

IOA TODAY

Bringing you Ostomy related news from around the world

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

This is the last issue of the year and will mark seven years of bringing you Ostomy related news from around the world.

There is still one more regional conference happening this year. The Asian Ostomy Association Conference will take place November 14-16, 2008. For more information please visit

<http://www.joa-net.org/contents/en/index.htm>.

Starting off in 2009 North & Central American & Caribbean Ostomy Association (NCACOA) Regional Meeting February 4-7, 2009 will take place in the City of Colima, State of Colima, Mexico. If you are interested in attending this event please visit:

<http://www.ostomyinternational.org/Forms/NCACOARegionalConference.pdf>

UOAA will be holding their 2nd conference. This one will be held August 5-8 2009 in the city of New Orleans. I personally live about 2.5 hours east of there. I can tell you it is a happening city. If you are able to attend this event you will not only enjoy the conference but the city. Let the Good Times Roll. For more information please visit their Website: <http://www.uoaa.org>.

Stuart Schaefer
Editor IOA TODAY

FROM THE IOA PRESIDENT

Greetings From Mumbai India to my all fellow Ostomates throughout the World.

We will be celebrating next 4 days Diwali Festival (Festival of Lights) in India with the New Hindu Calendar Year beginning on Wednesday, 29th October 2008. My Greetings for Diwali & Happy New Year to all my Indian friends in India and abroad.

There are lots of activities going on in different regions of IOA in the world. To start with in

September 2008, there was a Lions for Stoma Care Training Program for Nurses & Doctors of Bolivia in Santa Cruz followed by Training in ISCAP & Visitors Training by Ms. Di Bracken (IPP) & myself to the representatives of different countries of ALADO. The entire training program was very successful and well received. We have charted a Program for further Development of Training to Nurses in South America for next 3 years. There is a strong possibility of starting a Spanish speaking ET School in Cordoba, Argentina very soon.

There was a Workshop on Twinning Program during EOA Meeting in Brno in September 2008. I believe this was also very successful.

There will be an AOA Meeting in Tokyo, Japan in November 2008. There will be election of new office bearers. There will be another Training Program on Visitors Training to the Representatives of Member Countries of Asian Ostomy Association in Tokyo during AOA Meeting by Ms. Di Bracken (IPP) & myself.

Looking at the development of various Educational Programs for Nurses & Ostomates in various regions of IOA, we at IOA EC are very happy and we try hard to achieve our basic goals to improve quality of life of Ostomates throughout the world.

This we have achieved by looking beyond our local countries or regions or individual personalities in IOA EC. We need to continue as a cohesive group to work together to continue to achieve these goals.

I have written a special report on my training visit to Kashmir which I am sure will be of interest to you. It shows you what life is like in a different area of India. You will find this in my President's Blog on the IOA Website.

<http://www.cblog.ostomyinternational.org/>

With Kind Regards and All The Best.

Harikesh

Dr. Harikesh Buch.

The IOA Fees Task Force has completed its report on the proposed restructure of the Fees payable by IOA Member Associations. The report has been sent out to all member associations by the IOA secretary. Please take time to review this important report and send any questions/ comments to our secretary Ann Favreau at secretaryioa@ostomyinternational.org

She will see that your questions are forwarded to the members of the Task Force.

The President and the Executive of IOA would like to thank all members of Task Force, for completing this tremendous task of reviewing the fee & voting structure of IOA. This has been done with total dedication to help IOA for future planning. We appreciate your hard work and thank you for your continuing interest in IOA.

Members of the Task Force
Gerry Barry, President ACSA, Chairperson
Gene Zapf, Treasurer IOA
Knut Ellingsen, Norway

SOUTH AMERICAN REGION - ALADO

Teresa Antequera, President

I going to write about the two main events that were hold on the past September in Santa Cruz.

In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, we developed the First Project and Workshop named "Lions for the Stomach Care", financed and supported by "Lions Club of Modena" - Wiligemo District 108TB ITALY and by the leadership of Doctor Carlos Pezcoller.

It was hold from 2- 5 of September in the University Of Aquinos - Bolivia.

This workshop for nurses and doctors was very important and valuable for the region, in which Bolivian doctors participated, Colombian doctors, Paraguay and Argentina Nurses and lot of Nurses and Doctors from all the Bolivian Regions, such as La Paz, Cochambamba, Sucre and others.

