

EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Twenty-second General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at UMIST, Manchester, UK, on September 6th 2001, at 17.40. The Chairman, Pere Brunet, welcomed the 66 members present.

1. Minutes of the Twenty-first General Assembly

The Minutes of the Twenty-first General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 19, No. 4, pp. 305-311 (2000) were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an annual report of the activities of the Association.

3.1. Workshops Board

There are nine Working Groups: Animation and Simulation, Education (GVE), Hardware, Multimedia, Parallel Graphics, Geometric Modelling, Rendering, Visualization, and Virtual Environments.

Workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2001 on Volume Graphics (with IEEE CS), Rendering, Visualization (with IEEE CS), Multimedia, Virtual Environments, Graphics Hardware (with ACM SIGGRAPH) and Animation and Simulation,

The Hardware workshop continues to be a very successful collaborative activity with ACM SIGGRAPH and alternates between Europe and the USA. The Volume Graphics and Visualization workshops are now very welcome joint activities with IEEE CS.

The draft workshops' programme for 2002 includes Visualization (VisSym 2002), Virtual Environments, Rendering, Hardware, Parallel Graphics and Visualization and GVE 2002.

3.2. Publications Board

There were some production and distribution problems associated with *Computer Graphics Forum* volume 20, but these have been addressed and the Association and publisher are confident that the problems have been resolved. There is a healthy pipeline of papers. Members were reminded that accepted papers appear in the Digital Library as soon as typesetting of the final manuscript is completed. Accepted papers are therefore accessible through the Digital Library before they appear in a printed issue of the journal.

Sabine Coquillart has resigned from her Chief Editor position and Roberto Scopigno has been appointed in her place. The Chairman thanked Sabine for the contribution she has made to the journal and thanked Roberto for taking on this new task.

Four Springer-Wien books have been produced so far in 2001: Data Visualization 2001, Immersive Projection Technology and Virtual Environments 2001, Computer Animation and Simulation 2001, Rendering Techniques 2001. The catalogue of publications is available on-line at the EUROGRAPHICS web site, <http://www.eg.org>.

3.3. Operations Board

The Chairman reported that there has been a slight fall in the number of ordinary memberships and a slight increase in the number of organizational and educational memberships. He asked members to encourage their organizations to join the Association. Organizational membership gives full access to the Digital Library for the organization and some discounts on event registration fees. Educational membership is aimed at university departments and gives access to certain parts of the Digital Library for specified network domains.

3.4. Online Board

The Chairman explained that the Online Board provides on-line services to the membership and other Boards. An on-line system for membership renewal has been introduced and secure on-line payment is expected to be made available in the near future.

3.5. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that a new Chapter of the Association has been founded in Italy. Monica Bordegoni (University of Parma) chairs the Chapter and Roberto Scopigno is the secretary.

Cooperations with fifteen events were approved during 2000.

3.6. Promotions Board

The Chairman reported that the Promotions Board is trying to put forward new ideas for promotion of the Association. The Board is organized around representatives from different countries and its aims include support for Chapter activities. A new promotional brochure is planned which will be available in both electronic and printed forms.

A very successful stand was organized at SIGGRAPH 2001, adjacent to the ACM SIGGRAPH booth. The Chairman thanked Andy Day, David Arnold and the students who assisted with the running of the stand.

During the year a number of joint activities have been held with ACM SIGGRAPH including Campfire meetings.

The Chairman encouraged more people to volunteer to work for the Association. He argued that a strong Association is needed in order to provide quality control mechanisms that are internationally recognized, to enhance the impact of research and to publish and speak for the interests of the profession. He stressed that a strong volunteer force is needed in order for EUROGRAPHICS to flourish.

3.7. The Future

The Chairman highlighted a number of factors that are important for the future of the Association.

- Increase Membership
- Increased use of networking
- Electronic services for members
- More electronic publishing
- Increase volunteer effort

Members were encouraged to recruit one new member each, to volunteer themselves or others (email to the Chairman, chair@eg.org), and to ensure that their membership record is up to date (login at the web site, <http://www.eg.org> in order to see the membership record). He reminded members that members have a login name of the form Name_MembershipNumber and a default password that is the same as the membership number. He reminded members to change the default password. He also encouraged members to provide their email address if they have not already done so. Email addresses are entered through the membership record.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the accounts for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000. He remarked that the accounts look healthy.

