

30th EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirtieth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Technical University of Munich, Garching, Germany, on April 1st, 2009, at 17.30. The Chairman, Dr Roberto Scopigno, welcomed the forty five members present.

1. Minutes of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly

The Minutes of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 27, No. 6 (2008), were accepted *nem. con.* The Chairman noted that the results of the 2008 Executive Committee elections, which were unavailable at the time of the 2009 General Assembly, had been included as an addendum to the minutes.

2. Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that the new membership categories approved by the General Assembly in 2008 were now in operation. There were no other 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

The Chairman stressed the value of the Fellows to the Association. Fellowships are awarded to individuals in recognition of impact on the field and contributions to shaping the Association. David Duce acts as Chairman of the Fellows. Two new Fellows were elected in 2009: Eduard Gröller, TU Wien, Austria and Nigel John, Bangor University, Wales, UK. The General Assembly congratulated them on their election.

3.2. Workshops Board

The Chairman stressed the importance of the workshop series. The key role of the Association is to provide services to the community to enable the community to organize events with little overhead.

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The Association currently has nine Working Groups: Animation, Data Visualization, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, Hardware, Parallel Graphics, Rendering, Sketch-based Interfaces, and Virtual Environments.

Symposia and workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2009 on Computational Aesthetics, Computer Animation (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Geometry Processing, High-Performance Graphics (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Natural Phenomena, 3D Object Retrieval, Parallel Graphics, Rendering, Sketch-based Interfaces and Modelling, VAST Graphics and Cultural Heritage, Virtual Environments, and Visualization (EuroVis with IEEE vgtc). He explained that the new High-Performance Graphics event is the result of a fusion of the former Hardware and Interactive Ray-tracing events. Three of these events were held in conjunction with Eurographics 2009 and three were to be held in conjunction with SIGGRAPH 2009.

The draft programme for 2010 already includes Animation, EuroVis, Geometry Processing, High-Performance Graphics, and Rendering. Other proposals are under discussion with the Workshops Board.

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 and CD/DVD). The Submission Review and Management (SRM) system supports an integrated workflow for submission, reviewing and publication. The registration and payment service includes collection and management of payments by credit card (Euro), checking EG membership and optional production of delegate badges and delegate lists. The Chairman said that event organizers interested in using these services are invited to contact the Publications Board.

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*; the Editors-in-Chief are Roberto Scopigno (whose

term of office ends in 2009), and Eduard Gröller. The journal is jointly owned by the Association and the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell and the journal will, in the future, use the Wiley-Blackwell electronic submission and management system. A new Editorial Board structure was introduced in 2008 and five new members joined the Board in 2009: Marc Alexa, Marie-Paule Cani, Michael Gleicher, Marc Stamminger and László Szirmay-Kalos.

As previously announced, the journal expanded in 2008 to include the proceedings of three symposia (EuroVis, Geometry Processing and Rendering) and the proceedings of the Pacific Graphics conference. These events all incorporate a double review cycle and reviewing is to the same high standard as that for regular submissions. Papers in these new issues are referenced in the same style as regular papers.

EG events proceedings have been produced by EG Publishing since 2004. Twelve titles were published in 2008, eight from Eurographics events, three from partner events and one 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. Non-members are able to download items in the Digital Library on a pay-per-access basis through TIB Hannover.

In the first month of 2009, there were 5,176 downloads of papers in the Digital Library, compared to 2,808 in 2008. The Chairman reported that assignment of DOIs to papers in the Eurographics Digital Library has been largely completed.

Master reference copies of all Eurographics publications (hardcopies) are held at FhG-IGD (Darmstadt, Germany) and second copies are held at TU Graz (Austria).

3.5. Operations Board

The Chairman reported membership figures. The number of members in March 2009 was 669, compared to 649 in March 2008. The eight top countries are Germany 117, USA 84, UK 68, Spain 64, France 48, Portugal 40, Italy 27 and Japan 26. There are 74 student members. It was reported that 74% of members choose an electronic-only subscription to *Computer Graphics Forum*; the corresponding figure last year was 71%. The Association also has 37 Organizational Members and one remaining Educational Member.

