

32nd EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirty-second General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at Venue Cymru, Llandudno, Wales, on 14 April 2011, at 17.30.

The Chairman, Thomas Ertl, welcomed the 73 members present.

1. Minutes of the Thirty-first General Assembly

The Minutes of the Thirty-first General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 29, No. 8 (2010), were accepted *nem. con.*

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an annual report of the activities of the Association. He stressed that he was reporting on the work of a large number of people and he thanked them for their work on behalf of the Association and the wider computer graphics community.

3.1. Fellows

Three new Fellows were elected in 2011: Bianca Falcidieno, CNR IMATI, Genova (Italy), Holly Rushmeier, Yale University (USA) and Min Chen, Swansea University (Wales, UK). The General Assembly congratulated them on their election.

3.2. Workshops Board

The Chairman stressed the importance of the workshop series. Working Groups play a key role in organizing events. The Association currently has nine: Animation, Data Visualization, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, High-Performance Graphics, Parallel Graphics and Visualization, Rendering, Sketch-Based Interfaces and Virtual Environments.

Symposia and workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2011 on: 3D Object Retrieval, Parallel Graph-

ics and Visualization, Visualization (EuroVis with IEEE vgtc), Rendering, Geometry Processing, High-Performance Graphics (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Animation (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Sketch-Based Interfaces and Modeling (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Computational Aesthetics (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Virtual Environments and Graphics and Cultural Heritage.

The Chairman outlined a new financial policy for workshops. The Association has three income streams: membership fees, publications and events. In the past, event income was based on a 'non-member differential'. However, with more event attendees related to organizational members or to co-sponsoring organizations, income from the event stream has declined even for successful events. Therefore, this has been replaced by an administrative flat fee per attendee. Other professional organizations operate similar schemes, though the new Eurographics event fee is significantly less than some other organizations charge. He explained that the fee had been set to maintain income to EG whilst not penalizing events. The Board would report on the effectiveness of the scheme in due course.

3.3. EG Publishing

EG Publishing provides a wide range of services to event organizers including publication, submission and review management and registration and payment. Publications can be produced in print and electronic format (EG Digital library, linked to the ACM Digital Library, and CD/DVD). The Submission Review and Management (SRM) system supports an integrated workflow for submission, reviewing and publication. EGDG marked preprints are produced that may be added to personal web pages. A new, significantly faster, version of the SRM system is under development. The registration and payment service includes collection and management of payments by credit card (Euro), a web interface for checking EG membership and financial monitoring, and optional production of delegate badges and delegate lists.

3.4. Publications Board

The Association runs a journal and also produces high-quality proceedings of events.

The flagship publication is the journal, *Computer Graphics Forum* which is jointly owned by the Association and the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell. The Editors-in-Chief are Holly Rushmeier, and Eduard Gröller. The term of office of Roberto Scopigno ended in May 2010, and Holly Rushmeier took over in June of that year for a term of office ending December 2013. Eduard Gröller's term of office ends in December 2011 and the Chairman said that a call for applications for the post would be issued in the near future. Eleven new members joined the board in April 2011 and 16 rotated out.

A total of 2600 pages were published in 2010 over eight issues. There were 59 papers published in the three regular issues and 184 in the five special issues.

EG events proceedings have been produced by EG Publishing since 2004. Six titles are scheduled for publication in 2011, together with three from partner events and four through ACM SIGGRAPH.

The Chairman explained that Eurographics operates a pre-ordering system for these publications, which can be accessed through the Eurographics Web site and through email alerts sent to members. There are no guarantees that printed copies of proceedings will be available for purchase after an event has been held, though members can access papers through the Eurographics Digital Library.

The EG Digital Library includes *Computer Graphics Forum*, proceedings of conferences, workshops and symposia, state-of-the-art reports, tutorials, short presentations and proceedings of partner events. The contents of the Digital Library are included in citation services such as CiteSeerX and Google Scholar and through the DBLP Computer Science Bibliography at the University of Trier. Non-members are able to download items in the EG Digital Library on a pay-per-access basis through TIB Hannover.

3.5. Operations Board

The Chairman reported membership figures. The number of members in April 2011 was 647, compared to 658 in March 2010. The eight top countries are Germany 124, United States 74, United Kingdom 71, France 61, Spain 53, Portugal 40, Austria 29 and Italy 28. There are 52 student members.

There is a high turn-over in membership from year to year and the Chairman encouraged current members to remain members of the Association. Membership, he said, is an indication that one belongs to a community and that one is willing to support what it takes to sustain high-quality publications and high-quality events in the community. He also encouraged members to encourage more organizations to become Organizational Members.

3.6. Promotions and Online Board

The mission of the Board is to promote the association and to provide web-based information about the Association to members and the world at large.

The Chairman reported that the Association's web site had been redesigned with a new layout and structure. The new site was launched in March 2011. Further consolidation and better integration with internal databases is planned. He reported that the Association was represented at ACM SIGGRAPH 2010 and would be at the 2011 event.

