



LSRPA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2024 - 4:00 – 6:00 pm
via Zoom Meeting

ATTENDANCE:	
Board of Trustees (BOT)	C. Baker, R. Hollender, M. Lindhardt, M. Poland, R. Ganta, K. Klink, A. Locke, A. Saltzman, B. Gray, C. Dailey Absent: S. Ward, J. Scagnelli, J. Haus
Steering Committee/Guests	Colin Childers, Dick Katz, Corey Matthews, Ed Claypoole, Mark Fisher, Kevin Long, B. Schnitzerling, Patrick Mottola, Michael McGowan, Dan Buhler, Jr., Heather Lin, Kim Skibo, Allen Attenborough, Dudley Warner, Charlene Drake, Julian Davies, Laura Antonow, Deborah Bolduc, William Call, David Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Rick Shoyer, Jeff Moore, Kathi Stetser, Geoff Clark, Cathy Bryant, Michelle Tomaszewski, Andrew Robins, John Oberer, Caryn Barnes, Jeffrey Entin, Richard Britton, Melanie Powers-Schanbacher, Rose DeLorenzo, Atiq Rahman, Joe Postorino, Charles Metzger
LSRPA Staff	J. Brogle, B. Entin, D. Sweeny, T. Layre

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
PRESIDENT'S REPORT – C. Baker		
C. Baker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOMEN IN ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONS will have a panel on Climbing the Ladder: Success Stories, Careers and Entrepreneurship on 7/16. This is a joint event sponsored by LSRPA, SWEP and BCONE. • The Remedial Process Improvement Initiative (RPII) effort with DEP is ongoing. Currently working on training for the Receptor Evaluation FQAs, expected fall 2024. • The next LSRP exam is April 2025 with required case study training in January 14 and 15, 2025 • The period for BOT nominees has been extended to 7/15/2024. • Putting out an eblast regarding Biennial Certifications. 	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Brogle		
J. Brogle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL) Rule under review by Legal & Legislative Committee. • DEP has indicated they will not change their policy regarding OPRA due to the new regulation. • There are reports that some insurance carriers are adding PFAS exclusions to professional liability insurance policies. • Draft Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL) Rule under review by Legal & Legislative Committee. • DEP has indicated they will not change their policy regarding OPRA due to the new regulation. • There are reports that some insurance carriers are adding PFAS exclusions to professional liability insurance policies. • New CSSR director at DEP expected late August. 	



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J. Brogle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 LSRPA finances have improved in 2024; revenue from the NJSRC is still being analyzed. • Update on RAP certification submittals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soil – 32 certifications for existing backlogged applications, 23 new certifications; 47 permits issued to date; 25-day TAT average ○ Groundwater – 15 certifications for existing backlogged applications; 5 new applications; 9 permits issued; 8-day TAT average • Call for members to join committees. • Comments from attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAL likely to impact stormwater issues for LSRPs – group leading at DEP is Land Use • Caryn Barnes: At recent meeting with DEP, permit processes could be revised to have one permit for all media (vapor intrusion, groundwater, Soil). 	
VICE PRESIDENT - INTERNAL – R. Hollender		
R. Hollender	All grants/scholarships have been paid by the LSRPA Foundation. Working on budget for 2025.	
VICE PRESIDENT – EXTERNAL – M. Lindhardt		
M. Lindhardt	Concerned about changes in OPRA responses from local agencies. Please notify LSRPA if issues are encountered.	
TREASURER’S REPORT – M. Poland		
M. Poland	LSRPA checking: \$93,815 Foundation: \$10,657 Money Market: \$201,429 Working on 2023 Tax Return	
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - C. Drake		
C. Drake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee currently has 7 members and meets once a month. • Recent Articles – PFAS exclusion in professional liability insurance, how to prepare and keep records for audits, historic fill, evaluating TICS, what you need to do as an LSRP when you change jobs, how to get EDDs from NJDEP 	



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C. Drake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean Moriarty (Archer Public Affairs) recently joined committee – will be working on an article Chevron Doctrine precedent and effect on the practice of LSRP profession. Recent communication from Bureau of Solid Waste – new rulemaking Dirty Dirt, Class B Recycling, Solid Waste related to BUD (May 2025) New Committee Members always welcome. 	
REGULATORY OUTREACH COMMITTEE – M. Fisher/K. Stetser		
M. Fisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet every 2-3 weeks Working to prepare instructions soil and groundwater supplemental certification form to increase clarity and increase submissions. Expect to submit in a month. DEP provided committee with their internal checklist for permit review. Committee provided comments to DEP. DEP intends to share with the regulated community. Expect this in the following month. Compliance Attainment Guidance - reviewing comments submitted. Expect revisions in the next 4-6 weeks Technical Impracticability Guidance – Meeting every 3 weeks. Full revamp. All media will be added – not just groundwater. Expected draft fall 2024 Analytical Methods Guidance – committee reconvening in future. Plan is that this will include data of known quality for PFAS Historic Fill Guidance – DEP is working internally but expect that they will reconvene committee. Question as to how Other Guidance on the priority list: Capping, General Fill, CSM, Groundwater SI/RI/RA Will have a special meeting with the stakeholders to discuss the status of current RAPs. Dirty Dirt – no rulemaking until 2025. With legal. Solid waste getting involved. Groundwater quality standard rule – we provided comments, no response yet. Tech Regs/ARRCS may come out later this year. 	



