

EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The thirteenth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, UK, on Thursday 10 September 1992, at 11.45. The Chairman, J.E. Schönhut, welcomed the 64 members present.

1. Minutes of the Twelfth General Assembly

The minutes of the twelfth General Assembly, published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol. 10, No. 4, pp. 381-386 (1991) were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the transition to a new publisher for the journal, Computer Graphics Forum, had been achieved with the minimum of difficulties and a good rapport has been established with the new publisher.

There are to be a number of changes in the Executive Board. Dr Hubbold has tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Promotions Board. Dr Mumford will take over this position. Dr Kjelldahl has resigned as Chairman of the Publications Board; Dr Herman will take over this position and Miss Coquillart will take over responsibility for the Workshops and Working Groups Board from Dr Herman. Dr Kansy will become Vice Chairman from 1 January 1993 in place of Dr Kjelldahl. Professor Hopgood has agreed to be the Monitoring Officer for the EUROGRAPHICS '95 conference, which will be held in Maastricht.

Dr Schönhut pointed out that his official term as Chairman ends on 31 December 1992. Last year he had agreed to serve a third year, to allow Professor Brunet to take over as Chairman after the completion of the EUROGRAPHICS '93 conference which he is chairing. Dr Schönhut stated that he had not been re-elected in the 1992 Executive Committee elections and hence there was no question of him serving for a third year as Chairman. Professor Arnold will become Chairman from 1 January 1993.

The Executive Board and Committee have been discussing launching a series of more focussed events, seen as a way of addressing new market areas and bringing more benefits to EUROGRAPHICS members.

EUROGRAPHICS has been accepted as a Euroconference by the CEC Human Capital and Mobility Programme, which will enable people in less-favoured regions of Europe (a term which is defined precisely by the CEC) to apply for sponsorship to attend the EUROGRAPHICS '93 conference.

Dr Schönhut expressed his thanks to all the Officers leaving their posts this year, for their hard work and contributions to the Association and wished the new Officers well in their posts.

4. Board Reports

4.1. Promotions Board

Dr Hubbold indicated that he was stepping down as Chairman of the Board through pressure of other work. He stressed that promotion is a key element in EUROGRAPHICS and was confident that his successor would do an excellent job. He expressed his thanks to the other Board members.

EGNews has been the main activity during the year. Dr Hubbold will continue to edit EGNews, at least for the time being. He asked all members to contribute items and information to EGNews. He also reminded members that EUROGRAPHICS information packs are available to take to other events; members should ask the Promotions Board Chair for these.

There were no questions to this report.

4.2. Workshops and Working Groups Board

Dr Herman gave this report. Four workshops have been held already in 1992; reports have appeared or will appear in Computer Graphics Forum. A workshop on Object Oriented Graphics is scheduled for end of October 1992 and a workshop on Rendering for June 1993. Plans for other workshops are under discussion and announcements will be circulated in due course.

Dr Herman explained that some problems had arisen in publishing workshop proceedings and the Board is working hard with the Publications Board to find solutions to these.

There were no questions to this report.

4.3. Publications Board

Dr Kjelldahl gave this report. The work of the Board includes the Journal, Computer Graphics Forum, the Eurographic Seminars series published by Springer-Verlag and the Eurographics Technical Report series published by EUROGRAPHICS. The Board includes the two chief editors of the journal and the series editors of the book and technical report series.

Dr Kjelldahl noted the smooth transition that had been made to the new publisher of the journal and the good working relationships that have been established.

He pointed out that the recession is having a very detrimental effect on the publishing world and EUROGRAPHICS is not immune to some of the side-effects of this. The Publications Board is working hard to ensure that quality and timeliness of publication can be maintained in these circumstances.

Behr de Ruiter is retiring as Chief Editor of Computer Graphics Forum after six years. He was thanked for the excellent contribution he has made to the journal and for the time and energy he devoted to the typesetting of the journal prior to the move to the new publisher. Hans-Peter Seidel will take over from Behr.

