Just a short note from Chicago this week where your Board of Directors is meeting for a few days. Great conversation in the first day, especially around “what does it mean to transform the industry?”

By the time you read this, you’ll likely have less than twenty-four hours to sign up for and attend the Charlotte Introduction to Lean on August 3. Thanks to David Craft and the Carolinas Community of Practice for making this so easy for me. I’ve looked at the attendance sheet and we have a great variety folks signed up, including representatives of 7 or 8 Owners. This responds to several of your comments from the Survey and other correspondence indicating we need to get more Owner involvement. The Owners are seeing the value of lean project principles and will be expecting an educated and qualified supply chain.

Speaking of which, the Target Value Design program is set for Cincinnati for August 24. Please sign up early for this provocative program. It is one of the first national presentations dedicated to this important lean concept and helps open up the conversation of “what is lean in design?”

I’ll have a full report on the Board meeting and the results of the Survey next month. Thanks to all of you that took the time to respond. We’re still taking responses—click on http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9MPLF93 to respond.