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The holiday season is hard upon us, just as the meeting season concludes. We have at least one more meeting this year, however. Thanks to Steve Warnick of Austin Commercial, we're meeting on November 15th with representatives of the insurance industry at IRMI in San Diego to discuss issues related to specific policies tailored to Integrated Project Delivery models. Greg Howell and I will attend for LCI. Ed Littleton from Balfour Beatty, Will Lichtig and Karen Conrod from Boldt, Mark Conover from DPR and Manual Coalco from Linbeck will be present. This begins the process of addressing the specific needs of our community to have more responsive insurance available for IPD projects at a price representative of the lower risk such projects merit. We're planning on following this with a general meeting in February addressing insurance issues.

The Board restructuring meeting was postponed to allow a smaller working group to develop a proposal. Thanks to all of you who submitted resumes and indicated an interest to participate at the Board or committee level. We hope to finalize something before year's end and announce it by the 1st of January.

Videos from the 13th Annual Congress should be available this week. Jim Stone will be loading links on the website and we'll place directions for accessing them on the opening page. If you attended the conference you will remember that we had two videographers present. They have created replications of the presentations more redolent of Ted.com quality videos. These videos will be available to members only until April 1, 2012, when they will be released for general availability. Let me know if you think the efforts were worth it and whether this format is preferable to the Camtasia captures we've done in the past. We'll be making Greg Howell's and Glenn Ballard's Pioneer Award acceptance speech (done jointly) available publicly so that you can share this with your clients, friends and colleagues. It is a terrific synopsis of how they "got into this fine mess" in the first place. We'll also be making the "what I enjoyed about the Congress" video publicly available as well. Make sure you save the dates for the 14th Annual Congress to be held in Washington D.C. from October 9 through the 12th. That will be only a month before the next Presidential election and Washington should be particularly electric. We'll be concentrating on public owners at all levels. Thanks in advance to Mark Konchar of Balfour Beatty, Chair of the Congress Committee and his team (especially Greg Richards) for their hard work in securing a venue in a very tight market.



Look for Greg Howell's review of the Lean in the Public Sector Conference in Brisbane soon.



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Finally, look for your corporate member renewal invoices in the next week or so. We want to give you time to include your support in your 2012 Budget Cycle. Thanks for all you do.