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.

The Chairman reported that Carlo Vandoni had expressed a desire to step down from the day-to-day activities of running the Association, a task he had undertaken almost from day one. The Chairman expressed the Association's deep appreciation of the contribution that Carlo has made. He reported that many of Carlo's responsibilities would be passing to the TU Graz support team, managed by Stefanie Behnke.

3.6. Promotions and On-line Board

The Chairman reported that the Promotions Board and On-line Boards had been merged into one with a mission to promote the association and to provide Web-based information about Eurographics to members and to the world at large. The new board is co-chaired by Mary McDerby and Marcus Magnor.

Changes have been made to the Eurographics Web site including a new layout. A usability review is being carried out on the whole site.

Eurographics was represented at SIGGRAPH 2008, the Central European Seminar on Computer Graphics for students (CESCG), and at other events during the past year.

3.7. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that the Professional Board supports the Association's chapters world-wide. An Austrian Chapter is being set up which will bring the total number of chapters to twelve. He reported that event cooperations continue to be popular and seven co-operation agreements had been signed in the first three months of 2009. The liaison agreement between Eurographics and ACM SIGGRAPH was renewed in August 2008.

3.8. Education Board

The Chairman reported that four education sessions were included in the EG 2009 programme, chaired by Gitta Domik and Riccardo Scateni. An EG/ACM SIGGRAPH Workshop "Teaching Computer Graphics in Context", chaired by Colleen Case and Steve Cunningham, formed a fifth track.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the accounts for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.

The Treasurer first presented internal accounts used for management purposes and then the audited accounts. As the legal and fiscal seat of the Association are in Switzerland,

the Audited Accounts are calculated in SFr. but translated to Euro (using the Association's official exchange rate for 2008) for presentation to the General Assembly.

4.1. Internal Accounts

The Internal Accounts show a surplus of 8K Euro compared to a budgetted deficit of 6K Euro. Table 1 reports income and expenditure on the membership account and compares this with the budget for the period, which was agreed by the General Assembly in September 2007.

Table 1: Internal Accounts 2008.

Income	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	91,653.62	83,000	8,653.62
Events	30,038.75	28,000	2,038.75
Royalties	25,500.46	19,000	6,500.46
Proceedings	64,628.33	62,000	2,628.33
Bookshop	246.64	8,000	-7,753.36
Interest/tax return	4,343.36	3,000	1,343.36
	216,411.16	203,000	13,411.16
Expenditure			
Executive Board	8,500.77	11,000	-2,499.23
Prof. Board	403.76	2,000	-1,596.24
Chapters	-12,700.00	4,000	-16,700.00
Workshop Board	118.45	2,000	-1,881.55
On-line Board	2,911.62	3,000	-88.38
Ops-Secretariat	6,970.86	24,000	-17,029.14
Ops-Services	36,580.00	36,000	580.00
Ops-Treasurer	4,905.00	7,000	-2,095.00
Ops-Taxation	8,106.72	4,000	4,106.72
Promotions Board	8,070.99	6,000	2,070.99
Education Board	0.00	4,000	-4,000.00
Bookshop	27.39	10,000	-9,972.61
-WS & Proc	98,301.63	60,000	38,301.63
-Travel	132.00	2,000	-1,868.00
-CGF	4,363.37	18,000	-13,636.63
Strategic Pjts.	20,389.69	1,000	19,389.69
Contingency	26,886.58	15,000	11,886.58
	213,968.83	209,000	4,968.83
Surplus/Deficit	2,442.32	-6,000	8,442.33

Notes

- Expenditure under most headings was close to budget.
- Some payments to chapters are outstanding and will be made in 2009.
- Bookshop expenditure was less than expected, though proceedings expenditure was more. In part this was due to carry over from the previous year and also there is compensating income for some of the expenditure. There will also be some carry over of expenditure to 2009.

- Essential hardware upgrades for the EG servers were charged against the contingency budget.
- Income from membership fees was greater than the budget figure, the events income was roughly to budget.