At the end of this Workshop, we held a very exiting ceremony in which Dr Pezcoller was acknowledged as "Doctor Honoris Causa" given by the Aquinos University of Bolivia - UDABOL.

The professional teaching group of The Wiligelmo University and The Lions Club have been doing this projects and workshops for many years in countries of Asia, and now for the very first time in Latin America, what makes us feel very grateful for all this support of the IOA and in the presidency of Dr. Harikesh Buch and the

past President Dielwen Bracken, and also the Canadian couple Doug and Astrid Graham. (Doug President NCACOA; Astrid President of FOW, Canada) ,



Thanks for the IOA and support from ConvaTec we could make the 10th Meeting of the Latin American Ostomates Association held on September 5 to 9 of 2008.

The value of this meeting was incredibly important because of the decisions made, as the establishment of work with the unification of all Latin American Countries to make our region stronger. Between the decisions and projects there was the idea of making a Colon Cancer Prevention Project and The ET NURSE College in Cordoba, Argentina for training nurses from the region.

We learned that all the Latin American Regional Associations have been working hard but in total silence, and this has made us stronger so we confront Stoma Companies in a way of

encouraging them to help us to develop projects that the Region needs.

Also in this meeting we have the Training of the ISCAP Volunteers and Training ISCAP where we make a questionnaire in which Di and Douglas helped to make it easier as we collaborated in the working out of a Strategic Plan to organize the work for Region. Astrid Graham worked with the ostomates, visiting them in their homes, talking to them, seeing their way of life, and seeing how we can work to

NEWS FROM COLOMBIA – ACDO

Mariela de Romero, President

Last Saturday Oct. 4 at a park in Bogota, we held a celebration for ostomates. The laboratories supported us with recreation, snacks and gifts. It was a very nice evening where everyone was able to meet and be together.

Our vice president Dora Miryam Ramirez, was named to the Committee for Human Rights of the locality of Chapinero in Bogota and two people from the Association and myself

ASIAN REGION - AOA

Dato John Cardosa, President

1. Just a reminder to all. The 6th Asian Ostomy Association Conference (6AOA) will be held in the Olympic Memorial Youth Centre in Shinjuku, Tokyo, from the 13th to the 16th November, in just three weeks' time from now. Already, almost 300 participants have registered, and we expect the final number to exceed 300, making this the largest number of participants at any AOA Conference. Among those who have registered are large delegations from Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia, and of course Japan itself. The International President Dr Harikesh Buch, and the Past President Dielwen Bracken have already registered, and the Vice President Barry Maughan of New Zealand is expected to register as well. There is still time to register if you have not so yet. The Japan Ostomy Association who are organising this Conference have worked very hard during the past two years preparing the programme. I

reach the help we need to make our people have a better life quality.

We also want to make everyone know that the suggestions and projects of Mr. Jorge Vargas Morales of the COLIMA - MEXICO ASSOCIATION were presented for our information

We are very grateful for the presence of Harikesh Buch and Dielwen Bracken, and the Graham couple, Dr. Pezcoller and Dr. Silvia Ebalginelli and Lorena Chiusoli, ET of Italy

(president) were invited to participate in the Level I Course on Human Rights, which will last two months with the purpose of the Association being to perform work in support of the community of this village.

Also we have been participating in the activities of the Campaign Against Breast Cancer, during the month of October, and we are seeing the possibility of speaking with the group of leaders in this campaign to build support for the activities of ACDO With the tools offered by Doug Graham in Santa Cruz, some we intend to organize and develop plans for the year 2009.

hope to see representatives from every member country of the AOA present.

2. A friendly reminder to all AOA member associations who wish to host the 7th Asian Ostomy Association Conference (7AOA) in the latter part of 2011, to make their bid NOW, so that it can be presented and decided on during the House of Delegates' Meeting in Tokyo during the 6AOA. At this point in time, only one firm bid to host 7AOA has been received. This is from the Iran Ostomy Society (IOS) which plans to hold the 7AOA in Teheran in the 4th quarter of 2011. If there are no other bids submitted by the time the 6AOA begins next month, then Iran will get to host 7AOA. So if any other country is interested in hosting 7AOA, please send in your bid to the AOA Secretary, Dr Michiaki Takaishi, without any further delay. Dr Takaishi's email address is: takaishi-michiaki@souzou.ac.jp. Please give full details of proposed venue, dates of Conference

(2 and a half days), registration fee, and rough programme in your bid.

