



The Seventeenth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Conference Centre, Futuroscope, Poitiers, France on Thursday 29 August 1996, at 16.45. The Chairman, W.T. Hewitt, welcomed the members present.

### 1. Minutes of the Sixteenth General Assembly

Acceptance of the Minutes of the sixteenth General Assembly, published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol. 14, No. 5, pp. 339-344 (1995), was proposed by Mr Preston, and seconded by Dr Bono. The minutes were approved nem con.

### 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an annual report of the activities of the Association and spoke about the future direction of the Association, following the Futures Workshop held in May 1996.

#### 3.1. Workshops

Ten workshops were held during the last year. The Association's appreciation of the efforts of workshop organisers was recorded. Three workshops are currently at the planning stage for 1997, Design Specification and Verification of Interactive Systems (Granada, Spain), Rendering Techniques (to be held in June) and Scientific Visualizaton (France). Other workshops will be held during EUROGRAPHICS '97 in Budapest.

#### 3.2. Publications

Phil Willis retires as Chief Editor of Computer Graphics Forum at the end of 1996. Thanks were expressed to Phil for his major contribution to the development of the journal during his period as Chief Editor. Hans-Peter Seidel continues as Chief Editor and Sabine Coquillart will take over from Phil when her work on EUROGRAPHICS '96 is completed.

Five new titles have been published by Springer-Wien in the EUROGRAPHICS book series.

The EUROGRAPHICS publications catalogue is maintained at the EUROGRAPHICS World Wide Web site and is the definitive source of information about all EUROGRAPHICS publications. The web site also contains ordering information and membership information.

### 3.3. Operations Board

The Operations Board has done sterling work in maintaining the day-to-day operation of the Association. The major problem facing the Association is the continuing decline in membership. This issue was returned to in the discussion of the outcome of the Futures Workshop.

Terry Morrow has handled the EUROGRAPHICS bank account in the UK for many years. He retired from this position during 1996 and was warmly thanked for his contribution to the Association.

### 3.4. Professional Board

The main work of the Professional Board during the year has been concerned with renewal of liaison agreements with other societies. New agreements have been signed with NORSIGD (Norway), GI (Germany), the Finnish CAD/CAM Society and the Chinese Computer Graphics Society. Negotiation of other agreements is in progress.

### 3.5. Promotions Board

The Promotions Board looked after the EUROGRAPHICS stand at Siggraph '96 which was very successful for the Association and generated new interest in the activities and membership benefits of the Association.

The liaison between EUROGRAPHICS and Siggraph is developing well. Particular thanks were expressed to Steve Cunningham and Alain Chesnais, senior Siggraph colleagues and also EUROGRAPHICS members, who have done much to develop a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation between the two societies.

The Promotions Board are also looking at plans for future conferences and at developing links with other types of event where appropriate.

### 3.6. The Future of the Association

The Chairman reported that it was quite plain that if no action were taken, the Association would be in severe financial difficulties. Measures are being taken to reduce costs wherever possible, but this is not a solution. More importantly, the Association needs to increase membership and invest so that it can engage in more productive activities and provide services that people want.

The Executive Committee believes the main focus of EUROGRAPHICS to be: An Association of professionals to help professionals in their careers in computer graphics and interactive digital media.

A set of recommendations from the Futures Workshop, held in May, was presented to the Executive Committee

during the conference. The Executive Committee agreed to focus new activities on:

- R&D staff in academia, commerce and industry;
- Educators in academia, commerce and industry;
- Students and junior R&D staff.

The Association is making funds available to promote new activity in these areas. Students and junior staff are the long term source of members for the Association and the aim is to provide services that will attract such people to the Association, for example, a volunteer programme is being planned for EUROGRAPHICS '97. The Executive Committee had already decided that the cost of the annual event needed to be reduced and it is planned that EUROGRAPHICS '97 will be 50% cheaper than EUROGRAPHICS '96. This is being achieved by restyling the event in several ways; because of the lead times in organising events, EUROGRAPHICS '97 is the first opportunity to do this.

The Executive Committee aim to reduce the cost of membership of the Association, without compromising the journal. This may take some time to bring into effect and requires careful planning.

It is also intended to make much more use of the opportunities afforded by the Internet, for example:

- the Association aims to provide new electronic services (for members);
- the Association is looking closely at the opportunities afforded by electronic publishing. The Association's publishers are involved in the European electronic publishing projects - the aim is to provide on-line publishing services without compromising quality and without disadvantaging people who do not have access to the Internet.

The focus for promotion of the Association will be to the prime target audience.