David Duce has also resigned as one of the Series Editors of Eurographic Seminars. He was thanked for the excellent work he has done for the series over many years. He has been replaced by Werner Hansmann.

Finally, Dr Kjell Dahl wished his successor, Dr Herman, well in his new task.

There were no questions to this report.

4.4. Professional Board

Professor Hopgood gave this report. He took over from Professor Encarnacao in September 1991. The main role of the Board is to protect the soul of EUROGRAPHICS and ensure that EUROGRAPHICS is doing things appropriate to a professional association. He displayed a number of slides concerning the role of EUROGRAPHICS. Time did not permit a detailed exposition of all the points, so the text of the slides is reproduced in full in these minutes.

The primary role of EUROGRAPHICS is that it is an Association for computer graphics professionals in Europe.

- Professional relationships with other associations are encouraged if they promote the advancement of computer graphics in Europe.
- Role is to provide best forum for its members within Europe (publications, conferences etc to be judged on what members want).
- No justification for members to subsidize the activities of non-members unless it is in the interest of members.
- There should be a clear distinction between national chapters which are organs of EUROGRAPHICS and liaisons with similar associations.
- Constitution and Bye-laws of the national chapters are to be modified to make the aims and responsibilities clearer.
- There is a need to give more Prominence to local chapters in the Association. Ways of doing this are being explored; a Chapters' Board is one possibility.
- There should be a significant skew in the cost for EUROGRAPHICS and non-EUROGRAPHICS members attending EUROGRAPHICS events. All surpluses should arise from non-members.

- EUROGRAPHICS should encourage national chapters by providing 20 Sfr per member locally to support local activities.
- National events should be encouraged to ensure that members who do not attend the annual conference get the opportunity to attend a forum of some kind.
- Liaisons with local European computer societies are not sensible unless the liaison agreement provides benefits for EUROGRAPHICS members such as administrative, provision of local events and increasing the membership of EUROGRAPHICS.
- Professional liaisons with other societies should only be encouraged if the society has a major focus on computer graphics.
- Mechanisms for ensuring the integration of EUROGRAPHICS with its chapters are being explored.

EUROGRAPHICS has a new liaison with Siggraph which is working very well. It is for 3 years in the first instance and provides a booth for EUROGRAPHICS at Siggraph, a booth for Siggraph at EUROGRAPHICS, discounts on EUROGRAPHICS Technical Reports for Siggraph members, and discounts on Siggraph videotapes for EUROGRAPHICS members.

Finally, Professor Hopgood reported that the Fellows of EUROGRAPHICS have appointed three new Fellows: Jürgen Schönhut (services to the Association), Behr de Ruiter (services to Computer Graphics Forum) and Dick Grimsdale (in recognition of his professional standing in the field and services to the Graphics Hardware Workshops).

4.5. Operations Board

Mr Vandoni, the Secretary, gave the first part of the report.

He showed data on the membership situation. From 1990 to 1991 there was a 4.2% drop in membership. From 1991 to 1992 the drop was 13% and this is causing extreme concern to the Executive Committee. On 1 August 1991 the membership figure was 848 (excluding Institutional Member contact persons). The corresponding figure in 1992 was 738. The number of Institutional Members also declined from 40 to 33. The USA and Spain both showed increases in membership. The scheme for early payment of membership fee resulting in a discount of 10 Sfr. has also proved very attractive.

Professor Duce, the Treasurer, then presented the accounts for the financial year 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992. Two sets of data were presented, the accounts prepared by the Operations Board to manage the running of the Association, which show the actual cash flow under each heading during 1991/92, and the official financial accounts prepared by the accountant. The internal data were presented first. Income and expenditure fall into two categories: income and expenditure on behalf of membership services (for

example membership fees, Board expenditure) and income and expenditure for conferences (mailing costs, some travel costs) which is subsequently reimbursed in full. This separation is reflected in the accounts below.

