



At the heart of our shared community of practice is the idea we share our learning. We've asked those that participate in local communities of practice to do just that. And that shared learning is what makes those communities so valuable. Greg Howell decided that such a shared experience is what we should be doing with the material that we jealously have guarded on the website. As of this week, we've instructed our webmaster to make all current material on the site available to the public.

We will still have restrictions on new material: newly developed material will be "members only" for 90 days before we release it in the public domain. That keeps the value of early access open to members only.

We do this with some trepidation. Associations and their websites generally have member only material. That is an answer to the question we often get: "what do I get for being a member?" We don't offer U.S. Open hats or recycled grocery bags and limited access has been a sales point for some. But we're trying to answer the "what do I get question" in a different way—you help drive industry transformation by being a member. And that transformation cannot happen unless the power of the ideas we're gathering and collating can be disseminated to a broad audience.

What are those ideas? They're made manifest in the conferences we hold and tape; in the Lean Construction Journal and in the myriad of other papers posted on our site. They're also manifest in the offerings of the Communities of Practice and national offerings we tell you about every week in this space.

In that vein, and in the vein of great progress moving forward, we've asked our web master to post this week a new glossary. This one has been developed by Will Lichtig and Greg Howell to update the one that's been on the site for many years. Thanks to Will and Greg for their fine work and thanks to Leon La Jeunesse of Custom Contracting in Chicago for asking permission (at least 30 days ago) to republish the Glossary. That led our follow up with Will and Greg to get their fine work posted. Thanks Leon!

Part of our shared learning experience is the delivery of the Introduction to Lean, which Greg will do next week (March 21) in his former home town of Albuquerque. He'll be presenting with Charles Rountree, Hap Richardson and Morgan Kramm. I'm on tap to do the same in New York on May 23 and 24. Tariq Abdelhamid and I will be in Boulder May 14-16 for the Academic Forum. The first day will feature a variety of simulations we use in the Community and I'm hoping we'll have the Parade of Trades™ and the Make a Card™ Game packaged and ready for sale by that time.



You'll notice below great activity in the Communities of Practice. Romano Nickerson and Dave MacNeel, two LCI member warhorses, will be addressing separate CoPs—Romano in Dallas on March 22 and Dave kicking off the first meeting of the Birmingham, Alabama CoP on March 28. New York will be introducing Lean NYC/LCI in a two hour presentation at Silverstein Properties' location at 7 World Trade Center on March 29 (thanks to David Worsley). Board Member Hal Macomber will be on hand as will longtime friend and support Jim Barrett of Turner.

Andreas Phelps of Balfour Beatty will be discussing integrating information—a subject he covered in his thesis and now in a book—at the Nor Cal CoP this week on the 14th and 15th. Interested in IPD in public projects? San Diego's CoP presents Thomas Remensperger and Richard Nowicki on March 15 to discuss a San Diego Community College District Project. Ted Angelo of Grunau brings his enthusiasm and experience to Central Florida on March 21 to talk about BIM and team building. Cherie Irvin of the Devenney Group and Tracy Brown, Regional Manager for Interstates Construction talk to the Phoenix CoP about their journeys in lean on the 21st. Tariq Abdelhamid speaks to the Chicago CoP about what Executives need to know about lean construction on the 22nd.

The NorCal CoP's year-long effort to train the trainers will result in Bill Whipple (HGA), Sara Zdarko (Pankow), Paulo Napolitano (Herrero) and Henry Nutt (Southland) presenting a ½ day Introduction to Lean in Fairfield on April 11. Pre-registration is important to that workshop so sign up today.