

EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The ninth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Acropolis Conference Centre, Nice, France, on Thursday 15 September 1988, at 16.40. The Chairman, C.E. Vandoni, welcomed the 80 members present.

The agenda for the meeting was published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol 7, No 3, p 245.

1. Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly

The minutes of the eighth General Assembly, published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol 6, No 4, p 383-391, were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Board Reports

3.1. Chairman/ Executive Board

The Chairman gave this report. The Board has met three times during the year. A new contract has been signed with North Holland for publication of Computer Graphics Forum.

At the time of the General Assembly, 776 persons had paid their membership subscriptions for 1988. Whilst the growth rate in new members has been good, there has been a high turnover of existing members. The growth in Spain has been particularly high, due to the efforts of the newly-formed Spanish Chapter.

The accounts for 1987/88 were presented later in the Agenda.

There were no questions on this report.

3.2. Conference Board

Mr Prior, chairman of the Conference Board, gave this report.

The situation with regard to EUROGRAPHICS '86 is most unsatisfactory. Accounts Of the conference have still not been received from Portugal. An action was brought in the Swiss Courts which gave judgement against the organiser. A meeting was held with the organiser in July this year and a timetable was agreed which would have resulted in delivery of the final accounts by this General Assembly. Nothing has been received and so the Association is now entering the process of enforcing the judgement of the Swiss Court through the courts in Portugal.

EUROGRAPHICS '87 was very successful. Attendance was slightly lower than hoped, but expenditure was also lower than expected and the event resulted in a surplus of 93K Dfl (64K Sfr) for EUROGRAPHICS. The majority of this has already been received. The Conference Board received several complaints that the fees for EUROGRAPHICS '87 were too high. The Board have taken note of these views, but the Assembly was reminded that the lead time on organising conferences prevents an immediate response.

Attendance at EUROGRAPHICS '88 was 413 from 26 countries to the time of the General Assembly. It was too early to predict the financial outcome of the event.

EUROGRAPHICS '89 will be held in Hamburg from September 4 to 8. Professor Encarnacao and Dr Hubbard are the Conference Chairmen. It is anticipated that the conference fees will be less than the EUROGRAPHICS '87 fees. More details of the conference appeared in Computer Graphics Forum Vol 6, No 3, p 233-234.

EUROGRAPHICS '90 will be held in Montreux, September 3 to 7. EUROGRAPHICS '80 was held in Geneva and the Association looks forward to returning to Switzerland on the tenth anniversary. Montreux has been selected rather than Geneva because superpower conferences can result in mass cancellation of hotel bookings which is highly undesirable! The Conference Board are confident that the fees can be kept to a reasonable level.

EUROGRAPHICS '91 will be in Vienna, September 2 to 6. This is a new country for EUROGRAPHICS. An excellent venue has been selected by the local organisers, the old imperial palace! Members were pleased to learn that despite its origins, the palace does have the very latest in audio/ visual equipment; speakers will not be required to produce lantern slides!

The Executive Committee has decided that it is time the annual event returned to the UK and a decision in principle has been taken to hold EUROGRAPHICS '92 in the UK. The date and location are not yet known.

There were no questions on this report.

3.3. Professional Board

Dr Duce, secretary of the Professional Board, gave the report.

As reported to the last General Assembly, the Association has three mechanisms for promoting the activities of EUROGRAPHICS in specific countries and better serving the needs of members in their own countries. These mechanisms are: local chapters, affiliations and liaisons. The affiliation scheme allows EUROGRAPHICS to work in conjunction with existing graphics societies and brings both a local dimension to the EUROGRAPHICS activities and an international dimension to the local activities. The chapter scheme provides a direct mechanism for establishing local EUROGRAPHICS activities in a specific country. It is most appropriate when there is no existing local society that could serve the needs of EUROGRAPHICS members. Liaison agreements provide for interchange of information between societies.

A local chapter has recently been formed in Portugal, bringing the number of chapters to 3; UK, Spain and Portugal. Four Affiliation Agreements have been signed during the year, with the Austrian Computer Graphics Society (ACGS), the German Computer Society (GI), the Norwegian Computer Graphics society (NORSIGD) and the Swedish Graphics Interest Group (SIGRAD). EUROGRAPHICS has liaison agreements with societies in China and Japan.

Discussions are continuing with representatives from Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands and Switzerland to find the best mechanisms for supporting and promoting EUROGRAPHICS in those countries.

Finally Dr Duce reminded the General Assembly that EUROGRAPHICS now has a student membership category. Student members receive a subscription to Computer Graphics Forum and other membership benefits. The fee is much lower than the ordinary membership fee. Members working in education were exhorted to encourage their students to join the Association.

There were no questions on this report.

3.4. workshops and Books Board

Mr Hewitt, the Board's Chairman, gave this report.