4.1. Internal Accounts

The internal accounts were first presented. These show a surplus of 98K CHF compared to a budgeted deficit of 3K CHF. Table 1 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 1999.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income			
Membership fees	103,497.84	93,000	10,497.84
Event surplus	78,443.18	26,000	52,443.18
Royalties	21,886.84	6,000	15,886.84
Bookshop	35,727.02	32,000	3,727.02
Bank interest	5,277.75	3,000	2,277.75
	<hr/> 244,832.63	<hr/> 160,000	<hr/> 84,832.63
Expenditure			
Executive Board	7,477.30	7,000	477.30
Prof. Board	1,657.63	1,000	657.63
Chapters	-154.32	3,000	-3,154.32
Workshop Board	0.00	5,000	-5,000.00
Ops - Secretary	43,931.57	30,000	13,931.57
Ops - Treasurer	-447.17	14,000	-14,447.17
Ops-Taxation	6,277.26	4,000	2,277.26
Promotions Brd	3,421.18	11,000	-7,578.82
New activities -			
Educn.	0.00	2,000	-2,000
Publicns Brd - CGF	60,372.00	47,000	13,372.00
- Travel	889.95	2,000	-1,110.05
Bookshop	22,659.62	32,000	-9,340.38
Contingency	0.00	5,000	-5,000
	<hr/> 146,085.02	<hr/> 163,000	<hr/> -16,914.98
Surplus/Deficit	<hr/> 98,747.61	<hr/> -3,000	<hr/> 101,747.61

Table 1: Internal Accounts 2000

Notes

- The membership fees and events surplus lines exceeded the budget. The event surplus figure includes income from EG99 and the very successful Hardware workshop in 1999.
- Expenditure on *Computer Graphics Forum* exceeded the budget, a point to which the Treasurer returned later.

4.2. Audited Accounts

The Treasurer noted that the Audited Accounts match the internal accounts, though there are some differences arising from the way that various items have to be reported in the audited accounts and provisions made in the audited accounts

for expenditure belonging to the financial year 2000 but incurred in 2001. The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. The Profit and Loss Account for 2000 is shown in table 2 and the Balance Sheet in table 3.

	2000	1999
	Sfr.	Sfr.
Income		
Subscription	104,416.23	85,278.28
Repayment on book sales	33,702.82	44,474.16
Bank interest	2,709.29	3,690.82
Short term deposit interests	1,880.75	0.00
Event surplus	52,108.17	57,182.26
Royalties et al.	23,138.65	17,541.83
Exchange diff.	0.00	2,372.75
	<u>217,955.91</u>	<u>210,540.10</u>
Expenditure		
Executive Board	6,772.67	10,134.95
Professional Board	1,725.63	531.22
Workshop Board	0.00	82.45
Chapters	1,359.02	3,292.68
Secretariat	42,779.83	54,937.55
Treasurer	16,959.45	19,489.04
Promotion Board	3,791.51	1,156.38
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	84,300.60	103,834.20
Exchange difference	682.89	0.00
	<u>158,371.60</u>	<u>193,458.47</u>
Result		
(Loss) profit for period	<u>59,584.31</u>	<u>17,081.63</u>

Table 2: Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2000) with comparative figures for 1999

	2000	1999
	Sfr.	Sfr.
Assets		
Cash	1.56	391.81
Bank	377,502.20	447,803.59
Federal withholding tax	1,572.95	1,277.80
Deposit	736.35	726.95
Investments deposit	200,000.00	0.00
EG '99 account	0.00	1,465.65
EG '00 account	0.00	17,701.11
	<u>579,813.06</u>	<u>469,366.91</u>
Liabilities		
EG '00 account	16,986.32	0.00
EG '99 account	2,841.55	0.00
Accounts payable	108,499.80	77,465.83
Fortune	451,485.39	391,901.08
	<u>579,813.06</u>	<u>469,366.91</u>

Table 3: Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2000 with comparative figures for 1999

For information, table 4 summarises the capital and re-

sults reported in the audited accounts over recent years. The capital at the end of the year is showing a rising trend.