3. Sister Nurses Meet in Shanghai



On July 22, 2007, a group of 6 ET nurses from Taiwan visited Changhai Hospital in Shanghai. In recent years, enterostomy care developed very fast in China. In Shanghai, there's a total of 20 ET nurses working in different municipal hospitals. That afternoon, ten of them managed to leave their positions to gather at Changhai Hospital, waiting for the arrival of the Taiwan other, their medical care and treatment will surely be improved and updated. That's good news to ostomates on both sides of the Straits.

(Provided by Lu Renmin from Changhai Hospital, Shanghai on behalf of Dr Yu de Hong)

4. It is with sadness that I wish to report that the first president of the Mongolian Ostomy Association, Dr Davaasambuus, who was gravely ill for the past year, has recently passed away peacefully in Ulaan Baatur. Let us say a prayer for the repose of his soul.

5.. A reminder to all AOA Full Members: If you have not paid your dues for 2008, please do so before the 6AOA House of Delegates meeting on 14th November. If you have not paid your dues, you will not be able to vote at the HOD.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in Tokyo at the 6AOA. This will be my last meeting, as I shall be retiring from International Ostomy immediately after 6AOA. I have enjoyed working with all of you in Asia (AOA) as well as in the International Ostomy Association (IOA) over the past 12 years. I thank you for your cooperation and friendship with me during these years, and I hope we will continue to remain friends and in touch with each other in the future.

May God bless you all.

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EUROPEAN REGION - EOA

Arne Holte, **President**

Hello ostomy friends – and friends of ostomates!

In the last issue of IOA-today I promised you a lot of stuff on the EOA congress in Brno in the Czech Republic in September. Now the minutes are ready and will be presented on the EOA website (www.ostomyeurope.org), so I suggest you go there to get the very best impression of the congress.

However – here are anyway some highlights. The opening ceremony took place in the Knights Hall in the City Hall in Brno. There were welcome speeches by the president of Czech ILCO, and of Arne Holte, president of EOA, who expressed great gratitude to the city for hosting the congress. He also pointed out the good and easy cooperation with Czech ILCO and the local organizing committee. Mary Quigley, WCET's representative was of course wished very welcome to the congress. The different associations were presented – and there were more speeches.

After a short walk back to the congress hotel, it was time to open the exhibitions. Many companies had exhibits, and also a number of ostomy associations presented their activities. When opening the exhibits, Arne Holte pointed out EOA's gratitude for having a great number of ostomy product companies present. He mentioned especially Convatec which contribution was of a special level. All the companies got a beautiful rose each as a token for EOA's gratitude.

The same afternoon the business meeting started. All associations had got both the Coordination Committees (CC) report and accounts for the period 2004 – 2008 in advance. There were just one minor comment to the

report, and none to the accounts. It was agreed to split special projects from the ordinary budget. Arne Holte from NORILCO, Norway, was re-elected president, and Ria Smeijers from the Dutch Ostomy Association was re-elected Vice President and treasurer. New to Coordination Committee was Guiseppe de Salvo from FAIS, Italy.

The House of Delegates gave the CC the



opportunity to appoint a number of persons to special tasks within EOA. During a meeting Sunday after the congress Vladimir Kleinwächter from the Czech Republic was appointed to work with East-Europe and also to liaise with the Ukrainian Ostomy Association on next EOA congress. This will take place in the city of Lviv in 2011. Maydad Gissin from Israel will liaise with cancer unions and work with Turkey and Cyprus. Daiga Skagale from Latvia was appointed to work especially with young ostomates.

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN OSTOMY REGION - NCACOA

Doug Graham, [President](#)

This has been a very busy and rewarding time for me and I'm happy to report that the communications in our Region is improving. We continue to search out associations that were at some time in the past active members of NCACOA. We are also looking at countries in our Region that have never been members. At present we have six (6) full members and one (1) associate member. My research concludes that we have thirty-two (32) countries that are available for membership in our Region.