Membership Account

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>		
Membership fees	111,554.13	121,800.00
Conference surplus	58,523.84	75,000.00
Royalties	0.00	20,000.00
Bookshop	44,533.65	20,000.00
Bank interest	39,937.24	18,000.00
Total	254,548.87	254,800.00
<i>Less Expenditure</i>		
Executive Board	39,181.59	11,600.00
Professional Board	292.37	5,800.00
Conference Board	0.00	5,800.00
Workshop Board	5,944.12	12,000.00
Ops- Secretary	54,512.20	63,000.00
Ops- Treasurer	22,249.93	20,000.00
Ops- Taxation	10,025.52	12,000.00
Promotions Board	16,331.78	19,800.00
Publications Board	103,950.67	75,000.00
Bookshop	20,267.22	5,000.00
Total	272,755.40	230,000.00
Surplus/Deficit	-18,206.53	24,800.00

- (1) Membership fees fell below budget because of the decline in membership.
- (2) The conference surplus includes revenue from EG91 and EG86.
- (3) Payment of about 26K Sfr Springer royalties is outstanding. The payment has been delayed awaiting authorization from the Swiss and German tax authorities for the payment to be made gross.
- (4) The Bookshop income appears artificially high in the management accounts because advance orders for EG92 proceedings have been credited to the Bookshop. The invoice for the proceedings will be received in the next financial year. A provision for this expenditure has been made in the financial accounts.
- (5) Bank interest includes the interest on our fixed term deposits plus withholding tax recovered from previous years.
- (6) The combined Executive and Conference Board budgets were heavily overspent, in part due to high airfares to some locations. The Board is taking stringent measures to economise in 92/93.
- (7) The Secretariat budget was underspent, partly due to a large holding of postage stamps purchased at the end of the previous financial year.

(8) The Publications Board budget is rather complex. The budget of 75K Sfr included a provision for 15K income from advance orders of the EG92 proceedings volume from members, making a pure expenditure budget of 90K. In retrospect this was a bad way to account for the cost of proceedings issue of the journal and in the 1991/92 accounts the proceedings income is shown under Bookshop, and expenditure will appear under Bookshop in 1992/93 (when the invoice is received). The budget of 90K Sfr was exceeded because the sum due to North-Holland was larger than expected due to a prior error in billing for Institutional Member copies of the journal.

(9) The Bookshop expenditure was larger than expected for two reasons. Previously operation of the EG stand had been covered from the Promotion Board budget. It was thought proper to account this under Bookshop and there was a corresponding saving on Promotion. It was also necessary to print more copies of Technical Notes than originally envisaged, which led to an increase in expenditure and some surplus stock was also purchased from EG91.

Repayment Conference Accounts

	Cumulative	Current
EG91 Income	8,749.98	8,749.98
EG91 Expenditure	8,749.98	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	8,749.98
EG92 Income	0.00	0.00
EG92 Expenditure	5,618.66	851.40
Surplus/Deficit	-5,618.66	-851.40
EG93 Income	0.00	0.00
EG93 Expenditure	794.04	489.35
Surplus/Deficit	-794.04	-489.35
Overall Surplus/Deficit	-6,412.70	7,409.23

(1) These accounts represent advance expenditure by EG for conferences. Expenditure is reimbursed after each event. The point to note is that conferences are now being financed with relatively little outlay by EG.

The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. The audited accounts are given below.

