



July Fourth is my favorite holiday. It marks so many things—real summer, the big middle point between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the flock of tourists to San Diego's and other beaches, the fragrance of flowers in bloom and the smell of barbeque. It's also building season everywhere in the Northern Hemisphere so our members are active and vital. We're building our organization this month as well with a Board meeting coming up the first part of August to try to really get our pins under us, as they say. We appreciate an active and vital membership.

While we're working on that, I wanted to thank you all for the many nice notes I've had regarding the **Newsletter**. Like any relevant publication, I've also had some "corrections" noted. I thought this short week would be a good time to clear up that Errata:

- **Tariq Abdelhamid** added to the list of our accomplishments discussed last week—Continuing to publish the **Lean Construction Journal**, an international peer-reviewed journal since 2003 (www.leanconstructionjournal.org)
- On June 27, I reported on our successful meeting in Philadelphia to launch a chapter there. Much of the credit goes to **Larry Stival** whom I mis-reported as being from "Air Power." He is actually the CI Black Belt at **Air Products and Chemicals**—Air Products is also a Corporate Member of LCI.
- To add insult to injury, I referenced the Community of Practice as the "Chesapeake Bay CoP." Actually, it's the **Mid-Atlantic Community of Practice**.

The Editors greatly regret the errors.

Other **Notes from the Newsletter** include:

- **Chris Moor**, the Director of the **American Institute of Steel Construction** has been reading the Newsletter and thinks a Lean Construction Event with AISC would be valuable. We agree.
- **Stephen Becket** from **Worley Parsons** in **Abu Dhabi** had our May 25th Newsletter forwarded to him. He wrote that he was interested "in getting more information about Lean Construction and about its application to [their] global business." We added him to our mailing list as he requested.
- **Tim White** at **Honeywell** reached out from the Newsletter seeking more information about training in Last Planner® and other Lean tools. This is representative of 3 or 4 emails a week we receive requesting more information, most often about Last Planner.
- **Victor Ortiz**, an early provider of Last Planner training, recently wrote to note that he is leaving **Cisco** after 5 years as the Global Program Manager for Design and Construction at the Work Place Resources Group and returning to the Lean community. He's been following the Newsletter at Cisco for the last year or two and looks forward to "reconnecting with LCI."

These responses hearten me that we're making a difference out there, enough of a difference that people want to make sure we get it right. That is and will continue to be our goal.



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In other news, **Greg Howell** was in New Mexico with Morgan Kramm and others to initiate the **New Mexico Community of Practice** on June 22. **Morgan Kramm** reports great success.

Hal Macomber facilitated a Lean Boot Camp for members of the **New York Community of Practice Core Group** on June 29. Board Member **Sam Spata** reports: “the day was a great success. Hal was outstanding.”