Countries available for membership	% of 32	Countries that are members.
North America = Four (4)	12.5%	4 full members = 100% of sector. Does not include associate member.
Central America = Seven (7)	21.9%	No members 0% of total available in sector
Caribbean Islands = twenty-one (21)	65.6%	Includes two (2) full members 9.5% of total available in sector

To keep my promise on a short report, I will just mention that there were different workshops. One was about twinning were IA-UK told the audience about their great and successful twinning project in Romania. Also a number of other countries presented their twinning projects. There was another workshop on the future of EOA where among other items, EOA's financial situation were discussed. A third workshop were on possible government cutbacks on ostomy supplies. And in addition there were several workshops just for Czech speaking participants.

And if you believe that there was just cool, clean business going on in Brno – you are definitely wrong. There were a number of social events such as a concert in a beautiful church, a great get-together party in a wine cellar and the great closing dinner at the congress hotel where there were a great number of speeches – among those a speech for the young ones, the old ones, for the ladies and for the men – and much more.

Hope you will read more about the congress. See the blogs on www.ostomyinternational.org and read reports and see a great number of photos on www.ostomyeurope.org

Arne Holte

Full Members 2007

North America

- Bermuda – Ostomy Association of Bermuda
- Canada – United Ostomy Association of Canada
- Mexico – Ostomizados Unidos de la Ciudad de Mexico A.C. - Ostomex
- United States of America - United Ostomy Association of America

Caribbean Island

- Puerto Rico – Asociación Ostomizados de Puerto Rico
- Trinidad & Tobago – Ostomy Association of Trinidad & Tobago

Central America

- No members

Associate Member

- Mexico – Asociación de Ostomizados de Colima

Members that have paid 2008 dues including one associate = Four (4) = 12.5% of potential members. This indicates the work that is required if we in fact intend to meet the purpose stated in our constitution.

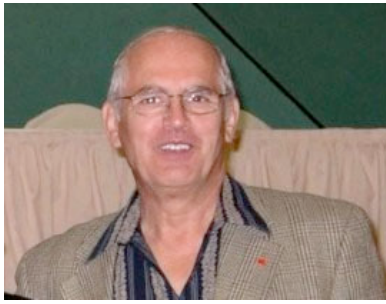
What NCACOA Business I have been doing other then sorting and researching?

- June 19 to 21, 2008. Attended a meeting of the International Ostomy Association (IOA) Executive Council in Ljubljana, Slovenia to confirm a three year strategic plan. A proposed budget was approved and the strategic plan and budget was presented to the representatives from Coloplast, ConvaTec and Hollister. We also met with the Executive of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapist (WCET) to discuss collaborative effort of our Associations.
- September 2 to 4, 2008. Attended a training program of Stoma Care at the University of Bolivia presented by the Lions for Stoma Care and presented information on NCACOA. This part of the time in Bolivia was personally financed.
- September 5 to 9. Attended the International Stoma Care Advocacy Programme (ISCAP) that was presented to Ostomy Associations of South America. I help facilitate the questionnaire and to develop a Regional Strategic plan. Jorge Vargas Morales was in attendance as it is planned that we will use the ISCAP to assist us to form Ostomy Association in Central America and the Caribbean Islands.

An item of interest is that our group, Dr. Harikesh Buch, Di Bracken, Jorge Vargas Morales, Astrid Graham (President, Friends of Ostomates Worldwide Canada) and I had difficulty leaving Bolivia as social unrest had reached the point where the International Airport was barricaded and International flights were not landing. After a great deal of rescheduling we returned home via a non intended trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina. This was the only difficulty of the visit to Bolivia. The hosts were excellent and the people we worked with were helpful and friendly.

- Advanced the plan for our Regional Meeting in Colima, Mexico on February 4 to 7, 2009.
- I have continued to work with Friends of Ostomates Worldwide Canada (FOW-C) and the United States of America (FOW-USA) to improve our relationship.

I have received reports for; Canada, Mexico (Colima), Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago and the United States of America.