3.7. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that the Professional Board supports the Association's chapters worldwide. The Association now has 12 Chapters. He reported that event cooperations continue to be popular and 14 cooperation agreements had been signed for events in 2011 already. He noted that the Association's liaison agreement with ACM SIGGRAPH was due to be renewed later in the year.

3.8. Education Board

The Chairman reported that the education sessions at EG 2011 included two paper sessions and two panel discussions. The chairs were Steve Maddock and Joaquim Jorge.

An EG education mailing list has been created and a subscription webpage is available at the Association's web site. The Board is also working on a new EG education site.

3.9. Conference Steering Committee

The Chairman explained that the remit of the Committee includes ensuring continuity in the quality of the annual conference, maintaining the conference planning guide wiki, helping to propose future conference venues and approving IPC-chairs, the IPC and non-local co-chairs. During the annual meeting held at the EG 2011 conference, the committee discussed lessons learnt from EG 2011 and started the process to find a venue for EG 2015. Improvements to the paper review process were also discussed.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the audited accounts for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010. The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. In these minutes the accounts are presented in Euro; the official accounts are in SFr and the official Eurographics exchange rate for 2010 has been used for the conversion. The Profit and Loss Account for 2010 is shown in Table 1 and the Balance Sheet in Table 2.

Table 1: Profit and Loss Account (1 January to 31 December 2010) with comparative figures for 2009.

	2009	2010
	Euro	Euro
Income		
Subscriptions	68,959.64	104,451.20
Bank Interest	2,237.44	961.71
Conference Surplus	80,372.10	-45,065.70
Royalties et al.	31,694.19	31,800.85
	183,263.37	92,148.06
Expenditure		
Executive Board	7,544.13	10,072.50
Workshop Board	0.00	157.61
Chapters	4,606.27	-3,852.54
Online Board	2,361.24	6,815.03
Operational Serv.	64,685.94	64,952.69
Secretariat	8,436.66	5,857.12
Treasurer	5,629.65	6,507.91
Promotions Board	9,257.10	3,047.60
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	109,259.05	-51,130.60
Strategic Projects	2,117.21	3,539.09
Contingency	5,804.87	174.77
Exchange difference	970.42	59,169.29
Result on prev. period	1,216.16	628.25
	221,888.69	105,938.73
Result		
Profit/loss period	-38,625.33	-13,790.67

Table 2: Balance Sheet as on 31 December, 2010 with comparative figures for 2009.

	2009	2010
Cash	165.18	332.92
Banks	530,188.85	403,839.24
Events acct - Expenditure	0.00	668,181.93
Federal withholding tax	781.18	1,117.85
Account receivable	51,434.30	0.00
	582,569.51	1,073,471.94
Liabilities		
Events account	133,459.56	758,733.15
Accounts payable	124,851.18	4,270.70
Fortune	324,258.76	310,468.09
	582,569.51	1,073,471.94

The Treasurer reported that the significantly higher balancing sum in 2010 resulted from income collected on behalf of EG2009 and EG2010 and carried over financial year boundaries.

For information, Table 3 summarizes the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years. Although the table shows a continuing decline in assets, the change to the date of the annual event has caused some changes to when receipts and payments fall which has had an impact. The Treasurer said that the Operations Board was examining this in more detail.

Table 3: Capital Assets 2007–2010.

Euro	2007	2008	2009	2010
Capital at	442,642.78	362,884.09	324,258.76	310,468.09
year end				
Surplus/(Loss)	40,336.75	-79,758.69	-38,625.33	-13,790.67

The Auditor's Report was presented to the General Assembly.

P. Brunet proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by W. Purgathofer. The motion was carried, *nem con.*

5. Appointment of Auditors

W. Purgathofer proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2011. X. Pueyo seconded. The motion was carried *unanimously*.

6. Estimates for 2011

The Treasurer said that it was too early in the year to present meaningful estimates of income and expenditure for the end of the year as this would involve too many assumptions.

7. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2012 and forward look until 2016, shown in Table 4. Figures are KEuro. He explained that the forward look beyond 2012 was provisional. The budget and forward look had been discussed by the Executive Committee. Individual Membership levels had been set at the current 730 full (which includes three additional members for each Organizational Member), 70 student members and 37 Organizational members. He said that these numbers might be optimistic. A flat profile was used in the forward look. The budget assumed that 70% of members would take electronic only membership, 18% would include a print subscription to the regular issues of the journal and 10% would subscribe to print copies of all issues. A contingency of 5K Euro had been included. For events surplus and book sales a rather conservative estimate had been used. Board expenditure had been set according to experience gathered in the recent past.

Acceptance of the budget for 2012 and forward look was proposed by W. Purgathofer, seconded by O. Bimber and approved *nem con.*

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

Table 4: Budget for 2012 and forward look.

