34th EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirty-fourth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Parc Científic i Tecnològic de la Universitat de Girona, Girona, Spain, on 9th May, 2013, at 16.40.

The Chairman, Werner Purgathofer, welcomed the members present.

1. Minutes of the Thirty-third General Assembly

The Minutes of the Thirty-third General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 31, No. 6, pp. 1987-1991 (2012), proposed by W. Hansmann, seconded by H. Carr, were accepted unanimously.

2. Matters Arising

There were no mattters 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. He gave a brief overview of the structure and operation of the Association.

3.1. Fellows

Three new Fellows were elected in 2013: Reinhard Klein, University of Bonn (Germany), Wolfgang Heidrich, University of British Columbia (Canada), Philipp Slusallek, University of Saarbrücken (Germany). 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 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 2013 on: 3D Object Retrieval, Parallel Graphics and Visualization, Urban Data Modeling and Visualization, EXPRESSIVE, Visualization (EuroVis), High-Performance Graphics, Rendering, Material Appearance Modeling, Geometry Processing, Animation, Virtual Environments, Graphics and Cultural Heritage.

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. 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 beta-release is in trial use.

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. A total of 2,568 pages were published in 2012 over eight issues, including 705 pages in non-conference issues. Sixteen new

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members joined the Editorial Board in April 2013 and fifteen rotated out.

The Chairman explained that from 2014 there will be no printed proceedings for the annual event.

A large number of EG event proceedings continue to be produced by EG Publishing each year. In 2013 five titles will be published in *Computer Graphics Forum* and eight other titles are scheduled for publication in the EG events series, together with three 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. Printed copies are not available after events.

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. Non-members are able to download items in the EG Digital Library on a pay-per-access basis through TIB Hannover. Authors are able to publish appropriately marked preprints on private web pages with no lock-out period.

The chairman also reported that initiatives to provide open access to the association's pubications via the Golden Route are progressing.

The Association will be moving the digital library to a new DSpace server, away from the current Hyperwave-based server. DSpace is a modern digital library platform and *inter alia* offers improved visibility and access to harvest machines.

3.5. Operations Board

The Chairman reported membership figures. The number of members in May 2013 was 670, compared to 688 in May 2012. The eleven top countries are Germany 131, France 71, UK 68, USA 59, Spain 48, Portugal 37, Austria 32, Italy 30, Switzerland 27, Canada 22, Japan 21. There are 53 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 important for Eurographics to be a strong, representative, organization. He also encouraged members to convince their organizations to become Organizational 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.

The Chairman reported that the board has a new chair, Anders Ynnerman, who is also one of the Association's Vice Chairs. The Board has developed a new layout and structure for the web site,

introduced in April 2013, and is developing new strategies for on-line presence and promotions. The Board is planning a Eurographics booth for ACM SIGGRAPH 2013.

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 nineteen co-operation agreements had been signed for events in 2013 already. 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.

3.8. Education Board

The Chairman reported that the board has a new chair: Beatriz Sousa Santos.

An education papers program was organized for EG 2013, chaired by Eva Cerezo, Jean-Jacques Bourdin and Steve Cunningham. In addition to two paper sessions, the programme also contained a panel discussion on Bologna implementation in computer graphics. The first meeting of the new board took place during EG 2013. First meeting of new Board during EGŠ13

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. The Committee has a new chair, Marie-Paule Cani, and met during EG 2013. Venues for EG 2016, EG 2017 and EG 2018 are being sought. The Committee has decided that in future there will be one best paper award at the EG conference (the Günter Enderle award) together with between two and four honourable mention papers. Honourable mentions will replace the previous 2nd and 3rd place awards.

The Committee has decided that the IPC meeting for the annual event will continue to be a virtual meeting for the time being. This arrangement proved effective for the 2012 and 2013 IPC meetings. Isabel Navazo and Pierre Poulin organized the 2013 meeting over several days and were congratulated on doing an excellent job.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the audited accounts for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012. 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 2012 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

Table 1: *Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2012) with comparative figures for 2011.*

Income	2011 Euro	2012 Euro
Subscriptions	89,993.75	63,853.23
Bank interest	1,503.01	816.27
Events	66,370.77	0.00
Royalties et al.	52,544.41	25,411.84
Result on prev. period	259.33	0.00
Exchange difference	0.00	3,764.21
	210,671.27	93,845.55
Expenditure		
Executive Board	5,926.71	4,857.45
Events	0.00	24,907.76
Professional Board	0.00	0.00
Workshop Board	320.96	103.25
Education	0.00	0.00
Chapters	1,928.35	10.954.20
Online Board	2,134.17	5,118.97
Operational Serv.	70,031.64	65,145.71
Secretariat	2,614.88	2,084.37
Treasurer	10,418.75	10,974.45
Promotions Board	689.41	0.00
Bkshp. and Publn. Brd.	13,779.58	11,083.53
Strategic Projects	2,437.38	3,749.38
Contingency	2,363.03	1,199.00
Exchange difference	16,136.02	0.00
	128,780.87	140,178.08
Result		
Profit/loss period	81,890.39	-46,332.52

