



The fourteenth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Palau de Congressos, Fira de Barcelona, Spain, on Thursday 9 September 1993, at 17.30. The Chairman, D.B. Arnold, welcomed the 59 members present. Apologies for absence were received from G. Grinstein.

### 1. Minutes of the Thirteenth General Assembly

The minutes Of the thirteenth General Assembly, published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol. 11, No. 5, pp. 366-373 (1992) were approved (proposed by F.R.A. Hopgood, seconded by A.M. Mumford, nem con.).

### 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the General Assembly would take a different format this year, in response to requests from members. He would present an overview of the Association's programme during the year, based on the Board structure. He stressed that although he would give the report himself, this was purely to reduce the amount of time taken in reporting. Almost all the work is done by others.

### 4. Annual Report of Activities

#### 4.1. Operations

During the year, the number of individual members has fallen to 673, a decline of 66. It is too simplistic to regard this as merely a consequence of the recession and the Executive Committee has embarked upon a major review of the Association's programmes looking at what we do, how we do it and why. Papers are being prepared for discussion by the Executive Board in November 1993, then by the Executive Committee in February 1994. It is expected that changes agreed will be in place by the next General Assembly. Members of the Association were encouraged to input their ideas to this process through members of the Executive Board or Committee.

The Chairman noted that the Operations are very well-handled under Carlo Vandoni's capable hands.

#### 4.2. Publications

Ivan Herman has resigned from the post of Publications Board chairman. Professor Arnold said that he had accepted this resignation with regret and expressed his gratitude to Ivan Herman for his contributions to publications.

The statement was greeted with applause.

Computer Graphics Forum runs very well under Blackwell Publishers. Thanks were expressed to Blackwell Publishers, Phil Willis and Hans-Peter Seidel for the smooth running of the journal.

The Technical Report Series is operating under new conditions. Toby Howard and Bianca Falcidieno were the series editors during the year, although Toby Howard has now resigned. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Toby Howard for the work that he has put into the Technical Report Series. He announced that Ivan Herman has accepted the vacant series editor position.

A new agreement with Springer-Verlag for the operation of the Focus on Computer Graphics (formerly EurographicSeminars) book series has been put in place, though some difficulties have been experienced in making this operate. It is hoped that the operation will work smoothly this next year. The Chairman thanked Werner Hansmann for the enormous effort he has invested into the new arrangements.

The Chairman reported that Werner Purgathofer has agreed to take over the Chairmanship of the Publications Board and expressed his gratitude to Werner for this.

### 4.3. Workshops

Sabine Coquillart has overseen the organization of a very successful series of workshops. Six have been held since the last General Assembly, four of which took place in conjunction with Eurographics '93. The Scientific Visualization and Rendering workshops were each very successful. The Rendering workshop was attended by 81 people and is clearly a major area of interest. The proceedings have been published as a very high quality Eurographics Technical Report. The Chairman urged members to look at the proceedings on the Eurographics Stand.

The Scientific Visualization workshop attracted 29 participants; publication of the proceedings is in hand.

Of the four workshops held in conjunction with Eurographics '93, 16 people attended the Hardware workshop, 20 attended the Graphics and Visualization Education workshop and 30 the Virtual Environments workshop. The latter was very interesting in that sponsorship was obtained from the US Office of Naval Research (Europe) and the US Army Research Office, though the good auspices of Larry Rosenblum. The event had been a considerable success.

A number of future workshops are already planned: Object Oriented Graphics, May 1994; Design of Interactive Systems, June 1994 and Rendering, June 1994.

A new event type, symposia, intermediate between a workshop and the annual event is being introduced. The first symposium will be held in June 1994, in Gratz, Austria, on Multimedia. The organizer is Wolfgang Herzner. Copies of the Call for Participation are now available.

#### 4.4. Promotions

The Chairman reported that Anne Mumford took over the Board after last year's General Assembly, in difficult circumstances of declining membership. He expressed his gratitude for the effort she had put in over the last year. An attractive new information brochure in folded A3 format has been produced. A new institutional membership brochure has also been produced.

Institutional members have been asked to help the Association by mailing flyers with EUROGRAPHICS information (along with information from the Institutional member) to their mailing lists. Two Institutional members have so far helped in this way and the Chairman encouraged others to do so also.

EUROGRAPHICS has affiliations with a number of local graphics societies. These also help with promotional activities and a number of mailings have been organized as a consequence. He reported that not all affiliated societies do meet their obligations with regard to PR and said that the Association is investigating ways of making sure that all do provide the reciprocal support envisaged.