4.2. Audited Accounts

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 2008 has been used for the conversion. The Profit and Loss Account for 2008 is shown in table 2 and the Balance Sheet in table 3.

Table 2: Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2008) with comparative figures for 2007.

Income	2007 Euro	2008 Euro
Subscriptions	118,547.78	90,946.76
Repayments on book sales	13,371.12	61,081.16
Bank interest	2,895.13	3,287.40
Events	11,692.19	10,972.26
Royalties et al.	27,023.99	25,474.50
Exchange diff.	3,439.30	0.00
Result on prev. period	9,487.55	0.00
	186,457.05	191,762.07
Expenditure		
Executive Board	7,605.31	8,491.74
Professional Board	0.00	403.41
Workshop Board	115.57	118.24
Education	0.00	0.00
Chapters	4,327.54	3,782.40
Online Board	0.00	2,906.48
Operational Serv.	41,129.35	36,515.43
Secretariat	18,291.60	7,096.27
Treasurer	6,846.15	10,160.98
Promotions Board	3,800.79	8,056.43
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	63,590.02	94,009.46
Strategic Projects	0.00	21,462.23
Contingency	1,938.90	26,839.12
Exchange difference	0.00	45,809.16
	147,645.23	265,651.35
Result		
Profit or loss for period	38,811.82	-73,889.29

The Treasurer pointed out that there are some differences between the internal and the audited accounts due to the different ways in which exchange rates are handled in the two sets of accounts. There was a large expenditure item "Exchange difference" due to the difference in the (Euro) value of the Association's assets at the start of the year and at the end of the year.

The audited accounts report a deficit of 74K Euro.

Table 3: Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2008 with comparative figures for 2007.

	2007	2008
Cash	0.57	1,891.89
Banks	427,965.20	395,127.73
Federal withholding tax	837.72	909.46
Account receivable	18,100.00	47,511.75
EG'06 account	18,989.78	0.00
	465,893.27	445,440.82
Liabilities		
Other events	11,316.75	37,383.21
EG'07 account	0.00	25,386.11
EG'08 account	0.00	13,310.17
EG'09 account	0.00	2,557.90
Accounts payable	28,667.86	30,623.75
Fortune	387,096.83	425,908.65
	465,893.27	445,440.82

For information, table 4 summarizes the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years.

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

Professor T. Ertl proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Professor W. Heidrich. The motion was carried, *unanimously*.

5. Appointment of Auditors

Dr N. Dodgson proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2010. Dr N. Holzschuch seconded. The motion was carried *unanimously*.

6. Estimates for 2009

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 2010 and forward look until 2014, shown in table 5. Figures are KEuro. He explained that the forward look beyond 2010

Table 5: Budget for 2010 and Forward Look.

(KEuro)	2010	'11	'12	'13	'14
Income					
Member fees	92	92	92	92	92
Events surplus	30	31	32	32	33
Royalties	14	14	15	16	16
Proceedings	61	61	61	61	61
Bookshop	8	8	8	8	8
Interest/Tax return	3	3	3	3	3
	208	209	211	212	213
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	9	9	10	10	11
Prof. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
W'shps Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	5	5	5	5	5
On-line Brd. Operations	3	3	3	3	3
Secretary	7	7	8	8	8
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
Bookshop	10	10	11	11	11
Publications - CGF	20	21	22	22	23
Publ. procs.	60	60	60	60	60
Publ. travel	2	2	2	2	2
Strat. projects.	1	1	1	1	1
Contingency	5	5	5	5	5
	208	212	220	223	228
Surplus/(Deficit)	0	-3	-9	-11	-15

was provisional. The budget and forward look had been discussed by the Executive Committee. Individual Membership levels had been set at the current 670 full, 75 student members and thirty seven Organizational members. A flat profile was used in the forward look. The budget assumed that 74% of members would take electronic only membership, 14% would include a print subscription to the regular issues of the journal and 12% would subscribe to print copies of all issues. A contingency of 5K Euro had been included to cover any additional costs in the transition of the annual event as well as to finance further improvements in the running of the association. 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.

Table 4: Capital Assets 2005–2008.

