



I can't believe it's Monday after the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress. This is usually our post mortem, saying thanks to all those that helped us through it. That list is way long this year, but I'll get to that in a moment. Let me tell you what we celebrate in thanking those folks:



- Added Bill Seed, Will Lichtig and Paul Reiser to the pantheon of Pioneers honored by LCI for significant, seminal contributions;
- Increased attendees from 160 folks in Boulder in 2010 to 224 folks in Pasadena in 2011 to 330 participants for the Wednesday session in Arlington, Virginia (the room comfortably held 300) in 2012;
- Increased the number of presentations from 17 to more than 30;
- Increased the speed of the videos to the Web (the Owners panel on Wednesday morning should be available on the website by tomorrow at the latest, with several videos following this week);
- Increased participation over 100 companies;
- Countries represented included the United States, Canada, the U.K., the Netherlands, Brazil, China, India, Sweden and Texas;
- Representatives from almost every existing Community of Practice;
- The creation of the Four Larger committees with Board leadership and the start of truly taking LCI ideas out to the Committees and the membership;
- Terrific leadership from Mark Konchar and his committee; and
- Spectacular support from the National Capital Regions Community of Practice.

So, who to thank?

We can start with Mark Konchar as overall Conference Chair and the six champions that led the various sessions: Bernita Beikmann, Chris Dierks, Todd Henderson, Will Lichtig, Romano Nickerson and Victor Sanvido. We had broader Board support this year and thank Markku Allison, Michael Bade, Craig Beale, David Crawford, Chuck Greco, Craig Mulford, Craig Russell, Victor Sanvido, Bill Seed, Mike Stark, and Tom Sorley (by phone) for appearing at the Congress and kicking off the presentations, as well as the Committees.



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Greg Howell (not only as President of LCI) and Glenn Ballard added their invaluable contributions. It is amazing to get their context over the life of the organization and on where we've landed after all these years.

The National Capital Region Community of Practice really stepped up this year. Haley Smith and Tim Wakely of Balfour Beatty joined Aimee Fogarty of Suffolk and Susan Kleinman of Haley Aldrich in anchoring the procedural part of the conference, actually running much of the AV for the presentations. Suffolk contributed thumb drives as part of their sponsorship and all contributed hugely to the success of the Congress.

We could never do what we do without the great work of Donna Pemberton and Shannyn Heyer.

As the search for the "real" Executive Director continues, I was certainly happy that this wonderful, East Coast based (who would've thunk) Congress was so successful. Although I've never actually seen a swan sing, it's quite a swan song. Thanks everyone and, as always,

Be safe.