Five workshops have been held during the year: GKS Review Workshop, September 1987; CGM in the Real World, October 1987 (jointly with NBS); Intelligent CAD Systems II, April 1988; CGI Testing, May 1988 and Graphics Hardware III, September 1988. Three workshops have currently been planned for 1989: Computer Graphics Teaching, April 1989; Intelligent CAD Systems III, April 1989; Graphics Hardware IV, September 1989. Funds have also been earmarked for a second joint workshop with NBS. In addition, EUROGRAPHICS is sponsoring workshops on Geometric Modelling (Tubingen, FRG) and Window

Management (Denmark). Mr Hewitt encouraged members to volunteer to organise further workshops.

There are now 12 titles in the Eurographic Seminars series, published by Springer-Verlag. Two titles have appeared so far in 1988, Advances in Computer Graphics III (May 1988) and CGM in the Real World (September 1988). Members were reminded that they are entitled to a 25% discount on the titles in this series when ordered through EUROGRAPHICS.

Four more titles are currently planned: Advances in Computer Graphics IV, Higher Level Tools for Window Managers, Intelligent CAD Systems II and Graphics Hardware III.

There were no questions on this report.

4. Budget

4.1. Accounts 1987/88

Dr Duce reported on behalf of Dr Roch who was prevented from attending the Assembly through a business commitment.

Summary of the Accounts for 1st July 1987 to 30th June 1988. Figures are K Sfr.

<i>Expenditure 1987/88</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Exec. Board and Committee	5.5	5
Professional Board	4.0	5
Conference Board	3.3	4
Workshops and Books Board	6.5	11
Computer Graphics Forum	48.0	37
Secretary	32.0	40
Treasurer	10.0	19
PR	9.0	8
Conference Prizes/ Notes	0.0	8
Bookshop	1.0	5
TOTAL	119.3	142

Income 1987/88

Membership	105.0	99
Surplus EG '85	1.8	2
Surplus EG '87	64.0	0
Bookshop	6.0	5
Royalties	14.5	30
Interest	2.5	2
Seminars	0.0	6
EG '87 loan repayment	25.7	25
	219.5	169
Surplus	100.2	27

At the end of the year, the Association's assets stood at 246,009.66 Sfr. The Auditor's Report and Balance Sheet are reproduced at the end of these minutes.

Dr Duce noted the following points:

- (1) The expenditure for Computer Graphics Forum includes payment of invoices for early issues which were only received in September 1988. The actual amounts of these were less than anticipated at the last General Assembly.
- (2) There are still some outstanding payments to be made on conference prizes and notes. This is an internal transfer with the EUROGRAPHICS '87 conference account.
- (3) Royalties on books were less than anticipated last year. The prediction was made on the basis of very limited information. This has been looked at during the year and it is hoped a better model has now been obtained.
- (4) In the 1987/88 budget a line for outstanding receipts from AMK was shown. This was received at the start of the 1988/89 financial year and so does not appear in the above accounts.

The accounts were approved, 79 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

4.2. Revised Administrative Structure

Prior to presenting the budget for 1988/89, Dr Duce described a new administrative structure for the Association, approved by the Executive Committee on 13 September 1988. The budget is described in terms of this structure.

At present the administrative structure consists of the General Assembly (the membership of the Association), the Executive Committee (elected by the General Assembly), the Executive Board (Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer; appointed by the Executive Committee), and the Workshops and Books Board, Professional Board and Conference Board (appointed by the Executive Committee). This structure has worked reasonably well, but some deficiencies have been identified, plus the need to engage in some new kinds of activity, which led the Executive Committee to agree to a revised structure as follows.

The General Assembly and Executive Committee remain unchanged. The composition of the Executive Board will be enhanced by the addition of the chairmen of the other Boards to be described. In the new structure there are 6 Boards beneath the Executive Board: Professional (Chairman: Ehcarnacao), Conferences and Tutorials (Chairman: Prior), Operations (Chairman: Vandoni), Workshops (Chairman: ten Hagen), Promotions (Chairman: Hubbard), and Publications (Chairman: Duce). The exact composition of each Board and precise terms of reference are still being defined.

A questioner asked whether the Executive Committee had given any directions concerning the role of Working Groups in the Association, and which Board would be responsible for them. Dr Duce explained that Working Groups would come under the Workshops Board. The Executive Committee was not at this stage defining policy for the Boards, rather the Boards have been requested to submit policy statements to the next Executive Committee meeting in January 1989. Professor Encarnacao added that Working Groups were only just getting underway. It would ultimately be the Professional Board's responsibility to ensure that this aspect of membership services was being properly addressed.

4.3. Budget 1988/89 and Forward Look

Dr Duce presented the budget for 1988/89 and forward look until 1992/93.