Profit and Loss Account (July 1,1991 to 30 June, 1992)

<i>Income</i>	
Subscription	111,975.92
Bank interest	658.39
Short term deposit interest	25,936.80
Repayment on book sales	44,533.66
Conference surplus	58,523.84
Other products	15,073.98

Exchange difference	2,732.90
	<u>259,435.49</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Executive Board	38,871.62
Professional Board	292.37
Workshop and Working Grps Brd.	5,944.12
Secretariat	44,512.24
Treasurer	17,145.37
Promotion Board	16,331.79
Publications Board	89,555.04
Bookshop	38,267.22
	<u>250,919.77</u>
<i>Result</i>	
Profit for the period	<u>8,515.72</u>

Balance Sheet as a June 30th 1992

<i>Assets</i>	
Cash	10,705.66
Bank	40,931.37
Short term deposit	330,000.00
Federal withholding tax	4,101.85
EG'92 account	5,619.07
EG'93 account	799.90
	<u>392,157.85</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable	47,333.58
Fortune	344,824.27
	<u>392,157.85</u>

(1) Some accounts show large discrepancies from the internal accounts presented above. The reason for this is that provisions were made in the 1990/91 accounts for expenditure to be incurred in 1991/92 in connection with the new contract for Computer Graphics Forum arising from different billing dates. Provision was also made for additional computer support equipment and for some elements of EUROGRAPHICS '92 advance expenditure.

Mr Prior asked how much income had been received from EUROGRAPHICS '86 and whether this was in line with expectations. Professor Duce explained that the total payment to be made to EUROGRAPHICS was of the order of 12,000 US dollars. A final installment of roughly 2,000 dollars (less legal expenses) is due for payment in the financial year 1992/93. He confirmed that the final settlement was in line with expectations.

Professor Duce proposed that the audited accounts be approved. Professor Arnold seconded. The motion was carriednem. con.

Professor Duce proposed that Antoine Richard be appointed auditors for the financial year 1 July 1992 to 30

June 1993. Dr Purgathofer seconded. The motion was carriednem. con.

5. Executive Committee Elections

5.1. Results of the 1992 Elections

The results of the elections for the Executive Committee in were presented. 297 ballot forms were returned.

	Votes	
Arnold	158	Elected
Coquillart	151	Elected
Faconti	72	
Falcidieno	111	
Herzner	79	
Hewitt	134	Elected
Hopgood	169	Elected
Krammer	91	
Mäntylä	156	Elected
Mumford	140	Elected
Puech	74	
Rossignac	115	
Schönhut	118	
Strasser	119	
Van Wijk	124	Elected

The composition of the Executive Committee from the close of the General Assembly is:

Until 1993. Bono (7), Encarnacao (2), ten Hagen (3), Hubbard (1), Kansy (2), Skala (6), Vandoni (5).

Until 1994. Bergeron (7), Brunet (5), Duce (1), Kjeldahl (4), Herman (3), Post (3), Purgathofer (2).

Until 1995. Arnold (1), Coquillart (5), Hewitt (1), Hopgood (1), Mäntylä(4), Mumford (1), Van Wijk (3).

The Chief Editors of Computer Graphics Forum are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. There will be a vacancy for region 6 in the 1993 elections.

5.2. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The General Assembly appoints two members to a Nominating Committee whose function is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee has appointed W.T. Hewitt and W. Purgathofer.

X. Pueyo (proposed by Professor Brunet, seconded by Professor Arnold) and G. Kramer (proposed by Drs ten Hagen, seconded by Mr Hewitt), were unanimously elected to represent the General Assembly.

6. Budget and Forward Look

Professor Duce presented the budget for 1992/93 and forward look until 1996/97.

Membership Account

Income	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97
Membership fees	105.6	105.6	124.8	135.2	146.9
Royalties	46.6	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Conferences	36.0	56.3	61.6	67.0	77.3
Bookshop	57.0	60.2	63.7	67.4	71.3
Interest	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
	265.2	262.1	290.1	309.6	335.5
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0
Prof. Brd.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Conf. Brd.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Workshops Brd.	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.9	7.3
Operations					
Treasurer	21.4	22.5	23.6	24.8	26.0
Taxation	12.8	13.5	14.1	14.9	15.6
Promotions	17.0	17.8	18.7	19.7	20.7
Publications	71.4	74.8	80.5	87.2	94.5
Bookshop	54.0	56.5	60.0	63.8	67.7
	265.6	278.4	295.0	313.2	332.4
Surplus/(Deficit)	-0.4	-16.3	-4.9	-3.6	3.1

