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Chairman's Message
By Doug Knight
Canadian Region Chair

Good News From Paris

The member-driven governance structure in YPO is producing results. Incoming chapter chairs have virtually every chapter around the world met in Paris in February for the second annual Global Leadership Congress.

Chair agents, delegates were not shy in giving grassroots direction to the board. From budgets to education, to re-certification and communication, members spoke clearly and the board responded swiftly.

Global trustees have been returned to good health with prudent fiscal management, diversified overheads and the separation of advisory functions and the management team from the general chair panel.

Over the past year the number of shares, interest sessions has been increased substantially. Business appeal to a much wider group of YPOs and are now consistently among the top-rated international events.

We had an outstanding success with our first Canadian regional seminar. Thanks to the excellent work of event chair Michael Stone and the committee of François de Gange, Braden, Bruce MacCormack and Jeff Spivey, more than 100 members, representing every chapter in the country, met in Toronto in January for a price of \$1,000. Everyone walked away with a Blackberry and a...

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