Among the more unique and exciting panel discussions scheduled for the Congress this year is a session on October 8 entitled, "Issues in Global Lean Deployment." It will feature LCI board members and other owner organizations with significant experience building abroad. The speakers will identify the issues for an owner in implementing Lean on a global scale, including the often unforeseen impacts of government, country and area practices. In international project work, national and local business practices, culture and owner staffing are all constraints to Lean project delivery that must be addressed and overcome. Although Lean is being implemented globally to reduce waste, and the cost and time of design and construction, there are not many case studies that focus on a portfolio of projects in multiple countries, with senior managers sharing lessons learned. Catch this session at Congress and gain a unique view of how Lean is impacting projects around the globe!

You may access the registration link for the Congress here, and click here for hotel information.
LCI Annual Award Winners to be Recognized at the Congress

On behalf of our Board of Directors, it is a great pleasure to announce the national award winners chosen for 2014, whose awards will be presented at the annual Congress Awards Dinner meeting in San Francisco October 8. Join us in congratulating Walt Disney Imagineering, our 2014 Pioneer Award winner, recognizing its significant accomplishments as an organization in both implementing and spreading the good word about Lean to other owners as well as design firms, GCs, and trade partners throughout the supply chain. Our annual Chairman's Award goes to Romano Nickerson, Principal, Boulder Associates Architects. Romano's contributions to LCI are so numerous, they are difficult to summarize succinctly. But previously chairing the LCI Community of Practice in Northern CA, teaching and presenting on Lean at a host of programs over the years, and contributing his talents (including design skills) in support of numerous annual Congress programs, all these represent unique contributions to the strength and vitality of LCI over many years. Congratulations Romano! And congratulations also to the many WDI representatives active in LCI.

Sponsorship for the 16th Annual Congress is closed

LCI would like to thank all of the companies who sponsored Congress. LCI would also like to thank all of the exhibitors for this year’s Congress and encourage you to walk around to the booths and introduce yourself:

Booth 101 – vPlanner
Booth 102 – Client Feedback Tool
Booth 103 – LeanKit
Booth 104 – Webcor Builders
Booth 105 – Newforma
Booth 106 – Herrero Builders
Booth 107 – TouchPlan.io
Booth 108 – AGC/ConsensusDocs
Booth 109 – iCon

AGC MI Chapter News

The AGC Michigan chapter is running AGC LCEP Units 1-5 beginning October 14 in Lansing: Lean Unit 1 & 2 - October 14; Lean Units 3-4, November 11; Lean Unit 5, December 2. Info: www.agcmichigan.org
Words of Wisdom

From: The Toyota Way by Jeffrey Liker, p. 93-94. Often we think that increasing the speed of a process means compromising quality, that faster is sloppier. But flow achieves just the opposite—it generally improves quality... The same logic applies to a business or engineering process. Let individual departments do the work in batches and pass the batches to other departments and you guarantee delays in getting work done... Most of the time will be spent with projects waiting for decision or action. The result will be chaos and poor quality. Take the right people who do the value-added work, line them up, and flow the project through those people with appropriate meetings to work on integration and you will get speed, productivity, and better quality results.

CoP Corner

CoP Leaders to meet at Congress
There will be a CoP Leader meeting (invitation only) on Tuesday, October 7th from 1-5 in the Stockton Room. Each CoP Leader is welcome to bring along one other person from their CoP or core group. If the Leader cannot attend, there can be up to two people from one CoP attending. Please RSVP back to Ilene Goldberg with the people attending from your CoP by October 2nd.

The Cascadia-Portland CoP presents "Getting Started on Pull Planning" on October 15, from 5:00pm – 7:30 pm PDT. Pull Planning is one of the fundamental concepts underlying lean project delivery. Join the CoP for an evening devoted to the basics of pull planning and case studies from two teams that used basic pull planning techniques with very positive results. The benefits they realized included much better understanding of the work and early identification of key sequencing details that allowed the teams to complete challenging projects with fewer conflicts, disruptions and less friction.

Check out the LCI calendar of events for more CoP events happening in your area!

Sincerely,

Dan C. Heinemeier, CAE
Executive Director
September 25th
Beyond Design and Construction - Advancing Building Information Modeling for Post Occupancy (San Diego CoP)

October 3rd
Lean Construction: Building People, It's Not Just About the Tools (Colorado CoP)

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