The Chairman stressed that the current financial models used by the Association do not work well in the climate of declining membership. Attention is therefore being focused on new financial models that are appropriate to the new types of services planned.

There is a need for an increase in volunteer effort in the Association and the Chairman stressed that it is very important to promote the activities of the Association to new audiences. The Chairman stressed three ways in which members can support the Association in this critical phase:

- Recruit new members. Membership application forms are on the web site; other promotional materials are available from the secretary.
- Encourage your colleagues to play an active role in the Association; please send offers of help to the Chairman: w.t.hewitt@mcc.ac.uk

- Keep a watch on the EUROGRAPHICS home page; lists of jobs for which volunteers are sought will be posted there.

#### 4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, David Duce, presented the financial reports. The General Assembly was presented with audited accounts for the twelve month period 1 January to 31 December 1995 and interim accounts from 1 January to 30 June 1996. A budget for the calendar year 1997 was presented later in the meeting. A written report from the Treasurer and the Auditor was distributed to the members present.

The table below reports income and expenditure on the membership account and compares this with the budget for the period, which was agreed by the General Assembly in August 1995.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Income</i>			
Membership fees	84,484.57	107,800.00	-23,315.43
Conference surplus	79,382.88	60,000.00	19,382.88
Royalties	11,938.04	8,000.00	3,938.04
Bookshop	52,931.27	55,800.00	-2,868.73
Bank interest	8,909.61	9,500.00	-590.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,646.37</b>	<b>241,100.00</b>	<b>-3,453.63</b>
<i>Less Expenditure</i>			
Executive Board	9,260.78	11,500.00	-2,239.22
Future Planning Workshop	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Professional Board	8,663.83	5,000.00	3,663.83
Chapters	3,393.00	3,600.00	-207.00
Workshop Board	6,171.08	10,500.00	-4,328.92
Ops - Secretary	39,133.53	58,500.00	-19,366.47
Ops - Treasurer	15,439.22	18,000.00	-2,560.78
Ops-Taxation	3,386.50	8,800.00	-5,413.50
Promotions Board	5,155.36	15,000.00	-9,844.64
Publications Board	47,651.28	58,500.00	-10,848.72
Bookshop	75,550.02	46,900.00	28,650.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>213,804.60</b>	<b>241,300.00</b>	<b>-27,495.40</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>23,841.77</b>	<b>-200.00</b>	<b>24,041.77</b>

- (1) The actual membership income is the total amount received for 1996 subscriptions which includes 22,600 Sfr paid during 1995.
- (2) The items in the conference surplus line are income from the Scientific Visualization, Hardware 95, and Virtual Environments 95 Workshops (10,605 Sfr), the final payment from EUROGRAPHICS '93 (14,170.09 Sfr) and EUROGRAPHICS '94 (75,013.66). Payments totalling 9,765.70 Sfr were made from this line to clear an outstanding invoice from the Corn Exchange in Cambridge in connection with EG92.
- (3) The Bookshop Income line includes income received in

advance orders for the EUROGRAPHICS '95 conference proceedings (option 2 membership).

- (4) The expenditure on the Bookshop line was over budget due to purchase of books from Springer-Wien. There will be some compensating income in 1996. The amount spent was 34K Sfr.

The next table shows the state of the repayment conference accounts. This is money which the Association spends on behalf of conferences, and at the close of each event, is reimbursed in full to the Association. Expenditure has occurred in more than one financial period. The column labelled Cumulative gives the total income and expenditure under each heading. The column labelled 1995 gives expenditure and income between January and December 1995.

	Cumulative	1995
EG93 Income	2,523.62	976.00
EG93 Expenditure	2,523.62	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	976.00
EG94 Income	28,504.66	8,498.66
EG94 Expenditure	28,504.66	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	8,498.66
EG95 Income	0.00	0.00
EG95 Expenditure	56,361.95	1,339.95
Surplus/Deficit	-56,361.95	-1,339.95
EG96 Income	0.00	0.00
EG96 Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	0.00
EG97 Income	0.00	0.00
EG97 Expenditure	1,104.67	1,104.67
Surplus/Deficit	-1,104.67	-1,104.67
Overall Surplus/Deficit	-57,466.62	8,134.71

- (1) An advance of 55,022.00 Sfr has been made to the EUROGRAPHICS '95 conference which had not been repaid at 31 December 1995.

The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes.

#### Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 1995)

Income	Sfr
Subscription	87,280.25
Repayment on book sales	37,531.26
Bank interests	974.66
Short term deposit interests	7,975.05
Conference surplus	69,522.93
Royalties and other products	12,948.40
	<u>216,232.55</u>

Expenditure	
Executive Board	10,598.18
Workshops Board	6,171.07
Chapters	3,393.00
Secretariat	39,670.13
Treasurer	17,091.69
Promotion Board	5,252.67
Bookshop and Publication Board	109,516.30
Professional Board	8,663.83
Exchange Difference	377.57
	<u>200,734.44</u>

Result	
Surplus for the period	<u>15,498.11</u>

#### Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1995

Assets	Sfr.
Cash	10,985.72
Bank	99,033.74
Short term deposit	200,000.00
Federal withholding tax	7,265.85
Debtors	59,720.00
Deposit	680.80
EG '97 account	1,176.44
	<u>378,862.55</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable	29,152.29
Fortune	334,212.15
	<u>378,862.55</u>

- (1) The Membership fees income differs slightly between the two sets of accounts because of slightly different provisions made for carry over in the 1995 accounts.
- (2) The Bookshop and Publications Board headings have been combined in the audited accounts in order to facilitate provisions to close the EUROGRPAHICS '95 accounts.
- (3) Interest and withholding taxation are handled differently between the audited and management accounts.
- (4) Provisions have been made for a number of items of income and expenditure. On the income side, we have made a provision of 22,600 Sfr for subscription renewals for 1996 received during 1995, 13,200 Sfr under Bookshop Income for copies of the conference proceedings for EG95 delegates. Provisions have also been made to close the EG95 accounts.

There were no questions on the accounts.

Professor Mäntylä proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Dr Mumford. The motion was carried, nem con.

The table below reports income and expenditure on the membership account and compares this with the budget for

the 1996 financial year. This budget was approved by the General Assembly in August 1995.

### Membership Account

Income	Actual	Budget	Difference	Forecast
Membership fees	72,697.31	99,400.00	-26,702.69	84,000
Conference surplus	12,800.00	1,000.00	11,800.00	-7,000
Royalties	14,197.30	14,800.00	-602.70	14,000
Bookshop	6,002.30	71,600.00	-65,597.70	60,000
Bank interest	8,705.12	10,100.00	-1,394.88	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,402.03</b>	<b>196,900.00</b>	<b>-82,497.97</b>	<b>161,000</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>				
Executive Board	1,819.07	12,000.00	-10,180.93	7,000.00
Future Planning WS	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	3,000.00
Professional Board	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	3,000.00
Chapters	0.00	3,400.00	-3,400.00	3,000.00
Workshop Board	1,947.45	6,000.00	-4,052.55	6,000.00
Ops- Secretary	19,406.50	50,000.00	-30,593.50	44,000.00
Ops- Treasurer	7,616.37	19,000.00	-11,383.63	19,000.00
Ops- Taxation	1,791.00	9,100.00	-7,309.00	5,000.00
Promotions Board	420.94	15,000.00	-14,579.06	5,000.00
Publications Board	13,866.56	50,400.00	-36,533.44	49,000.00
Bookshop	1,622.05	64,300.00	-62,677.95	55,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,489.94</b>	<b>239,200.00</b>	<b>-190,710.06</b>	<b>199,000</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>65,912.09</b>	<b>-42,300.00</b>	<b>108,212.09</b>	<b>-38,000</b>

Little expenditure is envisaged for EG96 and EG97 repayment accounts, and the loan made to EG95 (55,022 Sfr) is expected to be repaid. [Secretary's note: repayment was duly received in September 1996.] There were no questions on the interim accounts.

### 5. Appointment of Auditors

Professor Purgathofer proposed that Antoine Richard SA be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 1996. Professor Brunet seconded. The motion was carried nem con.

### 6. Executive Committee Elections

#### 6.1. Results of the 1996 Elections

The Chairman reported the results of the 1996 elections. 186 ballot forms were returned. There were regional vacancies in regions 2, 5 and 8.

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Bono	8	91	Elected
Dæhlen	4	57	
Encarnação	2	110	Elected
Fellner	2	82	Elected
Flerackers	3	33	
ten Hagen	3	93	Elected
Jern	4	66	

Klimenko	7	63	
Müller	2	78	
Puech	5	69	
Rossignac	8	94	Elected
Vandoni	5	108	Elected
Willis	1	106	Elected

The Chairman congratulated those who had been elected and thanked those who were not elected for their support of the Association.

The composition of the Executive Committee will be:

Until 31 December 1997. Bergeron (8), Brunet (6), Duce (1), Herman (3), Kjell Dahl (4), Post (3), Purgathofer (7).

