



Introducing the editorial board

Articles for LMJ are reviewed and audited by our experienced editorial board. They give guidance on what topics to pursue in the journals content and suggest ways to develop articles which are submitted for publication. They also provide impartial comment against articles in the journal – highlighting the key learning points for readers and suggesting next steps.

Here the board briefly describe their backgrounds and the focus for their current work in the field of lean improvement.

Jacob Austad LeanTeam, Denmark

Since to late 1980's I have worked as an internal consultant and manager in both public sector, logistics, manufacturing and financial services. In 2002 I became team leader for the first lean promotion office within financial services in Denmark. Since 2004 I have translated and published three John Bicheno books and recently finished the translation of Peter Hines' et al *Staying Lean*. I am currently working on the completion of my own lean publication.

Bill Bellows Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne

For the past 19 years, I have served as an internal consultant for Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne. My interest in effective thinking developed during my early career as a heat transfer engineer when my interests evolved from a study of the diffusion of heat and mass to the diffusion of the wisdom of Taguchi and Deming.

John Bicheno Lean Enterprise Research Centre, Cardiff Business School

My interest in Lean is essentially 'bottom up' since I believe that strategy emerges from an understanding of both processes and customers at gemba. I have particular interests in lean scheduling, continuous improvement, measurement, design, layout, and service systems. But, after 35 years in operations, I am still learning about lean.

Norman Bodek PCS Press

I have met and learned from the lean masters; W. Edwards Deming, Dr. Kaoru Ishikawa, Phil Crosby. Their lessons shape the publications and events of the Productivity Press. I am co-founder of the Shingo Prize for operational excellence.

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Brenton Harder Credit Suisse

An early career in the US Marines gave me a first-hand appreciation for the power of process-based execution and the need for speed, efficiency, and elimination of waste in all facets of operations. Leaving the military, I used this experience with General Electric to reduce the complexity and volume of work-in-process in a variety of industries. For the past ten years, I have leveraged lean management in the financial services to drive cost transparency and lead time reductions in both back and front office operations.

Zoe Radnor Warwick Business School

As a reader in operations management at Warwick Business School my main interest area is in performance and process improvement in public services. I am currently a fellow of the Advanced Institute of Management (AIM) where I am investigating the sustainability of lean in public services. My experience includes time as project manager of a research project for the Scottish Executive which evaluated how lean techniques were and could be used in the public sector as well as evaluations of the implementation of lean and associated techniques in HM Revenue and Customs, HM Court Services and, in HealthCare organisations. I am currently working on project 'SLIM' which aims to develop a Strategic Lean Implementation Methodology for Hospitals.

Ebly Sanchez Volvo Group

My background has been in the development and implementation of lean management practices in the automotive industry. My main concerns for the progression of lean centre around the support of cultural change. I see widespread difficulty for manufacturing organisations in applying lean beyond the manufacturing process. I believe it is impossible to achieve world-class levels of competitiveness if lean is not also implemented in project development, supply and purchasing.

Peter Watkins GKN

I am responsible for developing and implementing the lean enterprise and business excellence approach for GKN in 130 facilities and 30 countries for over 40000 employees. I introduced flow of value thinking into the organisation to transform traditional management approaches. I have a particular interest in the role of leaders, at all levels in organisational structures, in supporting sustainable lean improvement.

Wendy Wilson Warwick Manufacturing Group, University of Warwick

I joined WMG in 1996 as a Senior Teaching Fellow. Prior to this I worked in manufacturing operations for both Toyota and Rolls-Royce, where I gained my MSc in Manufacturing Systems Engineering. During my time at WMG, I have observed two distinct viewpoints on lean thinking. Firstly that lean is concerned with the elimination of waste. Secondly that regarding lean in this isolating way is very limiting and that value streaming needs to start with the marketplace with a rich understanding of who the customers are and what they value.

Dr. Keivan Zokaei SA Partners

I am a management consultant, researcher and lean thinker. I am head of operational research with SA Partners and pursue my lean interests in the academic world as an Honorary Fellow at Warwick University. I have authored numerous articles on lean thinking as well as various reports for government departments and industrial bodies on lean and systems thinking. I have also featured on BBC Radio and acted as an advisor to the Auditor General for Wales. My main areas of interest are lean and systems thinking, supply chain and operations management, and lean and green.