(KEuro)	2012	'13	'14	'15	'16
Income					
Member fees	93	93	93	93	93
Events	118	119	120	120	121
Royalties	23	24	24	25	26
Bookshop	3	3	3	3	3
Interest/Tax return	3	3	3	3	3
	240	242	243	244	246
Expenditure					
Events	89	89	90	90	91
Exec. Brd.	10	10	11	11	12
Prof. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	5	5	5	5	5
W'shps Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
On-line Brd.	5	5	5	5	5
Operations					
Secretary	5	6	6	6	6
Services	65	68	71	73	76
Treasurer	6	6	6	7	7
Taxation	4	4	4	4	4
Promotions	7	7	8	8	8
Education	2	2	2	2	2
Publ. Brd.	2	2	2	2	2
CGF	15	15	15	15	15
Strat. projects.	4	4	4	4	4
Contingency	5	5	5	5	5
	226	230	236	239	244
Surplus/(Deficit)	14	12	7	5	2

Table 5: Election results.

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Coquillart	3	57	Elected
Duke	1	55	Elected
Gross	3	80	Elected
Heidrich	6	61	Elected
Holzschuch	3	32	
Kautz	1	54	
Klein	2	53	
Scopigno	3	98	Elected
Seidel	2	80	Elected
Ynnerman	5	59	Elected
Zwicker	3	52	

8. Executive Committee Elections

8.1. Elections 2010

The results of the ballot of members was declared on 3 September 2010 (see Table 5). There was one regional vacancy in region 1 and two in region 3.

Those elected commenced their 3-year terms of office on 1 January 2011. The General Assembly confirmed the results of the election.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for 2011 is reproduced below.

Until 31 December 2011. Dutré(5), Fellner (2), Möller (6), Navazo (4), Skala (5), Szirmay-Kalos (5) and Wyvill (6).

Until 31 December 2012. Brunet (4), Duce (1), Ertl (2), Gröller (5), Kobbelt (2), Luebke (6) and Purgathofer (5).

Until 31 December 2013. Coquillart (3), Duke (1), Gross (3), Heidrich (6), Scopigno (3), Seidel (2) and Ynnerman (5).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs.

The composition of the electoral regions, approved by the General Assembly in 2005, is given below.

- (i) United Kingdom, Ireland.
- (ii) Germany.
- (iii) Italy, Switzerland, France, Monaco, Malta.
- (iv) Spain, Portugal, Andorra.
- (v) All other European countries.
- (vi) All non-European countries.

8.2. Elections 2011

The Chairman reported that the election ballot would start after the close of the conference. The list of candidates would be announced when the ballot opened. He said that the results would be declared in an email to members and on the Web site when the votes had been counted.

8.3. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The Chairman explained that the General Assembly appoints two members to a Nominating Committee whose function is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee also appoints two members, and had already appointed R. Scopigno and W. Heidrich.

X. Pueyo and R. Pajarola were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

9. Executive Board 2011

The Executive Committee elects the Executive Board, which includes the Officers of the Association [Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer and the immediate past chairman of the Association (for a 1-year period only) and the chairs of the boards]. The General Assembly ratified the composition of the Executive Board for 2011 (see Table 6), proposed by B. Wyvill, seconded by M. Chen (*unanimous*).

Table 6: Executive Board 2011.

Chairman	T. Ertl
Vice-Chairs	W. Purgathofer A. Ynnerman R. Scopigno <i>ex officio</i>
Secretary	D.A. Duce
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	F. Melero Rus
Education Board	I. Navazo
Executive Board	T. Ertl
Operations Board	D.A. Duce
Promotions & On-line	M. McDerby, M. Magnor
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Professional Board	J.-M. Dischler
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

The Chairman is T. Ertl (until 31 December 2012), the Vice-Chairs are W. Purgathofer (until 31 December 2011) and A. Ynnerman (until 31 December 2012), the Secretary is D.A. Duce (until 31 December 2011) and the Treasurer is W. Hansmann (until 31 December 2011). R. Scopigno is Vice Chairman *ex officio* (until 31 December 2011).

T. Ertl became Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2011.

R. Scopigno became Vice Chairman *ex officio* of the Association for a period of 1 year commencing 1 January 2011.

A. Ynnerman became Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2011.

T. Ertl ceased to be Vice Chairman of the Association on 31 December 2010.

R. Scopigno ceased to be Chairman of the Association on 31 December 2010.

The Chairman thanked all the Board members for their work during the year.

10. Constitution

The General Assembly was invited to affirm the text of the current Constitution of the Association as linked from the web site. The motion was proposed by W. Hansmann and seconded by E. Gröller and carried *unanimously*.

11. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2012 conference would take place in Cagliari, Sardinia (Italy), 13–18 May 2012. The 2013 conference will take place in Girona, Catalonia (Spain), in May 2013 and the 2014 conference in Strasbourg (France), 6–11 April 2014.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2012 in Cagliari (Italy) on Thursday 17 May 2012.

13. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.25.