



**Ken Priestman**

EO Toronto  
WEO President, FY2002/2003

Ken Priestman was elected the 6th International President of WEO. YEO and WEO celebrated the 5,000 combined membership goal, aided by the addition of eleven new chapters. This year also marked an emphasis on philanthropy.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- In 2002, EO was formed as a result of several years of discussion and debate surrounding the most effective way to govern the two organizations, YEO and WEO. The EO Committee resolved to adopt a formal statement of its conceptual, entrepreneurial mission: “The premier peer-to-peer global community, network, and resource for entrepreneurs.”
- The WEO Annual Conference was held from 19-22 September, 2002 in San Francisco, California, USA for 75 members and guests. Chairperson of the event was Joe Preis.
- The Birthing of Giants Program celebrated its 10 year reunion from 23-26 October, 2002 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA for 50 graduates. Chairperson of the event was Verne Harnish.
- The European Conference was held from 31 October – 3 November, 2002 in Paris, France. Chairperson of the event was Geoffroy Wallier.
- A first-ever, White House meeting of Presidents was held on 23 January, 2003.
- The Global Leadership Conference was held 8-10 May, 2003 in Washington, DC, USA for 362 participants. Chairperson of the event was Matt Stewart.
- Birthing of Giants was held May/June 2003 in Dedham, Massachusetts, USA. Chairperson of the events was Verne Harnish.
- The Kauffman Community Award was created as a way to recognize philanthropic endeavors of YEO and WEO.