#### 4.5. Conferences

The Chairman paid especial thanks to Pere Brunet, the Chairman of Eurographics'93, for running the event so well. This was greeted with applause.

Eurographics '94 will take place in Oslo. Publicity is now available and members were encouraged to promote the event in their companies, institutes and amongst colleagues.

Eurographics '95 is planned to be held in Maastricht. Contracts have not yet been signed, but the Chairman of the event is Paul ten Hagen, and a good conclusion to the negotiations is expected. The venue is very good and the composition of the Organizing Committees is nearing completion.

An approach has been made by INRIA to organize Eurographics'96, but no venue has been set yet. It is expected that Eurographics '95 and '96 will be in a position to reflect new directions within the Association.

#### 4.6. Professional Board

The Professional Board has been run by Bob Hopgood. All the Affiliation Agreements in which the Association is involved have been renewed in the last year. Organizations in Russia, Korea, Greece and China have approached EUROGRAPHICS for new affiliation contacts.

#### 4.7. Conclusion

The Chairman concluded by thanking all the people in the Association who do the work. He stressed again that he had reported all the activities in order to save time; other people do almost all the work.

#### 5. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, David Duce, presented the accounts for the financial year 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993. 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 1992/93, 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. Figures are in Swiss francs.

##### Membership Account

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>		
Membership fees	112,726.51	105,600
Conference surplus	18,100.07	36,000
Royalties	44,708.60	46,600
Bookshop	44,126.74	57,000
Bank interest	21,657.66	20,000
Total	241,319.58	265,200
<i>Less Expenditure</i>		
Executive Board	20,233.64	20,000
Professional Board	0.00	0
Workshops Board	6,027.95	6,000
Ops- Secretary	57,390.05	63,000
Ops- Treasurer	18,805.13	21,400
Ops- Taxation	11,905.25	12,800
Promotions Board	19,419.90	17,000
Publications Board	74,069.71	71,400
Bookshop	27,409.51	54,000
Total	235,261.14	265,600
Surplus/Deficit	6,058.44	-400

The bookshop income and expenditure were both less than anticipated because of the way the proceedings of Eurographics '92 were accounted. One invoice was paid directly by the conference to avoid exchange rate complications. If this had been included together with a corresponding income from the conference, the total Bookshop income would have been 64,126.74 Sfr- and expenditure 45,633.91 Sfr-.

**Repayment Conference Accounts**

	Cumulative	Current
EG92 Income	13,753.18	13,753.18
EG92 Expenditure	13,753.18	8,125.84
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	5,627.34
EG93 Income	0.00	0.00
EG93 Expenditure	1,026.37	238.20
Surplus/Deficit	-1026.37	-238.20
EG94 Income	0.00	0.00
EG94 Expenditure	3,072.34	3,072.34
Surplus/Deficit	-3,072.34	-3,072.34
Overall Surplus/Deficit	-4,098.70	2,316.80

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

**Profit and Loss Account (July 1,1992 to 30 June, 1993)**

<i>Income</i>	<i>Sfr.</i>
Subscription	112,738.51
Royalties	44,708.60
Bank interest	480.41
Short term deposit interest	21,172.20
Repayment on book sales	44,134.74
Conference surplus	28,100.07
	<u>251,334.53</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Executive Board	20,233.63
Workshops Board	6,027.95
Secretariat	57,390.05
Treasurer	19,958.41
Promotion Board	19,419.90
Publications Board	84,702.17
Bookshop	34,128.55
Exchange difference	519.90
	<u>242,380.56</u>
<i>Result</i>	
Profit for the period	<u><u>8,953.97</u></u>

**Balance Sheet as at June 30th, 1993**

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Sfr.</i>
Cash	10,386.88
Bank	49,208.20
Short term deposit	330,000.00
Federal withholding tax	11,667.10
EG'93 account	1,026.37
EG'94 account	3,072.34
	<u>405,360.89</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable	51,582.65
Fortune	353,778.24
	<u><u>405,360.89</u></u>

- (1) The Conference Surplus differs by 10,000 Sfr because of an expenditure provision made in last year's audited accounts. The conference surplus received in 1992/93 is 18,100.07 Sfr.-
- (2) The main difference concerns the accounting of the cost of Computer Graphics Forum apportioned between the Bookshop Expenditure line and the Publications Board line. The Publications Board line in the audited accounts is higher than in the management accounts and vice versa for the Bookshops Expenditure line.
- (3) Interest and withholding taxation are handled differently between the audited and management accounts.