Repayment Conference Accounts

	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97
Income					
EG92	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG93	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG94	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
EG95	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0
EG96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0
Total	10.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Expenditure					
EG92	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG93	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG94	2.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
EG95	0.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	0.0
EG96	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0	1.0
EG97	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0
EG98	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Total	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Surplus/(Deficit)	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Summary

	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97
Membership a/c	-0.4	-16.3	-4.9	-3.6	3.1
Conference a/c	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total surplus	0.6	-16.3	-4.9	-3.6	3.1
Cumulative	0.6	-15.7	-20.6	-24.2	-21.1

- (1) The membership income is based on a reduction in membership in 1993 comparable to the reduction between 1991 and 1992 followed by a flattening off and then slow growth towards the end of the period of the forward look. An increase in membership fee to 130 Sfr for Ordinary Members and 1200 Sfr for Institutional Members is proposed for 1993. Provision has also been made in the income line for allocation of 20Sfr per member to Local Chapters as described in the Professional Board report.
- (2) The royalty income for 1992/93 includes the sum of 26.6K Sfr, outstanding from 1991/92. Payment of this has been delayed awaiting the signature of certain documents by the tax authorities.
- (3) The Bookshop budget includes the full cost of the conference proceedings issue of Computer Graphics Forum. The income line includes the contribution made by conference budgets for copies for conference delegates.

Before discussion of the Budget, Professor Duce proposed a motion from the Executive Committee that the membership fee be increased for 1993. The motion was that the Bye-laws be amended as follows:

Rule 41

- a) Individual Ordinary Members, Constitution Article 4(1) 130 Sfr. with a discount of 10 Sfr for payments received before 15 January.
- b) Institutional Members. The fee payable is based on the benefits desired.

Contact persons	2	4	6
Discounted	3	5	7
Registrations			
Library copies of journal	2	4	6
Fee (Sfr.)	1200	2000	2600

The proposal was discussed.

Dr Jansen expressed serious concerns that the cost of the journal was crippling the Association's finances and that there are too many graphics journals. He asked that the Executive Committee allow a full discussion of the Association's policy on the journal before the contract next comes up for renewal. His request was noted. Dr Herman replied to Dr Jansen and stated the case for having a journal, and defended the quality of the journal.

The Chairman called for a vote on Membership Fees. The motion above was seconded by Mr Hewitt. Voting was 33 in favour, 13 against and 10 abstentions. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Professor Duce then proposed that the budget as set out

above for 1992/93 be approved. Mr Hewitt seconded. Voting was 41 in favour, 2 against, 12 abstentions. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

7. Executive Board 1993

The Chairman reported the composition of the Executive Board for 1993.

Chairman	D.B. Arnold
Vice-Chairs	P. Brunet K. Kansy
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	D.A. Duce (assisted by T. Morrow)
Executive Board	D.B. Arnold

Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
Workshops Board	S. Coquillard
Publications Board	I. Herman
Promotions Board	A.M. Mumford
Professional Board	F.R.A. Hopgood

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 September 1993 in Barcelona, Spain.

9. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 13.15.

Antoine Richard

 Membre de la Chambre fiduciaire

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO
THE GENERAL MEETING OF
EUROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION
GENEVA

As auditor of your Association, I have examined the accounts for the year ended June 30th, 1992, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

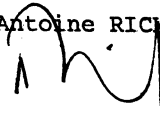
I have come to the conclusion that :

- the balance sheet of profit and loss account are in agreement with the books
- the books of account have been properly kept
- the financial position and the results or operations are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the result of my examination, I recommend that the accounts submitted to you be approved.

Geneva, August 12th, 1992

Antoine RICHARD



Enclosures : Balance sheet
Profit and loss account