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Dear Accounting Professor:

The 2017 Lean Accounting and Lean Management Summit will be held September 14-15 in Savannah Georgia. As always, the Summit is a wonderful opportunity to interact with practitioners and learn about recent developments and successes as well as continuing challenges they face. The company presentations provide great examples we can use to enrich our courses.

We also know that accounting academia continues to be dominated by a public accounting focus, and financial accounting, auditing, and taxation dominate the curriculum at most universities. It remains difficult to carve out space in the curriculum for managerial accounting, and especially for innovative management accounting practices in general and lean accounting in particular.

At the 2017 summit, we would like to include an after-hours session on September 14<sup>th</sup> for accounting educators to share their best practices in introducing lean accounting into the curriculum and also to share their continuing challenges. We would like to get as many past recipients of the LEAF Professor scholarship and LEI Faculty award winners as possible to attend this year's summit and participate as panelists in the after-hours session or contribute to the discussion. We can also discuss lean accounting research. What we've learned, and our successes and challenges conducting and publishing research on lean accounting. We plan to conduct the session as a webinar, so that faculty who are unable to attend the conference can also participate. As a three-time LEAF scholar and an LEI award winner, we are hoping that you will be able to attend as a panelist.

We hope you will be able to join us at the 2017 Lean Accounting and Lean Management Summit. Your experience would greatly enhance our discussion, and your presence would be an added incentive for faculty with limited exposure to lean accounting to attend the Summit. We also welcome any suggestions on how we might make the after-hours session more valuable to faculty – both faculty new to lean management and lean accounting and those with lean management and accounting experience. Andrew Bargerstock and Larry Grasso will be attending the IMAS conference in Denver June 18-21. If you will be attending, we'd love to get together with you and discuss plans for the panel discussion and webinar.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Andy Bargerstock*

*Larry Grasso*

*Jim Huntzinger*