Canada

The United Ostomy Association of Canada held their 11th Annual Conference in Hamilton, Ontario from August 14 to 16, 2008. At the Annual General Meeting the recommendation of the Board of Directors to change to by annual conference was approved. The next conference is scheduled for August, 2010 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. The board of Directors will meet October 24, 25 and 26, 2008 and a main item on the agenda is the scheduling of Regional meetings.

Mexico - Colima

The Asociacion De Ostomizados De Colima continue to attract members and President Ofelia Delgado Puente, Jorge Vargas Morales and a committee are busy preparing events for our Regional meeting. They also have monthly educational session for people with various types of Ostomy surgeries and age groups.



PUERTO RICO ASOCIACION DE OSTOMIZADOS DE PUERTO RICO, INC.

By: Martha Vélez de Nieves



A year has passed by since we celebrated the World Congress in Puerto Rico. We continue helping Ostomates to get back to their normal life after an Ostomy surgery. This is our mission.

On October 18, 2009 we will be training Ostomates with the Spanish version of Visitor's Guidelines. We participated in Relay for Life and Making Strides against Breast Cancer, both are events of the American Cancer Society. By participating we

motivate our Ostomates to walk and exercise in a pleasant way. I am attaching a photo of our participation in a national walk of patients requesting rights to the local government. This is a group of associations working together to better the quality of life of patients of different health conditions. We are members of this coalition. On November 16th, we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary. During this celebration we will present all our achievements, where we stand, and what is our goal. We still have a long way to walk as many people don't know what an Ostomy is. In these days with all the information people receive to prevent different kinds of health problems, no one should have an Ostomy surgery.



Trinidad & Tobago

I received an email from Charmaine to inform me that her email is up and running again. Their Association has about twenty (20) active members and they meet the third Saturday of each month. They celebrated an Ostomy day on October 7, 2008 and distributing 20000 flyers on, "Life of a Stoma" throughout their country and to hospitals. It was very successful. We hope that they will have another successful event when they celebrate World Ostomy Day on October 3, 2009.

United States of America - Extracts from the UOAA Updates

The United Ostomy Association of America has been very active these past two years and have achieved many great things and will be hosting their second national conference from August 5 to 9, 2009 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel on Canal Street right off of the famous French Quarter in Historic downtown New Orleans. For information: www.sheraton.com/neworleans

Save the date!!!



Let the Good Times Roll!

5-8 August, 2009

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!

Join UOAA and its Young Ostomate & Diversion Alliance of America support group in the culturally diverse city of NEW ORLEANS. Meet with fellow 20/40 ostomates from around the world to exchange experiences and information about the conditions ostomates are facing in their life situations.

Network .. Learn .. and Enjoy

For info e-mail Kristin at kristinknipp@uoaa.org

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel www.sheraton.com/neworleans

Challenges

The diversity of the countries of our region is an obstacle we must overcome. Some countries are wealthy with good healthcare systems and some are not so well off. The various languages and cultures are issues that are a barrier to communications. However, we have one major commonality that brings us together. We have had an Ostomy or related surgery or are the family member or friend of someone who has had the surgery. Those of us in countries with good health care systems that can enjoy a high quality of life with our Ostomy must help those in countries that have not had the benefit of an association to support them or a government that recognizes the need to ensure affordable quality products are available. I believe there is a need to bring together Central America and Caribbean Countries to receive the ISCAP training so they may develop a system to improve the quality of life for Ostomates in their countries. Our strategic plan includes contacting these countries and Jorge Vargas Morales has at his own expense been travelling to various countries of Central America to offer help. Several people for the Central American countries have indicated that they will come to our meeting in Colima. The next phase will be delivering the training and establishing strategic plans for the participating countries. I will be investigating funding possibilities for these projects and will welcome any and all suggestions.

A special thanks to Friends of Ostomates Worldwide Canada (FOW-C) and Friends of Ostomates Worldwide USA (FOW-USA). Both of these associations collect surplus Ostomy supplies and have sent them to countries in our Region. They have also sent me contact information when they receive requests. I will be meeting with the FOWs in November to discuss future activities in our Region.

Future

In future reports in IOA-Today I will continue to inform you of our progress. I request that you contact me at doug.ncocoa@sympatico.ca to let me know the status of Ostomates in your country. With a little effort we can unite our Region and help one another.

