



## Lean Construction Institute

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Many of us in the community refer to Greg Howell as our “Guru.” He’s uncomfortable with the term and he reminds me of it when I use it. But I use it in the most respectful (if sometimes playful) way. I’m apparently not the only one. Last week, Greg was honored by the National Academy of Construction and inducted into the organization. He was recognized for “Leadership in performance and process improvement in all industry sectors through the formation and successful growth of the Lean Construction Institute.” Greg fits well within the mission of the organization—to recognize and honor “individuals for their distinguished contributions to the Industry and offers this reservoir of expertise as a valuable service to the Nation.” Apparently, he has finally lived up to his oft expressed felicitations to others—a “grateful nation thanks you.” Greg, your grateful community thanks you and congratulates you on this wonderful achievement. (I’ll bet they didn’t give you a cool Charles Russell sculpture).



Larry Stival of Air Products reports that the Mid-Atlantic Community of Practice kick-off last week was a success. Over 40 people attended, more than ½ of whom were new to lean and interested in learning more. Thanks to Bill Seed at UHS and Tom Mutchler of Air Products for presenting there. Leading with Owners is a great way to start your COP journey.

The Board will be meeting in mid-November to consider organizational issues. If you are interested in Board service or service on a Committee of the Board, please forward me or Donna Pemberton your resume, credentials and interest so we can review our possible resources going forward.

It is not too late to sign up for the Construction Users Roundtable meeting in Chandler, Arizona this coming Monday through Wednesday, November 7, 8 and 9. We have an on-going strategic partnership with CURT and we’d like to support their efforts by getting our members at their annual convention.

Note that AIA is now co-sponsoring the Lean Design Forum events. We’ll be announcing the dates soon—the first event will be in January or February in Berkeley and will be co-hosted by P2SL. If you have thoughts about the program you would like to see, please forward them to me for distribution to the Committee.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress will be held October 9-12, 2012 in Arlington, Virginia. Save the date! This will be less than a month from the Presidential Elections and should be a thrilling time to be in D.C.



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Upcoming lean introductions include the November 17-18 kick-off of the Chicago chapter. I'll be helping deliver that program in Chicago (of all places). Will Lichtig has agreed to instruct an Introduction in Seattle on December 14, following the Seattle AIA's annual lean conversation that takes place on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Look in next week's update for more information about sign up for both events.

Hope Halloween was happy and productive for you and your family.