IPI Committees

An overview of International Partnering Institute Committees

How do I get involved with IPI?
In order to get involved with one of our national committees, you must be a Member of IPI. You may call into one committee meeting as a guest attendee. Up to five individuals from your company can sit on various committees to lead your organization to the cutting edge of Partnering.

What are IPI’s Committees and what do they do?
Committees are the lifeblood of International Partnering Institute. We currently have six international committees and we are launching a new Facilitator Partnering Emphasis Group (PEG). The duration and frequency of meetings depends on the committee, but typically meetings are held once per month via teleconference and last 60 – 90 minutes.

Horizontal Construction Committee
Co-Chairs: Mark Leja, Caltrans
Dan Himick C.C. Myers, Inc.
The Horizontal Construction Committee is comprised of owners, contractors, designers, subs and other construction professionals. The Committee is building specifications and guidance to aid facility owners who plan to adopt the structured Collaborative Partnering approach to construction in the Engineering Construction and Transportation Sector.

Committee Achievements
• IPI Partnering Specifications
• IPI Matrix – an Assessment Tool to determine which level of Partnering your project requires
• Owner Peer Mentor Program
• Sharing Lessons Learned: Committee developed Q&A for “IPI CollaborNation”
• Identifies Industry outreach opportunities

Vertical Construction Committee
Chair: Larry Eisenberg Ovus Partners 360
The Vertical Construction Committee is comprised of owners, contractors, designers, CM firms and other construction professionals. This committee has built specifications and guidance for adoption by facility owners who plan to adopt the structured Collaborative Partnering approach to construction for vertical structures and mechanical buildings.

Committee Achievements
• IPI Partnering Specifications
• IPI Matrix – an Assessment Tool to determine which level of Partnering your project requires
• Partnering Potential Indicator
• Developed presentations and assisted in delivery of CC of San Francisco Partnering Summit

New: Aviation Committee
Co-Chairs: Geoff Neumayr, SFO International Airport
Roddy Boggus, Parsons Brinckerhoff
The Aviation Committee is comprised of owners, contractors, designers, CM firms and other construction professionals. Airports face a unique set of challenges for delivering projects from Airport Terminals, to Tarmacs, to baggage handling systems and it is all done in a high-tech, secure environment. This group will focus on identifying and sharing best practices for delivering projects in this sector.

Committee Objectives
• Identify Best Practices for Partnering in the Aviation Sector
• Identify Best Practices for stakeholder involvement in construction projects
• Spread use of Collaborative Partnering worldwide

New: International Committee
Co-Chairs: John Thorsson, NCC Construction Sverige AB
Zig Rubel, Aditazz
This Committee is focused on expanding the influence of Collaborative Partnering worldwide. The objectives of this Committee are to develop educational opportunities for those interested in learning more about how Partnering is conducted overseas and to share best practices so we can ensure we are getting the most out of our project teams.

Committee Objectives
• Identify countries who are already using forms of partnering
• Develop White Papers and new materials focused on lessons learned in the US and abroad about how to deliver Collaborative Projects
• Support International Owners with developing partnering programs

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Awards Committee
Co-Chairs: David Thorman
Larry Eisenberg Ovus Partners 360

The IPI Awards Committee designs, edits and scores the IPI Award applications. IPI Awards honor individual project teams and organizations achieving high levels of Collaborative Partnering both internally and externally. The Committee meets briefly in the late summer to design and edit applications and then in the spring to score applications.

IPI Awards
- John L. Martin Partnered Project of the Year (Diamond, Ruby and Sapphire)
- IPI Partnering Champion (IPI’s Highest Honor)
- IPI Strategic Partnering Achievement Award
- IPI Excellence in Partnering Facilitation Award
- IPI Chairman’s Award

Facilitator Partnering Emphasis Group (PEG)
Co-Chairs: Jim Eisenhart Ventura Consulting Group & Sue Dyer OrgMetrics, LLC

International group launched to develop the profession of Partnering Facilitation. Deliverables include a Statement of Ethics, a process for Certification, and a path for developing regional pools of Qualified Professional Neutral Partnering Facilitators.

Committee Achievements
- Launched Facilitator Code of Ethics
- Launched Professional Facilitator Certification: Candidate, Certified, Sr. Certified & Master Level. Recipients will be honored at IPI Awards
- Develop Facilitator Standards of Practice

Research Committee
Co-Lead PI’s: Keith Molenaar CUB Sinem Korkmaz MSU

National group designing original research and seeking data relating to Partnering. IPI is now funding one research study per year with Michigan State University. The first study, focused on “Barriers to Partnering” has unearthed cultural, project team, organizational, and legislative barriers to effective implementation of Partnering. The second study is a Meta-analysis that has identified more than 170 studies related to the field of Partnering. Ultimately, this study will focus on identifying “Benefits to Partnering”.

Committee Achievements
- Partnering Research Roundup
- FTP site with more than 50 Partnering studies
- “Barriers to Partnering” Survey and Industry Report (Published June 2014)
- Meta-Analysis on Partnering Research to identify “Benefits to Partnering” (2014)

Who do I contact to join a Committee?
Call IPI (925) 447-9100 or email us at ED@partneringinstitute.org to learn more about our Committee structure and what they are currently working on. Joining an IPI Committee is the best way to get additional value out of your membership and help us change the culture of the construction industry!

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