



**LSRPA Steering Committee Meeting**  
**May 13, 2025 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**  
**via Zoom Meeting**

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
<b>BOT</b>	Candace Baker, Mike Poland, Rocky Ganta, Kassidy Klink, Sonya Ward, Alex Saltzman, Pat Mottola, Brandi Gray, Anita Locke, Chris Casarona, and Charlene Drake
<b>LSRPA Staff</b>	J. Brogle, B. Entin, J. Lunski, Dave Sweeney
<b>Others:</b>	Marlene Lindhardt, Mark Fisher, Kathi Stetser, Julia Ryan, Brad Musser, Charles Metzger, Rose DeLorenzo, Andrew Wadden, Dudley Warner, Craig McCarrick, Steve Posten, David Miller, Cathy Bryant, Corey McCormack, Michelle Bouwman, Marc Conger, Caryn Barnes, and Julian Davies.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; President's Update – Rebecca Hollender (Presented by Sonya Ward on behalf of President)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments were submitted on NJDEP's proposed "Dirty Dirt Rule" (N.J.A.C. 7:26-3A); the final letter is posted online.</li> <li>Additional comments were prepared on proposed groundwater quality standards for GenX COCs.</li> <li>Participation in a coalition meeting with legislative representatives to discuss concerns about the Dirty Dirt Rule</li> <li>Meeting held with NJDEP to discuss regulatory issues; status update on RAPs is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil RAPs: 154 applications submitted; 133 approved;</li> <li>Groundwater RAPs: 85 applications submitted; 59 approved; and</li> <li>RIP Waivers: Process improvements underway; backlog expected to be resolved in 3–6 months, with future target of 2-month turnaround.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Director Update – Janice Brogle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-demand courses were launched approximately 2.5 months ago. Since launch, 10 course completion certificates have been issued. Four (4) courses are currently available online.</li> <li>The Continuing Education Committee is open to expanding course offerings. Instructors interested in adapting their content for on-demand delivery are encouraged to contact the committee.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Vice President Update – Sonya Ward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Foundation meeting was held today, during which it was discussed that corporations, businesses, and individuals—including LSRPs and the organizations they work for—are encouraged to make tax-deductible donations to the nonprofit LSRPA Foundation. Reminders will be sent toward year-end to coincide with charitable giving season</li> </ul>	
<b>Vice President Update – Brandi Gray</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the NJDEP Quarterly Meeting, acute toxicity levels related to lead were discussed. NJDEP plans to issue a policy paper (not a regulation) this summer. More information will follow.</li> <li>During the Rutgers UST Training, NJDEP provided updates on the 901 “Dirty Dirt” proposal, including the introduction of four proposed fill categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recyclable Soil and Fill;</li> <li>Non-Restricted Soil and Fill;</li> <li>Enhanced Non-Restricted Recyclable Soil and Fill; and</li> <li>Clean Fill.</li> </ul> Further details will be shared as they become available.</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer Report – Mike Poland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checking Account balance: \$158,893</li> <li>Money Market Account balance: \$307,980</li> <li>Foundation Account balance: \$27,476</li> <li>The golf outing was a great success. Proceeds will directly support grants, scholarships, and related initiatives</li> </ul>	
<b>Corey McCormack - Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the productive May 2nd planning session, several recurring features were established, including a “Meet the Committee” series, an annual “Year in Review,” and an “Ask the Expert” series. Upcoming articles in development address topics such as recent groundwater quality standard updates. Members are encouraged to contribute 250-word submissions on topics of interest to support professional advocacy and information sharing.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Julia Ryan &amp; Brad Musser – Continuing Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building on the May 2nd meeting, the Community Education Committee has successfully assigned instructors for three priority training topics. Course planning is underway for the September–December period, with additional instructors and topic ideas still being sought—especially for Regulatory Roundtable sessions (typically 1.5 hours with Q&amp;A). Early planning for the 2026 Site Remediation Conference has also begun, and members are encouraged to suggest topics that would enhance the value of the event and support continuing education goals</li> </ul>	
<b>Legal &amp; Legislative – David Miller</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee recently helped finalize the Association's comments on the proposed groundwater standards and will remain actively engaged as the process continues. Additional initiatives stemming from the May 2nd meeting include developing a system to track proposed legislation, rule changes, and relevant case law affecting site remediation and LSRPs</li> </ul>	
<b>Nominating Committee – Kathy Bryant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reminder was issued that the call for Board of Trustees (BOT) nominations was initially sent on March 28th, with a follow-up on April 30th. There are seven BOT positions expiring this term (John Scagnelli, Rakesh Ganta, Candace Baker, Kassidy Klink, Pat Mottola, Mike Poland, and Anita Locke). As of now, only two applications have been received; the deadline for submissions is July 1st. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt.</li> </ul>	
<b>Candace Baker – Risk Management &amp; Loss Prevention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee continues to monitor the Roxbury Auto Wreckers PFOS case and will share updates as available.</li> <li>Ongoing challenges with meeting new groundwater quality standards, particularly related to vinyl chloride, were discussed.</li> <li>Plans are underway for a joint meeting with the Regulatory Outreach and Legal &amp;</li> </ul>	



