LCI/P2SL/AIA Lean in Design Forum coming up June 4-5 in Chicago

We are pleased to announce that our annual June Design Forum is alive and well, and set to take place in Chicago this year. In addition to hosting this in a major design market like Chicago, this year’s program differs in that we are kicking it off with a half-day tutorial session (2-6PM) on Lean in Design to set a baseline of understanding of Lean tools, concepts, and terms. Our consultant member Kristin Hill of InsideOut Consulting, will teach, and she comes to the role with an architecture background, as well as extensive Lean consulting experience. The next day, June 5, will run 8AM to 4PM, with four 90-minute discussions that will include lots of audience interaction. The segments are planned to include an owner’s perspective, a national consultant’s perspective, a panel on using Lean internally in architectural practice, and a panel focused on using the tools (like mock-ups) to meet client needs. This promises to be a most effective outreach in a very design-oriented market, so we hope to reach many more designers than we’ve done in the past. Please put it on your calendar and plan to join us!

Annual CURT Lean Summit

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Upcoming Events

Mar 19 - Networking and Learning with ‘Lean Coffee’ (Cascadia-Portland CoP)

Mar 19 - Pull Planning Simulation (Arizona LCI)

Mar 20 - How High Performance Teams Create Lean Construction Results: an Architect’s Perspective
The annual CURT Lean Summit promises strong owner interaction and a great additional training ground for Lean. LCI and AGC are again joining CURT for a Lean Summit June 11 near St. Louis in St. Charles, MO. More on this will be posted on the website as the program develops, but tentative plans are for a two-track program (for beginners vs. those more steeped in Lean techniques), plus discussion of contracting and procurement issues. For those looking for opportunities to expose your firm to CURT’s owner-members who attend, there will be various levels of sponsorship available as well.

Registration in the New LCI Database System

Hopefully many of you will have received and responded to our recent email blasts concerning registration in the new LCI database system, known as MemberClicks. This will be the engine for hearing about and registering for our meetings, accessing members-only content, etc., so please take the few minutes required to get some basic data on yourself in the system, and receive your new, individually-tailored member password. Thanks for your support! 

Intro to Lean Webinars

Intro to Lean Webinars – coming soon to a computer screen near you! Among our 2014 goals is to sponsor webinars with Lean content for a national audience, and Ilene Goldberg on our staff is busily working to line up
speakers and make this happen. This is a program that will grow and evolve with your needs as a community, so as we go forward your feedback will be critical to help us derive topics to suit your needs. We will be emailing everyone to announce these in the weeks ahead, as well as providing dates and times in the newsletter as they are scheduled. So stay tuned!

Congratulations to LCI member Clark/McCarthy

Congratulations to LCI member Clark/McCarthy, whose joint venture design-build team was honored last week in Las Vegas by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) with two Alliant Build America Awards for the construction of the new Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital: "Best New Building Project" and "Excellence in Partnering". This project is actually also a great example of successful Lean Project Delivery in the Federal space, as highlighted on the LCI website at: [Click Here](#)

Congress Planning Team is Busily at Work

Here is a word from Jessica Kelley of Southland Industries, our 2014 program chair: "Though it may seem like October is still a long way off, the Congress Planning Committee is hard at work in preparation for another record setting event. I will
be providing Congress updates each month to keep you abreast of the latest news and requests of the community. This month’s focus is on Abstracts. We have opened the abstract submission link at [Click Here] and are looking for your best lean stories. If you feel you have a story to tell, even if it is not fully developed, please submit your abstract and our team will contact you for more information and to work with you on developing the best way to tell your story. Don’t feel like you have enough to fill a 60 min presentation, don’t worry! We will have space for all sizes of presentations. This year’s Congress will have a mix of plenary key notes, breakout sessions in various formats, training and site-walks. I will talk about each of these in more detail as we get closer. Looking forward to hearing from you and please get your abstracts in soon. As always, the Congress is what we the community makes of it!”

Sponsorship Opportunities for Congress

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CoP Corner
CoPs are now able to use the new database – MemberClicks – to keep track of membership rosters, send newsletters, and advertise their events more easily. So keep an eye on the LCI Calendar of events to see just what your local Community of Practice is up to! A big tip of the hat to our Chicago CoP, who recently sponsored a great program by an owner-practitioner of Lean, Tim Polaskey, of BP Whiting. It was covered by a local news outlet: http://foxvalleylabornews.com/2014/03/06/5046/

CoP events planners: Remember, your focal point for setting up and advertising events, obtaining AIA CE credits, etc., is Julia Shellhouse: jshellhouse@leanconstruction.org

Words of Wisdom, and We Quote

The book The Owner’s Dilemma has been out for a few years now, but it offers some timeless wisdom by author Barbara White Bryson, who builds at Rice University. Here is one such excerpt (pp. 17, 20-21): "...(O)urs is the only trillion-dollar industry in the history of the world in which clients routinely demand the most inefficient processes creating the least value…Conversely, the definition of a great owner—one that can have a positive impact on a project—is one who maintains a disciplined decision-making process and rewards team collaboration…In fact, it is easy to illustrate that more money on building projects is lost (or spent) by the lack of timely, collaborative decision making than could ever be gained by through any clever delivery practice or lucky market timing."

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