Euro	2005	2006	2007	2008
Capital at year end	353,925.66	387,096.83	425,908.65	336,179.68
Surplus/(Loss)	-36,770.89	33,171.17	38,811.82	-73,889.29

Although the On-line Board and Promotions Board have been combined, each activity is shown as a separate line in the budget for management purposes.

As a result of the assignment of more work to the EG support team, the Central Secretariat budget has been decreased and the Operations Services budget has increased by a similar amount.

Acceptance of the budget for 2010 and forward look was proposed by Professor T. Ertl, seconded by Dr P. Dutré and approved *nem. con.*

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

8. Executive Committee Elections

8.1. Elections 2009

The Chairman reported that the election ballot started on 16 March and would close on 12 June 2009. He said that the results would be declared in an email to members and on the Web site as soon as the votes had been counted.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for 2009 is reproduced below:

Until 31 December 2009. Baranoski (6), Brunet (4), Duce (1), Ertl (2), Gröller (5), Klein (2), O'Sullivan (1).

Until 31 December 2010. Coquillart (3), Duke (1), Gross (3), Heidrich (6), Müller (2), Scopigno (3), Seidel (2).

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

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.

1. United Kingdom, Ireland.
2. Germany.
3. Italy, Switzerland, France, Monaco, Malta.
4. Spain, Portugal, Andorra.
5. All other European countries.
6. All non-European countries.

8.2. 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 Professors H.-P. Seidel and B. Wyvill.

Professors W. Heidrich and A. Kolb were elected by acclamation to represent the General Assembly.

9. Executive Board 2010

The Chairman explained that since the Executive Committee elections for 2009 had not yet closed, the Executive Committee would appoint the Executive Board for 2010 at their meeting in November 2009. This would be announced to the membership by email and through the Web site in due course.

For information, the composition of the Executive Board for 2009 is reproduced below (see table 6).

Table 6: *Executive Board 2009.*

Chairman	R. Scopigno
Vice-Chairs	D.A. Duce
	T. Ertl
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	F. Melero Rus
Education Board	I. Navazo
Executive Board	R. Scopigno
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 thanked all the Board members for their work during the year.

10. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2010 conference would take place in Linköping University, Norrköping (Sweden) from 3-7 May 2010.

He said that the Executive Committee had selected bids from the UK (Llandudno, North Wales) for 2011 and Italy (Cagliari, Sardinia) for 2012.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2010 in Norrköping (Sweden) on Wednesday 5th May 2010.

12. Any Other Business

A member enquired how the Association was placing itself strategically with respect to SIGGRAPH Asia and ACM SIGGRAPH. The Chairman replied that the Eurographics, SIGGRAPH and SIGGRAPH Asia conferences divided the

calendar into three roughly equal portions. There were some difficulties with proximities of deadlines for SIGGRAPH Asia and smaller symposia though these do not cause major problems. Submissions to Eurographics 2009 had held up well. He said that discussions were continuing with ACM SIGGRAPH and the current strategies would continue. He said that it was planned to look at the effects of changing the date of the Eurographics annual event next year and a member survey was being planned as part of a data gathering process.

A member asked why there was only one Educational Member of the Association. The Chairman replied that this membership category had now closed and the Association aimed to increase the number of Organizational Members.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.45.

Addendum

The results of the Executive Committee elections were declared on 17 June 2009 (see table 7). There was one regional vacancy in region 1 and one in region 4.

Those elected commence their three year terms of office on 1st January 2010.

The composition of the Executive Committee for 2010 will be:

Table 7: Election Results.

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Baranoski	6	34	
Brunet	4	65	Elected
Duce	1	60	Elected
Ertl	2	82	Elected
Gröller	5	55	Elected
Hasic	5	21	
Kautz	1	47	
Klein	2	43	
Kobbelt	2	56	Elected
Luebke	6	56	Elected
Pajarola	3	35	
Paulo Santos	4	40	
Purgathofer	5	73	Elected
Ynnerman	5	28	

Until 31 December 2010. Coquillart (3), Duke (1), Gross (3), Heidrich (6), Müller (2), Scopigno (3), Seidel (2).

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

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

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