



## Lean Construction Institute

Building Knowledge in Design and Construction

Greg Howell's missive arrived today along with the first of what will undoubtedly prove to be a 100 or more days in a row when the temperature in Dallas tops 100°. Thank goodness for his recount of our continued collaboration with CURT and the very successful Design Forum.

As Greg mentioned, thanks to all those who have responded regarding committee assignments. More than 30 emails with a variety of requests have been received to date. In addition, research ideas, sources and funding vehicles are on the top of our wish list. Another reminder: the Call for Presentations at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress has a deadline of July 25, 2012 so please send us your ideas on topics you might present on. We're also looking for best presentations from Communities of Practice and interesting talks you've heard others make that contributed to your knowledge and understanding of how you do your work. We concentrating on helping public owners navigate through the procurement challenges so that they can benefit from lean principles and procedures. Catalyzing the design and construction industry means the whole industry, including our public project managers.

Speaking of the 25<sup>th</sup>, I'll be in temperate Birmingham, Alabama on July 25 to present an Introduction to Lean Construction. Introductions are our usual way of "kicking off" a new Community of Practice, but thanks to John Gill (SSOE Group) and his Core Group, the Birmingham group is well underway. In Cincinnati in August, Nick Apanius (Messer Construction) and I will be looking at the use of Last Planner® in Design Management for the Ohio Valley Community of Practice. This is a topic generating much conversation these days so make your plans early.

Thanks to our constant friend and evangelist George Zettel (Turner Construction). Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, George will be in Denver with a ½ day workshop entitled "What is Lean Construction, Part I". The workshop is hosted by the Colorado Community of Practice and follows the Wednesday evening social gathering of the CCOP at Vita in Denver (sponsored by G H Phipps Construction). A few weeks later, July 12, George will be in Boca Raton presenting 2 hours of Lean Construction to the Florida Educational Facilities Planners' Association annual meeting.

We are pleased this year that the International Group for Lean Construction will hold its annual meeting in San Diego, from July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Last year's event in Lima, Peru hosted over 500 people on industry day. Presenters include Greg Howell and Glenn Ballard as well as new LCI Board Member Jeff Liker. LCI members Dave Umstot (San Diego Community College District) and Howard Ashcraft (Hanson & Bridgett) will share their experiences in lean integration and IPD project development, respectively. David Van Wyk of Disney, Randy Leopold of U. C. San Diego and Wendy Cohen of Palomar Pomerado Health will discuss the owner's expectations, challenges and experience. New LCI Board Member Ken Walsh and his San Diego State Faculty group (including Dean David Hayhurst and Professor Thais Alves) will be hosting the event. Dr. Iris Tommelein of U. C. Berkeley and P2SL is the science chair.

The IGLC event will be your chance to visit with scholars and industry professionals from around the world to explore implementation of lean design and construction principles in a variety of



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venues with a variety of procurement challenges. Owner presentations predominate. To fully understand the extent of the lean revolution in our built environment, you must attend the conference (registration details below).

David Mar of Tipping Mar (and part of the collaboration team on most of our Design Forums) will discuss his experiences in Set Based Design in Fairfield, California for the NorCal Community of Practice on July 12. That same night but 3 hours earlier, the Carolinas Community of Practice will host a DPR trio (Steve Gray, Chris Franklin and Lance Wafler) will discuss two Carolina projects DPR did for Facebook in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The lean offerings in the next few weeks are, let's actually say it, extraordinarily valuable. I hope to see you a session soon.