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

Professor J. Jorge proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Professor H.-P. Seidel. The motion was carried, *nem con.*

4.3. Estimates for 2001

The Treasurer presented an estimate of income and expenditure for 2001 shown in table 5. The Treasurer said that he expected the figures for income to be in line with the budget with a slight increase in event surplus foreseen. Expenditure on publications was highlighted as a cause for concern as costs are turning out to be higher than the budget set in August 2000.

5. Appointment of Auditors

Mr W.T. Hewitt proposed that Audit & Co SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2002. Professor S. Cunningham seconded. The motion was carried *nem con.*

6. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2002 and forward look until 2006, shown in table 6. Figures are KEuro with KSfr in brackets. He explained that the forward look beyond 2002 was provisional. Income has been increased in line with inflation. Income from sales of printed materials is likely to decline as electronic versions become more important. Expenditure is also increased in line with inflation. The prediction is for a small year on year deficit.

Professor Hopgood asked whether the bank accounts were now Euro accounts. The Treasurer replied that the Association holds both Swiss franc and Euro accounts in Switzerland and Euro accounts in Germany and can move money between them.

Mr Holzschuch pointed out that the forward look assumes a flat membership profile and that surely this could not be healthy for the Association. The Chairman replied that the Treasurer had to be conservative in his assumptions. The Promotions Board are working on measures to increase membership and to identify appropriate approaches for different countries.

Mr Holzschuch asked if it were legal for the Association to work with year on year deficits. The Chairman said this was so, providing that the cumulative deficit did not exceed the assets. He went on to point out that the General Assembly would only be asked to vote on the budget for 2002.

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Capital at year end	360,562.10	374,819.45	391,901.08	451,485.39
Surplus/(Loss)	17,077.40	14,257.35	17,081.63	59,584.31

Table 4: Capital Assets 1997 - 2000

Income KEuro (KSfr)	March	Year End	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	38(59)	62(95)	62(95)	0(0)
Royalties	0(0)	3(5)	3(5)	0(0)
Event surplus	0(0)	23(36)	18(27)	5(9)
Bookshop	0(0)	21(32)	21(32)	0(0)
Bank interest	0(0)	2(3)	2(3)	0(0)
	38(59)	111(171)	106(162)	5(9)
Expenditure				
Executive Board	1(2)	5(8)	5(8)	0(0)
Prof. Board	0(0)	1(1)	1(1)	0(0)
Chapters	0(0)	2(3)	2(3)	0(0)
Workshop Board	0(0)	2(3)	3(5)	1(2)
On line Board	0(0)	5(8)	5(8)	0(0)
Ops - Secretary	6(9)	24(37)	25(39)	1(2)
Ops - Treasurer	4(6)	6(10)	9(14)	3(4)
Ops-Taxation	1(1)	5(8)	3(4)	-2(-4)
Promotions Brd	0(0)	6(9)	7(11)	1(2)
New activites - Educn.	0(0)	1(1)	1(2)	0(1)
Publicns Brd	2(3)	39(60)	35(54)	-4(-6)
Bookshop	2(2)	21(33)	21(33)	0(0)
Contingency	0(0)	3(5)	3(5)	0(0)
	16(23)	120(186)	121(187)	-1(-1)
Surplus/Deficit	22(36)	-9(-15)	-15(-25)	6(10)

Table 5: Estimates for 2001

Acceptance of the budget for 2002 as presented was proposed by Professor S. Cunningham and seconded by Professor W. Purgathofer. The proposal was carried *nem con.*

7. Executive Committee Elections

7.1. Results of the 2001 Elections

The Chairman reported the results of the 2001 elections (see table 7). There were no regional vacancies in these elections.

The Chairman congratulated those who had been elected and thanked those who were not elected for their support of the Association. These elected commence their three year terms of office on 1st January 2002.

The composition of the Executive Committee for 2002 will be:

Until 31 December 2002. Cunningham (8), Dæhlen (4), Fellner (2), Hansmann (2), Skala (7), Vandoni (5), Willis (1).

