



Our Communities of Practice can and should be the heart of the lean learning exchanges we offer at LCI. This month they are moving from “should be” to “are” in that exchange. Although we still offer the Lean Introduction to new communities and bring that message into newer markets (see the **Chicago CoP** kick off below), we are beginning to enhance the advanced delivery of knowledge through the CoP offerings this month. The second day of the Chicago kick off is an example with deeper dives into the use of BIM as a lean tool and the use of Last Planner® by Skender Construction on projects.

The **New England CoP** will explore Target Value Design with LCI Board member Hal Macomber of Lean Project Consulting. Board Member Will Lichtig of Boldt will present at the annual Seattle AIA Exploration into lean but will stay over the next day to present, in **Cascadia CoP** Core Group Member John Strickland’s words: “a workshop, lasting approximately 4 hours, entitled “Lean as a Counter-Measure for Major Project Risks”. The idea is this would be highly inter-active rather than a lecture or a seminar. We will likely engage the participants in the effort to identify major project risks, and then use breakout sessions to analyze the root cause for each, and then see if there is a common denominator.” John’s with corporate sponsor CH2MHill.

The **Northern California CoPs** (both branches) will reprise the report “Lean Transformation on Small Projects” from the Congress on November 9 and 10th this week. If you’re in the area, you shouldn’t miss this one as it features, among others, **Ranee Duvall** of Young Electric, a favorite of the Congress audience. This week in Denver, the **Colorado CoP** is sponsoring learning about Choosing by Advantages.

Next week, a selected group from the **Ohio Valley CoP** will be touring the Toyota Georgetown, Kentucky plant. The **Arizona CoP** will be heading to the airport to review work Weitz has done on the Sky Train using lean principles. The **Carolinas CoP** will hear from Messer Construction how they undertook their lean transformation with the benefits and rocks they’ve found along the road. In **San Diego**, that **CoP** will sponsor a deep dive into how the San Diego Community College District, perhaps our most innovative public owner example of lean implementation, has undertaken to incorporate lean principles into their entire program.

December will kick off with a tour of the Parkland Hospital facility in Dallas, now under construction. The **DFW-LCI CoP** will conduct tours of the site where the 2.1 million square foot building is under construction, the 60,000 square foot prefab warehouse and the capacious VCM room where Last Planner® stickie walls join with the latest in technology.

Board member George Zettel will be in Tampa with the **Central Florida CoP** reporting on “what Owners are saying about lean construction” later in December. Nice choice George—Tampa, in December.



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Our CoPs are not only delivering programming, they also engaged in community outreach. I reported last week on the successful launch of the **Mid-Atlantic CoP**. In addition to that, Mike Kotubey, of the **Kansas City CoP** and MMC Contractors, reports that he recently presented a Lean Presentation for the Construction Management Dept at University of Central Missouri. Board member Sam Spata along with Turner Construction's Jim Barrett facilitated development of the **New York City CoP**'s mission:

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To drive the continuous improvement of NYC's unique design, construction and development community. Our research and educational programs promote and support collaborative practices and team accountability to maximize project value, efficiency and reliability for all stakeholders.

Our friends at P2SL have announced their upcoming programs below—notably the Built in Quality plan reviews are being restarted using Cathedral Hill's process development as the first example. Check out those offerings below. The **CURT** meeting is this week—by the time you get this, you'll still have time to get to Chandler for the last day.

I know most of the things highlighted here are highlighted below. However, experience teaches us that few people get beyond the first page or two of the Newsletter update. Go a bit further every week and you'll find the greatest resources we offer to the Community at LCI—our robust Communities of Practice. Thanks to all the core leaders for all you do and thanks to all of you who support our CoPs.