Doug Graham President
George Salamy, Vice-President
Jorge Vargas Morales. Executive Member

SOUTH PACIFIC REGION - SPOA

Peter McQueen, [President](#)

Both Australia and New Zealand are continuing to supply appliances to Indonesia, Tonga, Fiji and contacts are being sought in Papua New Guinea to ascertain what help can be provided there. Recently an Australian nurse returned from Ethiopia where she had been working at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital. The desperate need for urostomy appliances was conveyed to the Australian relief coordinator and communication links have been established, as a consequence the first shipment of appliances has been forwarded to the hospital where they have been gratefully received.

The president of ACSA Mr. Gerald Barry has recently received a significant award, the Member of the order of Australia (AM) for his services to the Ostomy community in Australia and his significant contribution to SPOA and IOA. The recognition of his service is very much deserved as Gerald has and is a tireless worker in raising the profile of Ostomates everywhere.

The minister for health in New Zealand has announced that a national bowel-screening programme will be instituted soon. This has been lobbied for by the FNZOS for some time. It will probably screen over 55's unless on a familial risk programme which is now in operation.

The past president Frances Butler (SPOA as well) is resigning along with Secretary Robyn Tourell at the next AGM.

20/40 FOCUS

Janet Paquet, [Chairperson](#)

Greetings from the 20/40 Focus Committee!

At the recent EOA regional congress in Brno, Daiga Skagale from Latvia was appointed to be the EOA's 20/40 representative. Daiga attended the IOA 20/40 Focus in both Portugal and in Puerto Rico. Daiga has already been hard at

The New Zealand annual conference and AGM will be held at Greymouth on the west coast of the south island 8-10 August and the Australian annual conference and AGM will be held 9-11 October.

South Pacific upcoming Conferences

The Annual Conferences of the South Pacific Ostomy members New Zealand and Australia will be held in August and October respectively.

The New Zealand Conference will be held in The Ashley Hotel at Greymouth on the west coast of the South Island on the 8th -10th August. Any enquiries to be directed to Norma Roberts's emailrobertsranch@xtra.co.nz.

The Australian Conference will be held at the Lakes Hotel West Lakes in Adelaide from 9th - 12th October. The hosts for this conference are the Colostomy and Ileostomy Associations of South Australia. The theme of the conference this year will be "**Managing Change**". There will also be a **20/40 focus session** at this conference which will be held on Friday the 10th Oct. Any questions regarding the 20/40 session email Andrea Shaw at andrea.1.shaw@bigpond.com all other enquiries regarding the conference are to be directed to Mr. Ted Wohling c/- Colostomy Association South Australia email colosa@internode.on.ne

work making contacts with as many 20/40 members in the EOA region.

As the AOA congress in November approaches, AOA 20/40 representative Ronaldo Lora has been hard at work planning a great 20/40 program. Ronaldo will be participating in a 'brainstorming' session with members of the

Japan Ostomy Association. The outcome of this session will provide us with ideas on how to

incorporate members of the 20/40 focus with other members within their respective associations.

Andrea Shaw attended the SPOA congress in Adelaide South Australia last past October and has been busy setting up a joint Australian and

New Zealand contact list. Andrea has also attended several 20/40 social events within the

SPOA area. You can read all about the 20/40 events in Andrea's blog on the IOA website.

Plans are underway for the 20/40 Focus at the NCACOA congress in Colima Mexico, February 2009. Jorge and Irma Morales of Mexico have made arrangements with a local 20/40 contact in Colima Mexico and Janet Paquet, 20/40 representative to plan several sessions for 20/40 participants. These sessions will be presented in both Spanish and English. Also in the NCACOA region, an invitation for 20/40 members was extended to attend a joint YODAA and 20/40 Focus meeting at the 2009 UOAA

Conference in New Orleans, LA in October of 2009.

Communication within the 20/40 group has been exclusively through electronic means. Our group has utilized emails and social networking sites like Facebook to keep in touch.

The 20/40 Focus has also taken advantage of the blog feature on the IOA website, and I urge readers of IOA Today to check out the 20/40 blog.

The 20/40 committee is also pleased that Barry Maughan of New Zealand has been appointed as our 20/40 contact on the EC. We're excited to be working with Barry once again.

Janet Paquet
20/40 Focus Chair

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