



33rd EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirty-third General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Convention Centre, Cagliari, Italy, on 17 May 2012, at 18.00.

The Chairman, Thomas Ertl, welcomed the 54 members present.

1. Minutes of the Thirty-Second General Assembly

The Minutes of the Thirty-second General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 30, No. 6 (2011), were accepted *nem. con.*, with one correction; section 8.3 (Appointment of Nominating Committee), R. Pajarola was appointed by the General Assembly, not R. Scateni.

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 volunteers 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 2012: Oliver Deussen, University of Konstanz (Germany), Brian Wyvill, University of Victoria (Canada) and Anders Ynnerman, Linköping University (Sweden). 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 organising these events. The Association currently has nine: Animation, Data Visualisation, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, High Performance

Graphics, Parallel Graphics and Visualisation, Rendering, Sketch-based Interfaces, and Virtual Environments.

Symposia and workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2012 on: 3D Object Retrieval, Parallel Graphics and Visualisation, EXPRESSIVE, Visualisation (EuroVis), High-Performance Graphics, Rendering, Geometry Processing, Animation, Visual Computing in Biomedicine, Virtual Environments, and Graphics and Cultural Heritage.

The Chairman said that the new financial policy for events, an administrative flat fee per attendee, is working well. He noted that the publication flat fee will continue to be offered for electronic-only publication but not any more for printed proceedings. This policy reflects the increasing number of events requesting electronic-only publication and the resulting financial consequences due to smaller print runs. Printed copies can still be produced and shipped to local event organisers if ordered early enough based on a per-event quotation from EG publishing.

3.3. EG publishing

EG Publishing provides a wide range of services to event organisers including publication, submission and review management and registration and payment. The chairman explained that electronic only publication is now the default; publications are included in the EG Digital Library and event organisers receive a packaged web server for local access at the event. EG Publishing will provide quotations for printed copies of proceedings and USB/CD copies on request.

The Submission Review and Management (SRM) system supports an integrated workflow for submission, reviewing and publication. The SRM system is being re-implemented based on newer technologies and a first release of the new version is scheduled for early 2013.

The chairman reminded the General Assembly that Eurographics publications are based on an Exclusive Right to Publish which is far less restrictive to authors than a transfer of copyrights. Appropriately marked preprints may be made available on personal web pages after official publication.

The registration and payment service includes collection and management of payments by credit card, 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 Oliver Deussen (who took over from Eduard Gröller on 1 January 2012). The chairman reported that the process of appointing a new Co-Chief Editor through an open call had worked very well and produced a very strong field of applicants. Ten new members joined the Editorial Board in April 2012 and five rotated out. A total of 2,460 pages were published in 2011 over eight issues, including 815 pages in non-conference issues.

A large number of EG event proceedings continue to be produced by EG Publishing each year. In 2012 five titles will be published in *Computer Graphics Forum* and nine other titles are scheduled for publication in the EG events series, together with four from partner events.

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 EG 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. Activities are under way to include references to articles in the EG DL in the publications' portals of partner professional societies. Non-members are able to download items in the EG Digital Library on a pay-per-access basis through TIB Hannover.

The chairman also reported that initiatives to provide some form of open access to the association's publications are under discussion.

3.5. Operations board

The Chairman reported membership figures. The number of members in May 2012 was 688, compared to 647 in April 2011. The eight top countries are Germany 130, USA 74, France 70, UK 64, Spain 51, Portugal 39, Austria 38, and

Italy 30; followed by Switzerland 23, Canada 22 and Japan 21. 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 convince their organisations to become Organisational Members.

3.6. Promotions and on-line 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. Marcus Magnor and Mary McDerby have both registered their resignations and the Executive Committee is in the process of making new appointments in this area. The Chairman thanked them for their contributions to the Association.

The Chairman reported that the Association's web site has been consolidated, following the introduction of the new layout and structure in March 2011. He also reported that the Association was represented with a booth at ACM SIGGRAPH 2011.

