



# Lean Construction Institute

Building Knowledge in Design and Construction

We had a whirlwind week in St. Louis, starting with the first meeting of the new Board of Directors last Tuesday. The Board confirmed and reiterated its commitment to the Mission of LCI: “We serve as a catalyst for transforming the design and construction industry to deliver value using lean principles and practices.” To serve that mission, LCI will concentrate on four basic areas:

- Standards:
  - § Clear standards for lean performance [Standards]
  - § Develop a common language
  - § Develop fundamental principles
  - § Develop basic practices
  - § Assessments
- Research: Lean production principles are seen as science for industry transformation
- Education:
  - § Pedagogy for lean project delivery [Education]
  - § Awareness
  - § Learning
  - § Understanding
  - § Action
- Practice:
  - § COPs in top markets [Practice]
  - § Local communities of practice
  - § Relationships with other Associations
  - § Congress and meetings
  - § Website
  - § International

No Board, no matter how strong, can do all the work of an Association however. That’s where you come in. As members, we rely on you for many things—participation in Communities of Practice, sharing your experiences with lean with other practitioners, fostering and developing research. We also need to add to your list, helping us accomplish the daunting mission of LCI. If you think about it, “transforming the design and construction industry” is a pretty big challenge. Yet, with your help, we’re fairly confident we can make that happen.

We are looking for several good people to help lead the Committees of LCI that will do the hard work of driving the mission forward. Committee assignments include:

- Research
- Standards
- Communities of Practice
- Meetings and Conferences
- Education



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Please let me know if you are interested in service on one of these Committees. These positions are incredibly important to our efforts. They will define the future for us. Consequently, they are the road to understanding about and increasing the power of LCI as the voice of lean in design and construction. Committee service will be the key to moving into leadership roles in LCI. With your help, we'll build the foundations for LCI as well as the future of our industry and its relationship to the built environment.

Thanks for all you've done so far—but great challenges lie ahead. "Of those to whom much is given, much is expected." I'll be awaiting your response.