	<i>Budget</i>				
	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93
Income					
Member income	94.5	97.2	111.0	114.0	117.0
Conf. surplus	0.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
Bookshop	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Royalties	15.0	17.5	20.0	22.5	25.0
Interest	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
AMK	25.0				
Loan repayment					
EG89	-	21.0	-	-	-
EG90	-	-	25.0	-	-
EG91	-	-	-	25.0	-
EG92	-	-	-	-	25.0
Total	141.5	217.7	238.0	243.5	249.0
Expenditure					
Publications Board	37.6	51.6	53.1	63.0	64.7
Exec. Board	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.0
Prof. Board	10.0	5.25	5.5	5.8	6.1
Conf/ Tutorials Board	5.0	5.25	5.5	5.8	6.1
Workshops Board	7.0	7.4	7.7	8.1	8.5
Operations Board	60.0	63.0	66.0	70.0	73.0
Promotion Board	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	18.0
Bookshop	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
EG 88 Prizes	2.75	-	-	-	-
Conference Advances					
EG89	21.0	-	-	-	-
EG90	12.0	13.0	-	-	-
EG91	-	25.0	-	-	-
EG92	-	-	25.0	-	-
EG93	-	-	-	25.0	-
EG94	-	-	-	-	25.0
Totals	181.35	198.0	191.8	208.3	214.4

	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93
Surplus per year	(39.85)	19.7	46.2	35.2	34.6
Cumulative surplus	(39.85)	(20.15)	26.05	61.25	95.85

Breakdown of Publications Board

<i>Expenditure</i>	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93
CGF copies	27.6	41.1	42.4	51.4	52.5
Production	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.2
Totals	37.6	51.6	53.1	63.0	64.7

Breakdown of Operations Board

<i>Expenditure</i>	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93
Secretariat	45.0	47.0	49.0	51.0	53.0
Treasury	15.0	16.0	17.0	19.0	20.0
Totals	60.0	63.0	66.0	70.0	73.0

A number of points were noted.

- (1) Income is calculated on the basis of an increase in the membership fee from 90 to 100 Sfr in 90/91 for Ordinary Members and 900 to 1000 Sfr for Institutional Members.
- (2) A more realistic view has been taken of Royalty income. Plans for the book series are being drawn up to generate the income shown.
- (3) EUROGRAPHICS '88 was not budgetted to generate a surplus for EUROGRAPHICS and so zero revenue is shown in the budget. Conferences in later years are budgetted to generate a surplus.
- (4) Conference prizes for EUROGRAPHICS '89 and subsequent conferences are included in the conference budgets.

A questioner asked if the Association pays taxes. Dr Duce replied that taxes are payable in Switzerland and provision for these is made in the Operations Board budget.

A questioner asked if the Association was obtaining the best return possible on investments. Dr Duce said that there was room for improvement in this area and the Operations Board would be looking at this with some urgency. The Treasurer has taken several steps to minimize the effects of exchange rate fluctuations by holding some monies in foreign currency accounts in Switzerland.

The budget for 1988/89 as presented was approved unanimously.

5. Revisions to Bye-laws

Dr Duce reported that this item was included in the Agenda perchance the Executive Committee had felt it necessary to seek an increase in the membership fee.

The General Assembly was warned at the previous meeting that it would be necessary to seek an increase to 100 Sfr. for 1989. However, the good result of EUROGRAPHICS '87 coupled with some items of expenditure being less than predicted, has meant that the Executive Committee do not feel it necessary to seek an increase at this time: This announcement was greeted with applause!

6. Executive Committee Elections

6.1. Results of 1987/88

Dr Duce reported that the candidates for the 1987/88 elections had been returned unopposed. The candidates were Brunet (Spain), Duce (UK), Gnatz (F.R. Germany), Kjell Dahl (Sweden), Purgathoefer (Austria), Tucker (Denmark), Turk (Yugoslavia). Their 3 year term of office commences at the close of the General Assembly.

6.2. Nominating Committee

The ninth General Assembly approved the formation of a Nominating Committee whose function it is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections, to ensure an election takes place. The Committee consists of two members appointed by the Executive Committee and two by the General Assembly. The Executive Committee have appointed Encarnacao and Vandoni. Pink (UK) and Faconti (Italy) were nominated from the floor of the General Assembly. Pink and Faconti were duly elected: 77 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

6.3. Officers

Carlo Vandoni's term of office as Chairman ceases on 31 December 1988. Dr Duce thanked him on behalf of the membership for his services to, the Association during his period as Chairman.

Dr Roger Hubbard will commence a two year term of office as Chairman on 1 January 1989. Dr David Duce and Drs Paul ten Hagen will be Vice Chairmen. Carlo Vandoni will be Secretary and Dr Michel Roch Treasurer.

7. Preparation for Next General Assembly

The next General Assembly will be held on 7 September 1989, during EUROGRAPHICS '89 in Hamburg.

8. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 17.30.

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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, 1988, 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 of operations are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

Geneva, August 31st 1988

Antoine RICHARD



Enclosures : Balance sheet
Profit and loss account

EUROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION - GENEVABALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30TH, 1988

<u>ASSETS</u>	Fr.
Cash	6'022,10
Bank	237'923,46
Federal withholding tax	1'516,65
EG'89 account	547,45
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LIABILITIES

Account payable	6'051,10
Fortune	239'958,56
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