



September 16, 2013

Dear Dan,

LCI is delighted to announce the name of our 2013 Pioneer award winner: Mr. Leo Linbeck III. Mr. Linbeck was present at the inception of LCI, having been an early advocate and substantial corporate funder of its establishment. He encouraged our co-founders, Glenn Ballard and Greg Howell, to press forward and establish the Institute. His vision and practical support thus were instrumental in getting LCI off the ground.

Mr. Linbeck currently is the President and CEO of Aquinas Companies, LLC, which has three main business lines: construction management, life science technology development, and real estate development. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with two bachelor degrees, one in Civil Engineering and one in the Program of Liberal Studies. He also has a Master's Degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business.

Leo is very involved with PreK-12 education reform, especially the expansion of high-performing charter schools serving low-income communities. He helped create REEP (the Rice Education Entrepreneurship Program), a business-school-based program for developing school leaders. He currently serves as Chairman of REEP. He is also on the boards of several educational, community and nonprofit organizations.

We look forward to the presentation of the Pioneer Award to Leo Linbeck III at our Congress awards dinner October 23.

A Congress Program Clarification: Just a quick note about the Congress program this year to explain the "training day" on Tuesday. We have a dual-track approach planned in which you will have the opportunity to choose a morning and an afternoon session. The morning consists of the choice of Intro to Lean vs. Integrated BIM, while afternoon offerings are Intro to Last Planner® vs. Target Value Design. So, you'll have the opportunity of a solid day's training, choosing two of the four courses offered. If you look at the schedule that is found at <http://www.leanconstruction.org/media/docs/2013-Schedule0825-2.pdf> you will see this graphically depicted just left of the Wednesday program elements, as well as the LCI board and Community of Practice leaders' sessions on Tuesday, which are invitation-only events.

In response to several requests, here is a partial list of abbreviated abstracts for presentations in our Congress program agenda. http://www.leanconstruction.org/media/docs/Abstract_excerpts_091613.pdf

Other Congress reminders:

- **Room block expiration:** Reserve before October 1 to receive the conference booking rate!
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10494111
- We still have **many great sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities** for showcasing your company and its commitment to Lean. Check it out at:
http://www.leanconstruction.org/media/docs/2013_LCI_Congress_Sponsorship_Form.pdf
- And while we hope very much to see you in Dallas next month, if that is not possible you may want to try out the **live streaming/on demand access option to view 2013 Congress presentations** live - or anytime thereafter - from your desktop. It's the next best thing to being there!
<http://www.prolibraries.com/lci/events/2013annualcongress>

LCI initiatives for 2013 and beyond. I have mentioned some of this in a previous newsletter, but I think it bears repeating. LCI has a variety of board-directed initiatives under way that emerged from our strategic

planning sessions earlier this year. Most everything we do can be categorized under one or more of these major focus areas: Grow and Sustain Members; Develop Knowledge; Create Industry Capacity; Develop Collaboration and Distribution Channels; and Create Industry Demand. These will be the areas of focus by which we organize for action and create value for our members and other customers. The ways and means of going about this include board-level initiatives, committees dedicated to major projects and programs, and most significantly, the ongoing programs of our Communities of Practice. I'd like to describe some of the recent actions by our committees as an indication of what's coming in some key project areas.

LCI Committees Update: At the present time we have committees established by the board to address a variety of business matters, such as conferences, LCI's finances, a nominating committee, etc. But for the present I will focus on updating you on what is happening in our four initiative-oriented committees:

Education, Practice, Research, and Standards.

- In Education, chaired by Sarah Zdarko, Pankow, there are subcommittees working to have various education modules for Last Planner® ready by the Congress meeting in October, or shortly thereafter. These include an Intro version now getting wrapped up, which should be Beta tested in September in time for release at Congress October 22. Intermediate training material is in the process of review by board members, with a post-Congress anticipated release. Board member comments have been received on the third module: Executive training based on 2-, 4- and 8-hour sessions. This should be ready shortly after Congress. The committee also is looking at appropriate simulations to include with the trainings.
- The Communities of Practice (CoP) committee, chaired by Jack Avery, Sellen, also has been working hard to develop a final draft of formation guidelines for new CoPs, including "self-evaluation" criteria for how well developed and effective a given CoP is on an objective scale. This provides metrics for assessment such as number of events, attendees, and other measures of growth and effectiveness. The committee is looking now at creating standard practice guidelines for CoPs and is planning for the annual meeting of our CoP leaders at the Congress, with an agenda aimed at sharing challenges and best practices and looking to engage established CoPs in helping the newly-forming ones.
- Mike Kotubey with TD chairs a Research Committee initiative to review the array of learning materials on the LCI website with a view to categorizing and evaluating them (via a common feedback tool) to determine how relevant they still are, to what industry segment(s) they are most applicable, and other criteria that will help make them more accessible to our members. More volunteers to help with this key task by reviewing a few papers would be helpful at this stage – let us know if you can assist.
- Kristin Hill, InsideOut Consulting, recently stepped up to lead our Standards of Practice Committee efforts – Kristin has a three-person team so far working on this task, and is focusing initially on the LCI glossary on the website with a view to determining the continuing relevance of the terms and definitions and perhaps a better categorization of the terms than exists today in the simple alphabetical structure. This is another important task as we seek to maintain a "common language" for Lean, and relate tasks will follow once the team has tackled the glossary, including coordination with the other committees. If this is an area you would like to help support, please let us know.

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Coming LCI Community of Practice Events

(See the LCI Website for our full [calendar](#).)

Carolinas CoP>> 3P Event: Cardboard and Collaboration at the University of Iowa, September 19

Register here: <http://lci-carolinas-09-19-2013.eventbrite.com>

Central Florida>> Bringing LEAN Manufacturing to Construction Prefabrication, September 25

Register here: <http://lci-central-florida-09-25-2013.eventbrite.com>

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