3.7. Professional board

The Chairman reported that the Professional Board supports the Association's twelve chapters world-wide. Event cooperations continue to be popular and twenty co-operation agreements had been signed for events in 2012 already. Events are scrutinised before co-operation agreements are signed and not all applications are successful. He reported that the Eurographics mailing list is now being used to announce relevant call-for-papers and job opportunities from members on an occasional basis. The Association's liaison agreement with ACM SIGGRAPH was renewed in August 2011.

3.8. Education board

The Chairman reported that the education sessions at EG 2012 included three paper sessions with ten papers and one panel discussion. The chairs were Giovanni Gallo and Beatriz Sousa Santos.

An EG education mailing list has been created and a subscription webpage has been provided at the Association's web 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 2012 conference, the committee discussed lessons learnt from EG 2012 and started the process of finding a venue for EG 2016. Improvements to the paper review process were also discussed. The chairman reported that the traditional physical IPC meeting was replaced by a “virtual meeting” for EG 2012. The Conference Steering Committee had agreed to continue on this path incorporating some changes arising from reflection on the EG 2012 event.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the audited accounts for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011. 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 2011 has been used for the conversion. The treasurer noted that the large variations in exchange rates that have been experienced in recent times result in considerable variations when the accounts are restated from year to year at a different base rate. The Profit and Loss Account for 2011 is shown in Table 1 and the Balance Sheet in Table 2.

The Treasurer reported that expenditure had remained within the limits of the budget, together with income. The membership income in 2011 was slightly lower than in 2010. A healthy surplus of 76K Euro was returned; some issues of carry over of expenditure from previous years had now been resolved.

For information, Table 3 summarises the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years. He noted the reversal of the trend of recent years.

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

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

5. Appointment of Auditors

P. Brunet proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2013. M. Wimmer seconded. The motion was carried *unanimously*.

6. Estimates for 2012

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.

Table 1: Profit and loss account (January 1–31 December 2011) with comparative figures for 2010.

	2010	2011
Income	Euro	Euro
Subscriptions	123 427.59	83 914.98
Bank interest	1 136.44	1 401.48
Events	–53 253.11	61 887.66
Royalties et al.	37 578.33	48 995.22
Result on prev. period	0.00	241.81
	108 889.25	196 441.14
Expenditure		
Executive Board	11 902.45	5 526.38
Workshop Board	186.25	299.28
Chapters	–4 552.46	1 798.10
Online Board	8 053.17	1 990.02
Operational Serv.	76 753.10	65 301.24
Secretariat	6 921.23	2 438.25
Treasurer	7 690.25	9
,715.00		
Promotions Board	3 601.28	642.84
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	–60 419.86	12 848.81
Strategic Projects	4 182.07	2 272.74
Contingency	206.52	2 203.42
Exchange difference	69 918.99	15 046.09
Result on prev. period	742.39	0.00
	125 185.36	120 082.17
Result		
Profit/loss period	–16 296.12	76 358.98

Table 2: Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2011 with comparative figures for 2010.

	2010	2011
Cash	393.40	46.00
Banks	477 207.55	520 461.02
Events acct—Expenditure	789 575.23	496 015.53
Federal withholding tax	1 320.94	1 759.13
	1 268 497.12	1 018 281.68
Liabilities		
Events account—Income	896 577.52	540 226.71
Accounts payable	5 046.58	34 822.98
Fortune	366 873.01	443 231.99
	1 268 497.12	1 018 281.68

7. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2013 and forward look until 2017, shown in Table 4. Figures are KEuro. He explained that the forward look beyond 2013 was provisional. The budget and forward look had been discussed by the Executive Committee.

Individual Membership levels had been set at the current 630 full, 60 student members and 35 Organisational

Table 3: Capital Assets 2008–2011.

Euro	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital at year end	428 811.79	383 169.13	366 873.01	443 231.99
Surplus/(Loss)	–94 249.01	–45 642.66	–16 296.12	76 358.98

Table 4: Budget for 2013 and forward look.

