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A note from Anne O'Donnell, our director of membership services who supports our **Communities of Practice: Please consider sharing** your CoP's resources for the upcoming Community of Practice "Resource" section of the LCI Website. This resource section will serve as a platform to share and learn. Please help by submitting your CoP resources: annual budget, marketing flyers, e-newsletter samples, bylaws, core-group vetting process, etc. By sharing, we are building stronger communities and furthering the practice of Lean. And as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please let me know – I'm here to help! anne@leanconstruction.org.

Speaking of our CoPs, we would be remiss not to acknowledge the good work of **LCI's Practice Committee (Jack Avery, Sellen, chairman)**, most recently in helping us improve our Community of Practice Formation Guide. The team has been reviewing evaluation criteria, planning the Community of Practice meeting which will take place during the 2013 LCI Congress, and working to strengthen all of LCI's Communities of Practice. For more info: anne@leanconstruction.org.

While in Atlanta last week I had the pleasure of meeting with our **Atlanta CoP core group, led by Webb Embry**. The group is going gangbusters in terms of establishing a strong LCI presence in Georgia, a key developing market for LC. They meet frequently to plan activities, and are working hard to get their formation documents finalized. It's great to see their energy and enthusiasm in planning for a kickoff event in the fall that will really jump start our activity there.

Our "Interim Executive Director Emeritus," **Dick Bayer, continues to do wonderful missionary work on behalf of Lean** as a discipline and of LCI. Dick's latest contribution comes in the form of an article in *The Military Engineer*, the periodical magazine of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). Dick has been working with SAME for some time now to help them and their membership understand the benefits of Lean Construction and encourage its use among the SAME constituency. In the interview-style article Dick touches on the mission of LCI, the basic principles of Lean Construction, benefits of Lean tools and techniques, and other highlights. The full article may be found here – just click on the second reference under **LCI News & Events** <http://www.leanconstruction.org/news/>. Congratulations Dick, and thanks for continuing to carry the torch and spread the word to new organizations and constituencies.

I was honored recently by the **invitation to sit in on a three-day Lean Boot Camp produced by JE Dunn** in Atlanta under the leadership of Dan Kaufman, president of JE Dunn's East Region, and Rebecca Bettler, who produces and leads these Boot Camp training opportunities for the company across the regions in which JE Dunn is active. (Many of you know Rebecca from her consulting days at LPC, plus presentations at the LCI Congress and other forums.) The training was invaluable, especially participating in a dry-run pull planning activity, as well as the range of simulation-type games like *Parade of Trades*® that reinforce learning at a practical level. The full list of take-aways was too numerous to cite here, but the experience was fundamentally helpful. A few personal insights I came away with: Involve everyone on the project, since the more you collaborate, the better your results will be; be reliable at making achievable commitments - trust is instrumental to success; small changes made consistently yield big results; facilitate, don't dictate - the clarification/negotiation process is a major part of the value; pull planning is designed to forge agreement on the sequence of project activity, not on creating a hard and fast schedule from the get go; let the trades work out their differences – don't be authoritarian in forcing decisions too quickly. For those of you steeped in Lean project work, these admittedly are rather basic insights. But as these and similar findings emerged in the course of training, it was exciting and fun to see those just getting exposed to the basics catch on and catch fire with regard to the real potential of Lean project delivery. And it's not hard to envision corporate-wide commitment on this scale driving competitive advantage in multiple markets.



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I'm pleased to advise that as this newsletter goes out, we are in the process of **contacting presenters at the Fall Congress to let them know that their abstracts to speak have been accepted**. A final draft program should be posted to our website within the next week or so. It is going to be a great event again this year, with plenty of presentations dealing with both the design and construction aspects of Lean, so please register soon. Sponsorship opportunities are also available now. Please [click here to sponsor](#) / [click here to register](#) For additional sponsorship INFO: Anne O'Donnell anne@leanconstruction.org.

Thanks for helping LCI *Transform Design and Construction* through Lean project delivery.

Sincerely,

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