Until 31 December 1998. Arnold (1), Coquillart (5), Hansmann (2), Hewitt (1), Mäntylä (4), Mumford (1), Teixeira (6).

Until 31 December 1999. Bono (8), Encarnacao (2), Fellner (2), ten Hagen (3), Rossignac (8), Vandoni (5), Willis (1).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. There will be one regional vacancy in each of regions 6 and 7 in the 1997 elections. The composition of the electoral regions is:

- 1 United Kingdom, Ireland.
- 2 Germany.
- 3 Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein.
- 4 Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland.
- 5 Italy, Switzerland, France, Monaco, Malta.
- 6 Spain, Portugal, Andorra.
- 7 Rest of Europe.
- 8 Rest of the World (non-European).

#### 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 P.J.W. ten Hagen and H.-P. Seidel.

X. Pueyo and K. Kansy were elected to represent the General Assembly.

### 7. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer presented the budget for 1997 and forward look until 2001. He explained that the forward look beyond 1996 was very provisional and is expected to change in the light of the Future Directions Workshop referred to earlier. It was stressed that the Executive Committee is addressing the financial situation portrayed in the forward look beyond 1996 as a matter of urgency.

**Membership Account (K Sfr)**

	96	97	98	99	2000
<i>Income</i>					
Member fees	74.4	64.0	54.8	46.6	39.2
Royalties	12.0	10.0	8.0	4.0	4.0
Conference surplus	45.0	25.5	26.0	26.6	27.2
B'shop & Procs.	62.6	62.0	61.9	62.2	62.8
Interest	5.4	5.4	3.4	0.7	0
	199.4	166.9	154.1	140.1	133.2
<i>Expenditure</i>					
Exec. Brd.	12.0	12.6	13.2	13.9	14.6
Prof. Brd.	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.8	6.1
W'shps Brd.	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.8	6.1
Chapters	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.2
<i>Operations</i>					
Secretary	45.0	42.5	40.2	38.0	35.9
Treasurer	19.0	20.0	20.9	22.0	23.1
Taxation	7.9	7.9	7.2	6.5	6.5
Promotions	10.0	15.8	16.5	17.4	18.2
<i>New acts.</i>					
Elect. Serv.	5.0				
- Education Serv.	5.0				
Publications	46.8	49.6	52.5	55.6	58.8
B'shop & Procs.	51.2	62.4	65.3	68.5	71.9
	214.2	223.4	228.5	234.9	242.4
Surplus/(Deficit)	-14.8	-56.5	-74.4	-94.8	-109.2
Cumulative	-14.8	-71.3	-145.7	-240.5	-349.7

**Repayment Conference Accounts (K Sfr)**

	97	98	99	00	01
<i>Income</i>					
EG96	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG97	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG98	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
EG99	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0
EG00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0
	2.0	2.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
<i>Expenditure</i>					
EG96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG97	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG98	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0
EG99	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0
EG00	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0
EG01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
EG02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	1.5	4.5	9.0	9.0	9.0
Cash Flow	0.5	-2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cumulative	-14.3	-73.5	-147.7	-242.5	-351.7

(1) The membership income is based on a declining membership profile of 15% per annum. Membership fees are held constant at their current levels.

There were no questions on the proposal.

Acceptance of the budget as presented was proposed by Professor D. Bergeron and seconded by Dr H.-P. Seidel. The proposal was carried nem con.

**8. Executive Board 1997**

The Chairman announced the composition of the Executive Board for 1997.

Chairman	W.T. Hewitt
Vice-Chairs	F. Post
	D. Fellner
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	D.A. Duce
Asst. Treasurer	D. Fellner
Executive Board	W.T. Hewitt
Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
Workshops Board	H. Muller
Publication Board	W. Purgathofer
Promotions Board	D.B. Arnold
Professional Board	P.J. Willis

The Chairman recorded thanks to Xavier Pueyo for his efforts as Workshops Board Chairman over the years.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS '97 in Budapest, Hungary. The exact date of the meeting has not yet been determined, but is most likely to be Saturday 6 September. The date and time will be confirmed in the EUROGRAPHICS '97 programme.

**10. Any Other Business**

Dr Mumford asked that statistics on the election results be presented at the next General Assembly showing the success rate for new candidates and the rate of introduction of new blood into the Executive Committee. It was agreed that this would be done.

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

# Antoine Richard

 Membre de la Chambre fiduciaire

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

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As auditor of your Association, I have examined the accounts for the year ended December, 31st, 1995, 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 my examination, I recommend that the accounts submitted to you be approved.

Geneva, July 18th, 1996

  
Antoine RICHARD

Enclosures : Balance sheet  
Profit and loss account