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	<p>Legislative committees to align on legal and regulatory priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 23rd at 1:00 PM.</li> <li>Members are encouraged to join the committee or suggest topics for discussion.</li> </ul>	
<b>Michelle Bouwman – DE&amp;I</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The in-person meeting was productive and led to the addition of a new committee member.</li> <li>The committee continues to promote DEI through educational slides now displayed at the start of CE classes.</li> <li>Held a joint session with the College Outreach Committee to revise scholarship language to be more inclusive and transparent about selection.</li> <li>Planning is underway for a CE course on accessibility, including NJDEP-specific formatting and submission guidelines.</li> <li>This summer, the committee will engage with high school and college students through NJDEP's Youth Inclusion Initiative and the NJ Governor's School program to encourage interest in environmental careers.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chris Casarona – Marketing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee is pursuing a long-term initiative to realign branding with member values; goal is to improve institutional and targeted communications.</li> <li>Short-term priorities include reviewing website platform templates (e.g., MemberLeap) in anticipation of a potential transition.</li> <li>Exploring outreach to professional associations (e.g., NJ Society of Municipal Engineers) to promote continuing education offerings; draft outreach materials in development.</li> </ul>	
<b>OTHER COMMITTEES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Charles Metzger – Conference Committee:</b> Site Remediation Conference reported greater profit than before. approximately 550 attendees- highest in recent years.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses were well attended; continuing education content and presenters received strong positive feedback.</li> <li>• Post-conference survey saw improved response rate; 88% approved new pricing model, 97% rated venue positively.</li> <li>• Planning for 2026 will begin shortly after a brief break; committee is actively seeking a recording secretary to assist with notes, agendas, and logistics.</li> <li>• <b>Marlene Lindhardt – Governance Committee</b> – Committee is reviewing bylaws to address quorum challenges for voting; proposed revisions will be presented at the next board meeting.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates underway for the conflict of interest, anti-discrimination, and anti-harassment policies.</li> <li>- Additional governance topics are under discussion; more details to follow.</li> <li>- Volunteers are encouraged to join the committee, especially those interested in policy and governance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mark Fisher &amp; Kathi Stetser – Regulatory Outreach</b> -RAP stakeholder group meets monthly with NJDEP; soil RAP backlog is ~214 applications, mostly a year old, with delays often due to financial assurance issues.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Groundwater RAP backlog is ~550; some over 3 years old, though new DEP staff are helping reduce delays.</li> <li>- Supplemental Certs program is working but limited; suggestions for expansion are welcomed.</li> <li>- RAP Waiver backlog has improved, now under a year.</li> <li>- Multiple DEP guidance documents are being revised (TI, Soil SRRA, Historic Fill, Landfill).</li> <li>- New PFAS rule may require PFAS sampling for all unknown AOCs; stakeholder concerns submitted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dudley Warner – Sounding Board Committee</b> – The committee has seen an increase in questions, now averaging about one per week.</li> <li>- Committee changes: Al Moffitt is stepping down from the committee &amp; David Deghetto is the current Associate Member in the program's second year.</li> <li>• <b>Joe Pastorino &amp; Rocky Ganta – Fundraising</b> – Looking into new income streams</li> <li>• <b>Anita Locke &amp; Rocky Ganta – Finance Committee</b> The committee is reviewing account balance comfort levels.</li> <li>- Evaluating fund allocation guidelines and criteria for event partnerships.</li> <li>- Assessing how to allocate indirect and direct costs for large networking events</li> <li>• <b>Brandi Gray – Membership</b> - Current membership stands at 824.</li> <li>- Outreach planned for recent LSRP exam passers, including congratulations and promotion of membership benefits.</li> <li>- Upcoming Somerset Patriots vs. Trenton Thunder baseball event on July 31st; save-the-dates sent, registration pending.</li> </ul>	
<b>OPEN AGENDA</b>	None	
<b>NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm Next steering committee meeting July 8, 2025	

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rocky Ganta*

Rocky Ganta, LSRP – LSRPA Secretary