Table 2: *Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2012 with comparative figures for 2011.*

Assets	2011	2012
Cash	49.33	8.83
Banks	558,163.02	638,370.32
Events acct - Expenditure	531,946.71	747,172.36
Accounts receivable	0.00	1,077.14
Federal withholding tax	1,886.56	211.35
	1,092,045.63	1,386,840.00
Liabilities		
Events account - Income	579,360.53	868,771.86
Accounts payable	37,345.55	89,061.12
Fortune	475,339.55	429,007.03
	1,092,045.63	1,386,840.00

restated from year to year at a different base rate. The Profit and Loss Account for 2012 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.

For information, Table 3 summarizes the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years.

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

Table 3: *Capital Assets 2009 - 2012.*

Euro	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital at year end	410,925.76	393,449.16	475,339.55	429,007.03
Surplus/(Loss)	-48,949.00	-17,476.60	81,890.39	-46,332.52

Table 4: *Budget for 2014 and Forward Look.*

(KEuro)	2014	'15	'16	'17	'18
Income					
Member fees	72	71	71	71	70
Events (incl. proc.)	305	314	323	332	342
Royalties	26	27	28	29	31
Bookshop	0	0	0	0	0
Interest/Tax return	2	2	2	2	2
	405	414	424	434	444
Expenditure					
Events (incl. proc.)	274	283	293	303	314
Exec. Brd.	5	6	6	6	6
Prof. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	3	3	3	3	3
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	10	11	11	11	12
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	9	9	10	10	10
Strat. projects.	3	3	3	3	3
Contingency	2	2	2	2	2
	390	404	418	433	448
Surplus/(Deficit)	15	10	6	1	-4

P. Brunet proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by T. Ertl. The motion was carried, unanimously.

5. Appointment of Auditors

E. Anderson proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2014. M. Romero seconded. The motion was carried *unanimously*.

6. Estimates for 2013

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 2014 and forward look until 2018, shown in Table 4. Figures are KEuro.

Table 5: *Election Results.*

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Alliez	3	45	
Brunet	4	90	Elected (Region 4)
Cani	3	68	Elected
Dutre	5	36	
Ertl	2	102	Elected
Gobbetti	3	41	
Kobbelt	2	93	Elected
Levy	3	39	
Patow	4	36	
Poulin	6	58	Elected
Purgathofer	5	95	Elected
Stamminger	2	58	Elected
Szirmay-Kalos	5	48	

Table 6: *Executive Board 2013.*

Chairman	W. Purgathofer
Vice-Chairs	A. Ynnerman
	M.-P. Cani
Vice-Chairman *ex officio*	T. Ertl
Secretary	D.A. Duce
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	F. Melero Rus
Education Board	B. Sousa Santos
Executive Board	W. Purgathofer
Operations Board	D.A. Duce
Promotions & On-line	A. Ynnerman
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Professional Board	J.-M. Dischler
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

He explained that the forward look beyond 2015 was provisional. The budget and forward look had been discussed by the Executive Committee and agreed for presentation to the General Assembly.

Individual Membership levels had been set at the current 630 full, 60 student members and 35 Organizational 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 2014 and forward look was proposed by M.-P. Cani, seconded by M. Chen 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.

8. Executive Committee Elections

8.1. Elections 2012

The results of the ballot of members was declared on 16th October 2012 (see Table 5). There was one regional vacancy in region 4.

Those elected commenced their 3-year terms of office on 1 January 2013. The General Assembly confirmed the results of the election.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for **2013** is reproduced below:

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 (2), Navazo (4), Sorkine (3), Wyvill (6).

Until 31 December 2015. Brunet (4), Cani (3), Ertl (2), Kobbelt (2), Poulin (6), Purgathofer (5), Stamminger (2).

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. Elections 2013

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 T. Ertl and B. Wyvill. M. Rumero and I. Navazo were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

9. Executive Board 2013

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 2013 (see Table 6), proposed by E. Anderson, seconded by C. Dachsbacher (unanimous). The Chairman is W. Purgathofer (until 31 December 2014), the Vice-Chairs are M.-P. Cani (until 31 December 2014), A. Ynnerman (until 31 December 2014), the Secretary is D.A. Duce (until 31 December

2013) and the Treasurer is W. Hansmann (until 31 December 2013). T. Ertl is Vice Chairman *ex officio* until 31 December 2013.

W. Purgathofer has been appointed Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2013.

A. Ynnerman was re-appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2013.

M.-P. Cani has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2013.

T. Ertl becomes Vice Chairman *ex officio* for a period of 1 year commencing 1 January 2013.

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

10. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2014 conference will be in Strasbourg (France), 7-11 April 2014 and the 2015 conference will be in Zürich (Switzerland), 4-8 May, 2015.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2014 in Strasbourg (France) on Thursday 10th April 2014.

12. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 17.40.