Annual Design Forum

Our annual Design Forum held in partnership this year with P2SL, AIA national and the local AIA Chicago Chapter just came off last week, with 108 participants. This year combined a half-day introductory session on “Lean in Design” with a full-day program focused on the importance of Lean to an owner organization, a reflective discussion of how firms are using Lean techniques in their practices, and a panel addressing the use of Lean tools to serve client needs. Albert Manshum (of the newest owner organization to join LCI, Advocated Health Care) did an excellent job of setting the tone for the forum with his thoughts on Advocate’s experience in specifying Lean on its projects. LCI member firms BSA Lifestructures, Perkins + Will, and SmithGroupJJR spoke about what real-world design looks like, and the benefits of Lean Design regardless of the project delivery method utilized. Boulder Associates and HKS added their insights on how large scale rapid prototyping and other techniques are producing better designs and higher client satisfaction. The venue turned out to be a real plus, thanks in large measure to the support of our local Chicago Community of Practice, and we hope to reprise the event there in 2015.

LCI Congress San Francisco (October 7-10, 2014) abstract review process update

The planning team currently is continuing to review 90+ abstracts for program content. After an initial first pass the group divided up the abstracts among 16 “champions” for them to reach out to the presenters to facilitate a deeper dive into the content. Another review is scheduled for the week of June 16th.
in the owner organization, and a process must be in place to facilitate this goal. Tools, technology and controls must meet and support the project's aspiration.

Upcoming Events

June 11
4th Annual LEAN Summit

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LEAN Summit - LCI/CURT/AGC, St. Charles MO

June 17
WEBINAR - Introduction to Lean Design & Construction with Dick Bayer (WEBINAR)

June 18
Pull Planning and Parade of Trades (Central Florida CoP)

June 18
Lean Thinking & Culture Stories (Arizona CoP)

June 26
Burger Boat Company (Wisconsin CoP)

June 27
WEBINAR - A Lean Coach's Analysis of Last Planner® Successes and Failures, with Dan Fauchier (WEBINAR)

Upcoming webinars: An "Intro to Lean" webinar will be presented June 17th by Dick Bayer (Realignment Group, Ltd.)

We also have "A Lean Coach's Analysis of Last Planner® Successes and Failures" with Dan Fauchier of The ReAlignment Group, Ltd., June 27th. Be sure to sign up soon, as we expect this webinar to sell out!

CoP Corner

The Wisconsin Community of Practice is having a meeting at the Burger Boat Company on June 26th. This promises to be an outstanding educational event about Lean design and construction.

- Program Overview
- Company history-150 years of boat building tradition
- Lean Journey--beginning with a full company immersion into Lean manufacturing to the transition to Lean

By the way, both Red and Silver level sponsorships for Congress are still available. For more information or to sponsor, contact igoldberg@leanconstruction.org

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Construction practices to present day Burger Boat Company Lean & continuous improvement culture

- The use of Lean principles & rules
- The Last Planner® scheduling system
- Problem solving tools
- Metrics
- Successes & failures--what is working and what hasn’t
- Similarities and differences between Lean Construction and boat building at Burger Boat Company

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