Professor Post proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Professor Purgathofer. The motion was carried nem con.

Dr Schönhut proposed that Antoine Richard SA be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 July 1993. Dr Herman seconded. The motion was carried nemcon.

**5.1. Fiscal Year**

The Treasurer informed the General Assembly that the Executive Committee wish to seek a change to the fiscal year of the Association. At present the fiscal year is the period 1 July to 30 June. The Executive Committee wish to change this to the calendar year. The reason for seeking the change is that it will reap considerable benefits for presenting budgets and accounts. The fiscal year would then be aligned with the membership year and the Computer Graphics Forum volume year. There is no adverse impact on taxation. The General Assembly each year would be presented with:

- (1) accounts to 31 December of the previous year;
- (2) interim accounts from the auditor to 30 June of the current year;
- (3) the budget from 1 January of the following year.

A letter ballot will be conducted in the period September to December 1993 to seek to make this change to the Association's Constitution. The Treasurer stressed that although the proposal might seem a very minor change, the benefits to the Operations Board would be very considerable and he urged all members to take the time to vote on the proposal.

**6. Executive Committee Elections****6.1. Results of the 1993 Elections**

The results of the elections for the Executive Committee were presented. 229 ballot forms were returned.

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Bono	7	122	Elected
Day	1	95	
Encarnação	2	155	Elected
Fellner	2	65	
ten Hagen	3	142	Elected
Jansen	3	105	Elected
Kansy	2	93	
Klimenko	6	84	Elected
Krammer	6	72	
Puech	5	103	
Rossignac	7	123	Elected
Skala	6	66	
Vandoni	5	159	Elected

There was a regional vacancy for region 6, to which the candidate from that region receiving the highest number of votes (Professor Klimenko) was elected. The six remaining vacancies are filled by the six remaining candidates with the highest number of votes.

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

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

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

Until 1996. Bono (7), Encarnacao (2), ten Hagen (3), Jansen (3), Klimenko (6), Rossignac (7), Vandoni (5).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. There will be no regional vacancies in 1994.

The Chief Editors of Computer Graphics Forum and Dr Knut Hasund, the Chairman of the Eurographics '94 conference, are *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman noted that Dr Klaus Kansy had not been reelected and expressed concern that for a second year running, a German member had not been reelected. He said that he had asked the Professional Board to look at the nominating procedures and regions and to investigate whether there were any patterns that should be noted. The current regions do not represent a good balance in terms of the membership of the Association. He said that Klaus Kansy was entitled to continue as Vice Chairman of the Association for a further year, and was willing to do so, but had indicated that he would wish to stand down at a convenient point for the Association. A replacement may be found during the year.

The Chairman congratulated those who had been elected and thanked the retiring members of the Committee for their services and contributions. He offered particular thanks to Dr Roger Hubbold, who had not stood for reelection this year. This was greeted with applause.

Finally, the Chairman said that Board membership would remain unchanged from last year, except that Werner Purgathofer would replace Ivan Herman as Chairman of the Publications Board.

The Chairman also announced that the Fellows of EUROGRAPHICS have appointed two new Fellows: Peter R. Bono and Pere Brunet.

## 6.2. 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 J.L. Encarnacao and F.R.A. Hopgood.

J. Schönhut proposed G. Faconti, P.J.W. ten Hagen seconded. P.J.W. ten Hagen proposed A.A.M. Kuijk, J. Schönhut seconded. There being no further nominations, G. Faconti and A.A.M. Kuijk were elected to represent the General Assembly.

## 7. Revisions to the Constitution

Bob Hopgood, Chairman of the Professional Board, outlined plans for changes to the Constitution. He stressed that these proposals are unrelated to the proposal to change the fiscal year of the Association announced by the Treasurer. The motivation for the changes to be described originally came from a wish to clarify the relationship between EUROGRAPHICS and its national chapters.

The present Constitution and Bye-laws have inherited ideas from the Constitutions and Bye-laws of a number of professional societies in Europe. The motivation for revising the Constitution comes from:

- (1) clarifying the relationship between EUROGRAPHICS and local chapters;
- (2) removal of inconsistencies;
- (3) greater precision, for example clarifying who is entitled to vote at Executive Committee meetings;
- (4) improved mechanisms for defining schedule of fees, composition of electoral regions, etc.

