Do you have a specific lean topic you’re interested in? Would you like to “go and see” what others are doing? If so….

We invite you to attend our “Special Interest Groups” that are dedicated to learning, implementing, growing, and sharing a particular lean topic. Examples of such topics include:

- Toyota Kata
- Shingo
- Lean coaching
- Lean / quality metrics
- Kanban implementation
- ISO, or even
- Gemba walking

You can even submit a topic that you’re interested in, and the AME Cleveland Consortium will consider taking it on!

**SI groups are composed of three to five participating companies.**

Your AME Cleveland Consortium facilitator works with representatives from your company to establish an overall plan for the SI group. **Elements / execution of a plan are:**

- Document where each company is currently at relative to the lean topic.
- Develop assessment criteria for “world class” performance.
- Each company submits a brief implementation plan with key milestones. (A3)
- Mini roundtable collaboration meetings are scheduled – Report progress, hurdles, issues, success stories, collaborate to get ideas.
- Schedule and execute any informal benchmark collaboration activities.
- Consortium facilitator to research outside expertise if required. Seek outside benchmark if team desires.
- Groundbreaking joint development of lean topic and sharing of best practices.
- Short presentation given at roundtable collaboration sessions. Non SI consortium members give feedback.

**Timeframe:**

Depends on the nature of the topic. Essentially whatever time frame is necessary, but hope to keep the SI subgroups to 4 to 12 months. The team ultimately decides the overall time frame.

**Benefits:**

Joining a Special Interest Group brings many benefits to members:

- Promotes effective collaboration – at ground level!
- Establish a meaningful comparative baseline. Hear and see firsthand what other companies are doing and compare to your own company’s performance!
- Bring in new ideas to each company’s implementation plans.
- Provides a greater understanding of the topic through collaboration with Cleveland’s top lean experts!
- Promotes accountability.
- Peer recognition.

For a limited time your company can join a Special Interest Group for as little as $500.