(KEuro)	2013	'14	'15	'16	'17
Income					
Member fees	76	76	76	75	75
Events	95	97	98	98	99
Royalties	26	27	28	29	31
Bookshop	1	1	1	1	1
Interest/Tax return	2	2	2	2	2
	200	203	205	205	208
Expenditure					
Events	82	82	82	82	83
Exec. Brd.	7	8	8	8	9
Prof. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	4	4	4	4	4
W'shps Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
On-line Brd.	4	4	4	5	5
Operations					
Secretary	2	2	2	3	3
Services	65	68	71	73	76
Treasurer	6	6	6	6	6
Taxation	3	3	3	3	3
Promotions	5	5	5	6	6
Education	2	2	2	2	2
Publ. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
CGF	10	10	10	10	11
Strat. projects.	3	3	3	3	3
Contingency	2	2	2	2	2
	198	202	205	210	216
Surplus/(Deficit)	2	1	0	–5	–8

members. He said that these numbers might be optimistic. A flat profile was used in the forward look. Board expenditure had been set according to experience gathered in the recent past. The budget was essentially balanced for the first three years of the five year period.

Acceptance of the budget for 2013 and forward look was proposed by M. Wimmer, seconded by E. Anderson and approved *unanimously*.

The Chairman pointed out that the work of the treasury was essentially carried out by one individual on a volunteer basis and he thanked the Treasurer for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

Table 5: Election Results.

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Chrysanthou	5	25	
Deussen	2	43	Elected
Dodgson	1	26	
Dutre	5	34	
Fellner	5	45	Elected
Galín	3	19	
Kautz	1	38	Elected
Müller	2	35	Elected
Navazo	4	57	Elected (Region 4)
Poulin	6	31	
Skala	5	27	
Sorkine	3	50	Elected
Sousa	4	14	
Szirmay-Kalos	5	29	
Wyvill	6	48	Elected

8. Executive Committee Elections

8.1. Elections 2011

The results of the ballot of members was declared on 15 August 2011 (see Table 5). There was one regional vacancy in region 4.

Those elected commenced their 3-year terms of office on 1 January 2012. The General Assembly confirmed the results of the election.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for **2012** is reproduced below:

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), Ynnerman (5).

Until 31 December 2014. Deussen (2), Fellner (5), Kautz (1), Müller (6), Navazo (4), Sorkine (3), 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.

Table 6: Executive Board 2012.

Chairman	T. Ertl
Vice-Chairs	W. Purgathofer A. Ynnerman
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	t.b.d.
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Professional Board	J.-M. Dischler
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

8.2. Elections 2012

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 O. Sorkine and A. Ynnerman.

E. Anderson and V. Sundstedt were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

9. Executive Board 2012

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 one-year period only) and the chairs of the boards]. The General Assembly ratified the composition of the Executive Board for 2012 (see Table 6), proposed by O. Deussen, seconded by M.-P. Cani (*nem. con*). The Chairman is T. Ertl (until 31 December 2012), the Vice-Chairs are W. Purgathofer (until 31 December 2013) and A. Ynnerman (until 31 December 2012), the Secretary is D.A. Duce (until 31 December 2012) and the Treasurer is W. Hansmann (until 31 December 2012).

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

W. Purgathofer was re-appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2012.

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

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

10. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2013 conference will take place in Girona, Catalonia (Spain), 6-10 May 2013 and the 2014 conference in Strasbourg (France), 7-11 April 2014. The Chairman said that the 2015 conference is under negotiation. Provisionally the conference will be in Zürich (Switzerland), 4-8 May 2015.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2013 in Girona (Spain) on Thursday 9th May 2013.

12. Any Other Business

The Secretary announced that the Executive Committee had agreed a new set of discounts for Life Membership to commence in 2013, subject to confirmation by the Association's auditors of the accounting aspects of the scheme. The discounted rates will be:

1. Age 55 to 59: based on 15 times the Ordinary membership fee (electronic only rate)
2. Age 60 and over: based on 10 times the Ordinary membership fee (electronic only rate)

Life Members shall only be entitled to receive the electronic only subscription package, but will be entitled to purchase such print packages as shall be available to other Ordinary Members from time-to-time on an annual basis at the prevailing rates. Life Members shall not be entitled to claim any other discounts on the membership fee.

He apologised that this announcement had been omitted from the Operations Board report.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 19.00.