long-term investment options for LSRPA profits
- Advise Executive Committee regarding financial questions as they arise
- Meeting on a quarterly basis



#### 13. NJSRC

- Plan an even better in-person conference experience for next year!
- Enhance the exhibition hall experience and increase attendee interaction.
- Continue providing relevant and timely technical talks and courses.



# Goal for 2021 Universal to All Committees

Increase membership and participation on each and every committee!





# Thank You and We'll See you Tomorrow

Sue Boyle, LSRPA Executive Director