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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE - K. Klink/J. Ryan		
K. Klink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30+ people at recent in-person course. • Potentially partnering with ASTM for some courses • Have test course uploaded on the new on-demand format. Still working on the process • Booking courses and roundtables for 2025. • Working on conference courses • Still need moderator and instructor volunteers 	Let Cassidy and Tina know if you have potential topics, if you would be interested in instructing
FINANCE COMMITTEE – A. Locke/R. Ganta		
A. Locke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of how to maximize sponsorship for conference • Suggested steps on how to prepare budgets for revenue generating committees. 	
ASPIRING PROFESSIONALS - A. Saltzman/S. Virgin		
A. Saltzman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 18 - 30 people came out for beach cleanup at Sandy Hook. Picked up 100 lbs. of trash • Recent course - Working smarter to characterize fractured bedrock • July 10 - Maintaining safe ambient air levels during site remediation • August 14 - Bioremediation presentation • Fall Central NJ – brewery or winery social event 	
MARKETING – A. Saltzman/S. Ward		
A. Saltzman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review potential DEI slides for inclusion in CEC decks. • Discussed identification of groups in emails and eblasts • Standardization of eblasts (color coding per type of event). Increase branding • LinkedIn and other social media 	
MEMBERSHIP – B. Gray		
B. Gray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with A. Lazo and J. Brogle – for member renewal process, will be attaching a cover letter with renewal invoice asking people to update online profile. • Changed log in process for website to automatically take member to profile page to encourage update. • Looking at sorting membership in groups – putting Aspiring Professionals in to a group (as well as other groups, contractors, etc.) – that way we can send emails to targeted groups 	



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B. Gray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to re-establish the BOGO program to encourage APs to get free year of membership to encourage joining. LSRP can attach one AP for one year. Has not been open this year. Want to restart in 2025. Will work with marketing to get the word out. New Member breakfast – central NJ – in early 2025 	
GOVERNANCE – J. Oberer		
J. Oberer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on updating bylaws to be consistent with policies Frank Rooney – new member 	Looking for a co-chair. BOT members – please send any comments on by-laws.
FUNDRAISING – J. Postorino		
J. Postorino/ B. Entin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful Battle of the Bands. Have not discussed whether we will hold the event again in 2025 August 6 – Cornhole (July 27 – early registration ends) October 3 - Golf 	
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION – R. Hollender/R. Ganta		
R. Hollender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Inclusion Moment" slides are part of CEC course Working on including these Inclusion Moment slides in social media, etc.. 	
CONTAMINANTS OF EMERGING CONCERN AND ECO RISK – C. Barnes/E. Palkow		
C. Barnes	<p>PFAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In recent meeting, provided the DEP with redacted case examples with forensics and case examples for PFAS. Soil Samples (8 per county on state-owned properties, not near know releases/sources) collected across state by DEP. The soil samples have been collected to create IGW. Results are in and validated. <p>ECO RISK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEP really focused on preparing FAQs. Not very focused on discussion of policies and procedures 	
NOMINATING COMMITTEE – D. Warner/C. Bryant		
C. Bryant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOT nomination period extended to July 19 Have 6 seats to fill To date – have received 8 applications New step – go through go/no go process, then follow up with interviews. 	



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LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE – J. Haus/P. Mottola		
P. Mottola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing REAL and how it affects LSRP 	
RISK MANAGEMENT AND LOSS PREVENTION – C. Dailey/J. Wuelfing		
C. Dailey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning the discussion of AI and how LSRPs protect themselves, and the places where it can be risky to use. PFAS exclusions to Professional Liability insurance Trend over a few years is that DEP not making many complaints to SRPLB 	
NJ SITE REMEDIATION CONFERENCE – C. Metzger		
C. Metzger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Hoffman announced that he had resigned and C. Metzger is taking over leadership. Committee has debriefed Will be back at the Hyatt in March 26-27, 2025 	
OPEN FORUM		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose DeLorenzo told us that Association of Environmental Engineering Geologists will hold their meeting in Philadelphia September 10-14, 2024. 	
COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING	College Outreach, Sounding Board	
Next Meeting	Upcoming Steering Committee Meetings; September 10 and November 12, 2024	

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonya Ward, LSRP
Secretary