Since the founding of the Lean Construction Institute in 1997, through this past Tuesday, the one constant fixture at LCI has been Greg Howell’s unwavering dedication to doing whatever was needed to enable the Institute to support the transformation of how projects were delivered.

Now, as Greg retires from his service to LCI, it is time for us to pause and say a hearty, “THANK YOU!!” The Institute would not be where it is today if it were not for Greg’s inspiration and dedicated service.

Greg has served in many valuable ways that have been both visible (authoring articles, giving speeches, running seminars, attending industry meetings) as well as invisible ones (mentoring faculty, coaching students, responding to email inquiries, talking with industry professionals, and connecting with other industry organizations). He was willing to take on whatever tasks were necessary in order to advance the cause of the Institute, and he always did so with both humility and humor. No job was beneath him, and no topic or intellectual conversation was beyond him. He has shown others that the way forward lies in embracing the construction industry in all its messy diversity and complexity, while seeking clarity of process and common purpose.

As we look out at LCI’s strategic plan, and the initiatives being pursued in 2014 and beyond, we are reminded of Winston Churchill’s famous quote, “so little time, so much to do.” We know that in the next phase of his professional career, Greg will continue to support LCI’s mission of serving as a catalyst for transforming design and construction to deliver value using Lean principles and practices.

But, as we reflect on Greg’s service to LCI we are also reminded of another Churchill quote: “never . . . has so much been owed by so many to so few.”

Thank you, Greg!

Victor Sanvido, LCI Chairman-Emeritus
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