The advice of the Association's lawyer was sought before the drafting work began. Her counsel was that the Constitution and Bye-laws should be amalgamated into one document. The Constitution should define the process for setting membership dues etc., rather than the results of applying the process. Thus, the proposed new Constitution states that the membership fees shall be determined by the General Assembly according to specified voting rules. The schedule of fees approved would be recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly. It will also be proposed that national chapters should be governed by separate Constitutions, with a contract between EUROGRAPHICS and the Chapter to define the relationship between the two.

A draft new Constitution has been produced and has been discussed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will approve the final draft at the February 1994 meeting. A letter ballot of members will follow. If approved, the new Constitution will come into effect at the start of the next General Assembly.

As already noted, the General Assembly would define the schedule of membership fees. The General Assembly would also decide on regions and geographical make-up of the Executive Committee. The proposal here is to partition the world into regions, with a number of members elected from each in order to give a balance on the Executive Committee. The regions and numbers to be elected would be decided by the General Assembly.

Bob Hopgood thanked Carlo Vandoni and David Duce for the assistance they had given in preparing the draft. He said that he would welcome comments on the draft proposals and invited anyone interested in commenting to contact him for a copy of the draft (frah@inf.rl.ac.uk).

Dr Brodrie asked if the minimum number of members that could be elected from a region could be zero. Bob Hopgood said that zero could be allowed, but he would not like to see this. The intention was to give freedom, there was no intention to disenfranchise any one region and he would look into revising the wording of the draft.

Finally, Bob Hopgood stressed the importance of voting in the letter ballot on the new Constitution when it is issued.

## 8. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer presented the budget for 1993/94 and forward look until 1997/98.

### Membership Account

	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98
<b>Income</b>					
Member fees	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2
Royalties	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Events	60.0	65.5	71.0	81.6	82.2
B'shop & Procs.	49.0	53.2	56.6	60.3	64.2
Interest	19.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
	266.8	272.5	281.4	295.7	300.2
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Exec. Brd.	21.0	22.1	23.2	24.4	25.6
Prof. Brd	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.9	6.2
Workshops Brd.	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.2
Chapters	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Operations</b>					
Secretary	58.0	60.9	63.9	67.1	70.5
Treasurer	20.0	21.0	22.1	23.2	24.4
Taxation	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3
Promotions	20.0	21.0	22.1	23.2	24.4

Publications	62.4	64.2	68.5	73.0	79.6
B'shop & Procs.	46.4	43.4	46.1	49.0	52.0
	257.1	262.7	276.8	291.7	309.2
Surplus/(Deficit)	9.7	9.8	4.6	4.0	-9.0

### Repayment Conference Accounts

	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98
<b>Income</b>					
EG93	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG94	20.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG95	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
EG96	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0
EG97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0
Total	29.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
<b>Expenditure</b>					
EG93	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG94	26.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG95	2.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
EG96	0.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	0.0
EG97	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0	1.0
EG98	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0
EG99	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Total	29.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Surplus/(Deficit)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Summary

	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98
Membership a/c	9.7	9.8	4.6	4.0	-9.0
Conference a/c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total surplus	9.7	9.8	4.6	4.0	-9.0
Cumulative	9.7	19.5	24.1	28.1	19.1

- (1) The membership income is based on a flat membership profile of 630 individual ordinary members and 31 Institutional members. Membership fees are held constant at their current levels.
- (2) The cost of the conference proceedings issue of Computer Graphics Forum is included in the Bookshops and Proceedings lines of the membership account. Income from members orders and sales to the conference are included in the income line.

Dr Kuhlmann asked if the events surplus line was realistic given the low income received in 1992/93. The Treasurer said that the events estimate for 1993/94 is realistic because of the different contractual basis on which Eurographics '93 is being organized. He also stressed that events income includes workshops and symposia as well as the annual event.

Dr P.R. Bono proposed the motion that the budget for 1993/94 be accepted. Dr K.W. Brodlie seconded. The motion was carried nem con.

#### **9. Executive Board 1994**

The Chairman reported the composition of the Executive Board for 1994.

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. Coquillart
Publications Board	W. Purgathofer
Promotions Board	A.M. Mumford
Professional Board	F.R.A. Hopgood

#### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 September 1994 in Oslo, Norway.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 18.30.

# 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, 1993, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

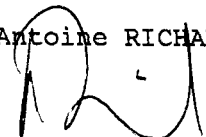
I have come to the conclusion that :

- 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 27th, 1993

Antoine RICHARD



Enclosures : Balance sheet  
Profit and loss account