Until 31 December 2003. Brunet (6), Cohen-Or (8), Duke (1), Jorge (6), Post (3), Purgathofer (7), Sillion (5).

Until 31 December 2004. Coquillart (5), Gross (5), John (1), Müller (2), Scopigno (5), Seidel (2), Szirmay-Kalos (7).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. The Chairman indicated that the number of regional positions is determined by the number of members of the Association resident in each region.

There will be one regional vacancy in each of regions 4 and 8 in the 2002 elections.

The composition of the electoral regions is:

1. United Kingdom, Ireland.
2. Germany.
3. Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein.

	02	03	04	05	06
Income					
Member fees	60(92)	60(92)	60(92)	60(92)	60(92)
Royalties	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)
Event surplus	24(37)	25(38)	25(38)	26(40)	27(42)
B'shop and Procs.	21(33)	21(33)	21(33)	21(32)	21(32)
Interest	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)
	110(170)	111(171)	111(171)	112(172)	113(174)
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	5(8)	5(8)	6(9)	6(10)	6(10)
Prof. Brd.	1(2)	1(2)	1(2)	2(3)	2(3)
W'shps Brd.	4(6)	4(6)	4(6)	5(7)	5(7)
Chapters	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)
On line Brd.	5(8)	5(8)	6(9)	6(10)	6(10)
Operations					
Secretary	25(39)	26(40)	28(43)	29(45)	30(46)
Treasurer	10(15)	10(16)	11(17)	11(17)	12(18)
Taxation	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)
Promotions	8(12)	8(12)	9(13)	9(14)	10(15)
New activities					
- Education	1(2)	1(2)	1(2)	1(2)	1(2)
Publications	45(69)	47(72)	49(75)	52(80)	54(83)
B'shop and Procs.	21(32)	22(34)	22(34)	22(34)	23(35)
Contingency	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)	3(5)
	133(205)	137(211)	146(223)	152(234)	159(244)
Surplus/(Deficit)	-23(-35)	-26(-40)	-35(-52)	-40(-62)	-46(-70)

Table 6: Budget for 2002 and Forward Look

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Couquillart	5	104	Elected
Day	1	45	
Gross	5	83	Elected
John	1	63	Elected
Jones	1	52	
Lobo Netto	8	45	
Müller	2	85	Elected
Peroche	5	53	
Saupe	2	56	
Scopigno	5	82	Elected
Seidel	2	107	Elected
Szirmay-Kalos	7	58	Elected

Table 7: Election Results

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).

7.2. 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 S. Coquillart and R. Scopigno.

P. Bono and A. Chalmers were elected to represent the General Assembly.

Dr Bono asked how often the number of regional positions was examined. Professor Duce said this was done annually. Dr Bono pointed out that region 8 participation in the conference is substantial. Professor Duce said that the number of regional positions for region 8 had been increased in the recent past.

8. Executive Board 2002

The Chairman announced the composition of the Executive Board for 2002 (see table 8).

9. Electronic Voting

The Chairman explained that currently voting in the Association is done entirely on paper. The Executive Committee

Chairman	P. Brunet
Vice-Chairs	I. Herman P.J. Willis
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	W. Felger
Executive Board	P. Brunet
Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
On-line Board	J. Jorge
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Promotions Board	P. Brunet
Professional Board	P.J. Willis
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

Table 8: *Executive Board 2002*

have been exploring the possibility of introducing an electronic voting system as some other professional associations have already done. A prototype system has been developed and was demonstrated to the General Assembly by Professor Jorge. It was explained that the intention was that all members should be given the opportunity to vote on line and would receive a paper ballot form by surface mail and a use-once personal pin by email. Members could choose whether to vote on paper or electronically, but the Executive Committee would like to encourage members to use the electronic system.

The Chairman explained that the introduction of electronic voting would require changes to the Constitution. The necessary changes are being drafted and members will receive a paper ballot on the changes later in the year.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS '2002 in Saarbrücken, Germany on Thursday 5th September 2002.

It was noted that the annual event in 2003 will take place on September 1st to 5th, in Granada, Spain.

11. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked the members present for attending the General Assembly and in particular thanked Judy Brown, ACM SIGGRAPH Chair for attending the conference.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.45.