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Having just returned from Dallas and a planning session with our **2013 Congress planning team**, I want to encourage all of you out there to think about submitting an abstract or two for the team's consideration and inclusion in this year's program. We **received numerous abstracts in response to last week's deadline, but many more are still needed** to ensure a truly outstanding program. For this reason, we are extending the response deadline another two weeks, to June 17. Let us hear from you! Hundreds of your colleagues from across the industry and the Lean community stand to benefit from your insights, and LCI really needs your talent and commitment as a presenter if we are going to continue to push the state of the art and promote ongoing innovation and transformation in Lean design and construction.

Our 2013 Congress Planning Team: Our thanks to Bernita Beikmann (KHS), Stewart Trapino (Linbeck) and Romano Nickerson (Boulder Associates) for serving as our core planning team for Dallas 2013, as well as Steve Warnick of the DFW Community of Practice who has assisted us in the planning effort.

Speaking of great teams and programs, **we're looking forward to another outstanding Design Forum** June 13-14 in Colorado Springs. This year's program includes a variety of exceptional speakers who will address key issues in the Design side of Lean. We have specifically designed this year's program to provide significantly more reflection and dialogue than previously, with the goal of enhancing learning and collaborative reflection among the audience and our presenters. If you have yet to sign up, there is still time to join us. The registration and agenda materials may be accessed via <http://lci-design-06-2013.eventbrite.com/#>. **AIA CES credits are available.**

We thank our **Design Forum sponsors**-Newforma and Chameleon Consulting Group!



LCI HQ has moved – Our offices have just relocated from our temporary sublet arrangement with the Associated General Contractors to our own permanent digs a bit further east in Rosslyn (Arlington), VA. The new location allows us to take advantage of substantial conference facilities that overlook the Potomac and Washington DC. The facility also provides us with reception services, phone, and internet services at no additional charge, plus ample free parking for staff and visitors – a significant benefit not easily found in DC. As a member benefit for LCI corporate members with business in the DC area, we will be pleased to host meetings for you on request based on our ability to use the on-site conference rooms up to 24 hours per month for free. The rooms all have commanding views of the nation's capital. We also plan to make this the new venue of choice for the local Community of Practice meetings, and hope to offer Lean training here locally as well. The **new address is 1400 North 14th Street, 12th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209**. If you are working or traveling here locally, arrange to come by and visit us.

AGC: A great partner and friend to LCI: I want to sincerely thank CEO Stephen Sandherr, COO Dave Lukens, and all the staff at AGC for their graciousness in hosting our little operation as we got ourselves up and running in the DC area. Steve, Dave and the senior staff at AGC have cultivated an outstanding team environment across the organization, and as an outsider coming in for just a few months, this was readily apparent in how well everyone works together and how graciously they embraced Anne O'Donnell and me as colleagues and friends. We will miss their friendship and support, but are pleased that our new location is just minutes away. So, we'll be back on occasion. Thanks so much, AGC!



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In our ongoing efforts to reach out to all the association players in design and construction, **I recently had the chance to meet with Vince Sandusky, CEO of SMACNA** – the trade association for the sheet metal and HVAC trades. Vince shared with me a report of the SMACNA-supported New Horizons Foundation, which analyzes the future outlook for their members. Among the findings suggesting a bright future for Lean in this trade specialty are the following: The trades will need to position themselves now for a future in which IPD and prefabrication will continue to gain market share; training focused on leadership and management skills is a must for the trade; Lean will be a requirement (along with BIM and other productivity tools) to be competitive in the HVAC market of 2018; and owners, A/E firms, CMs and GCs increasingly will expect their trades partners to better coordinate and communicate on projects. We intend to cite and incorporate more of the report's findings on the LCI website, and will provide you with the URL when this is accomplished. We also will be developing a more formal partnership agreement with groups like SMACNA over time, dealing with training opportunities in Lean tools and techniques, as well as other areas of cooperation and mutual support.

AIA's all-new 2013 Virtual Expo is an interactive 3D environment that mirrors the live trade-show experience. Create an avatar and explore the exhibition floor, chat live with exhibitors and other expo visitors, exchange business cards, and view live interviews and product demonstrations from the 2013 AIA National Convention. Best of all, enter AIA's sweepstakes for your chance to win free AIA Continuing Education courses, Amazon gift cards, iPads, and more. The Virtual Convention and Expo are open—LIVE and online—from June 19 to June 22, 2013. [Click here](#) to learn more. And, through June 14th or until supplies last, purchase a Simulcast package to receive a FREE copy of the popular coffee table book *Architecture: Celebrating the Past, Designing the Future*, edited by Nancy B. Solomon while supplies last.

Thanks as always to all of you for helping LCI ***Transform Design and Construction*** through Lean.

Sincerely,

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