

Event Report

24th EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

Granada, Spain, 4 September 2003

The Twenty-fourth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at Granada, Spain, on September 4th 2003, at 17.30. The Chairman, Professor Philip Willis, welcomed the 46 members present.

1. Minutes of the Twenty-third General Assembly

The Minutes of the Twenty-third General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 21, No. 4, pp. 820-825 (2002) 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, Education, Hardware, Multimedia, Parallel Graphics, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Rendering, Data Visualization, and Virtual Environments.

Workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2003 on Rendering, Data Visualization (with IEEE TCVG), Graphics and Cultural Heritage, Geometry Processing, Virtual Environments, Graphics Hardware (with ACM SIGGRAPH) Computer Animation (with ACM SIGGRAPH) and Volume Graphics (with IEEE TCVG). EUROGRAPHICS is increasingly working with other senior organizations in the field.

The draft workshops' programme for 2004 includes Visualization (VisSim), Virtual Environments, Rendering, Hardware, Geometry Processing, Point-based Graphics, Education, Animation, and Parallel Graphics.

3.2. Publications Board

The Chairman thanked the Editors-in-Chief of the journal, *Computer Graphics Forum*, David Duke and Roberto Scopigno, for their contributions.

Workshop proceedings for events in 2002 and 2003 have been produced by ACM Press. A consistent look-and-feel has been introduced in 2003. In future the proceedings of events will be produced by ACM Press for events held in North America and by EUROGRAPHICS Publishing for events held in Europe. The Chairman thanked the Publications Board Chairman, Dieter Fellner and colleagues in ACM SIGGRAPH for putting these arrangements in place.

The EG Digital Library continues to grow. Full use is being made of the facilities offered. Content of the digital library includes *Computer Graphics Forum*, conference proceedings, STARS, short presentations and tutorials, and proceedings of workshop events. The Chairman explained that metadata is being added to all content in the digital library, to facilitate access to the material. Non-members of the Association are able to access the EG DL through agreement with TIB Hannover. Downloads from the digital library have increased by 33% and the number of hits by 200%. The number of downloads is of the order of 700 per month.

3.3. Operations Board

The Chairman reported that there has been a welcome increase in the number of ordinary memberships. The number of ordinary members is now 565 (an 11.4% increase). The number of members in the USA has risen to 71, bringing the USA into the top three countries. Considerable interest in EUROGRAPHICS was apparent in the people visiting the EUROGRAPHICS stand at the SIGGRAPH conference this year and joining the Association. The Association also has 26 Organizational Members and 11 Educational Members. He asked members to encourage their organizations to join the Association.

The Chairman reported that electronic access is becoming

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the preferred means for accessing the journal; the fraction of members taking print subscriptions has declined.

The electronic voting procedure was used for the first time in the 2003 Executive Committee elections and proved to be very effective.

3.4. On-line Board

The On-line Board is responsible for the provision of online services to members and to other Boards and Chapters. The Chairman reported that the redesigned Web site is now operational and work to improve the Web site further is planned.

3.5. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that a new chapter has been established in France, bringing the number of Chapters to nine. Cooperations with 20 other events were approved during the last year. The Chairman indicated that EUROGRAPHICS is seeking cooperations with other high quality conferences and noted the increasing cooperation between EUROGRAPHICS and ACM SIGGRAPH.

The Chairman said that the Executive Committee has approved a proposal to limit the length of time any individual may hold particular offices in Chapters and the Executive Board. The limits are as follows.

- No limit on overall committee service
- For Officers of Chapters, 8 years in total, 5 years in any one post.
- For EUROGRAPHICS Board Chairs, 8 years in total, 5 years in any one post.

The Chairman explained that the aim of this proposal was to increase turnover within the Association. Although the Executive Committee had approved the proposal, the Chairman asked that the General Assembly endorse this.

Judy Brown asked if the Executive Committee had thought of imposing a limit on Executive Committee membership. The Chairman explained that this would require a change to the Constitution and he was not minded to suggest this.

The Executive Committee decision was endorsed by the General Assembly, proposed by Professor R. Hubbold, seconded by Professor P. Brunet, approved *nem. con.*

3.6. Promotions Board

The Chairman reported the Promotions Board will be organizing a celebration of 25 years of Eurographics, starting at EUROGRAPHICS 2004 and ending at EUROGRAPHICS 2005.

The Board is organized around representatives from different countries and its aims include support for Chapter activities. A successful stand was organized at SIGGRAPH 2003 and the Chairman thanked Andy Day, David Arnold and the students who assisted with the running of the stand.

The Chairman announced that the Association plans to fund a small number of projects matching the strategic interests of the Association. The topics are:

1. Database of potential members
2. Web-based workshop workflow
3. New on-line services
4. Questionnaire on EG services
5. Thesis section for the Digital Library

A formal "call for proposals" has been issued. The Chairman asked members interested in submitting bids to contact the Promotions Board Chairman, Professor P. Brunet.

3.7. Education Board

The Chairman reported that the new Education Board, created under the chairmanship of Professor Steve Cunningham, is building a repository of teaching materials and other resources to support the teaching of computer graphics. The Chairman thanked Steve for his work in establishing this new Board. He noted that Professor Cunningham would be standing down as Board Chairman and that a new Board Chairman was being sought.

3.8. Fellows

A new Fellow, Professor Hans-Peter Seidel has been elected.

3.9. The Future

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

- Increase Membership
- Increase involvement of Chapters
- Digital Library
- EG now a publisher
- Increase volunteer effort on committees
- Strengthen links with ACM SIGGRAPH

Members were encouraged to recruit new members, 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 also encouraged members to renew their membership for 2004 as early as possible and encouraged them to renew their membership for a three year period rather than a one year period.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the accounts for the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002.

4.1. Internal Accounts

The internal accounts were first presented.

These show a deficit of 78K Sfr compared to a budgeted deficit of 34K Sfr. 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 September 2001.

Notes

- Expenditure was higher than anticipated.
- There were a number of one-off items of expenditure: retro-digitization of *Computer Graphics Forum*, upgrade to equipment in the secretariat.
- Taxation was higher than expected due to the increased assets of the Association arising from greater than anticipated surplus in the previous year.
- Some significant items of income expected in 2002 were not received until 2003.

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. The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. The Profit and Loss Account for 2002 is shown in table 2 and the Balance Sheet in table 3.

For information, table 4 summarises the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years.

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

Professor W. Purgathofer proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Professor S. Cunningham. The motion was carried, *nem con.*

5. Appointment of Auditors

Judy Brown proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2003. Professor J. Jorge seconded. The motion was carried *nem con.*

5.1. Estimates for 2003

The Treasurer presented an estimate of income and expenditure for 2003 shown in table 5. An end of financial year deficit is currently predicted, though this is less than that envisaged in the budget for 2003.

- Royalties are greater than expected.
- There is less surplus from events than forecast.
- Income is being received from sales of CDs.
- Bookshop income and expenditure are expected to balance.
- Expenditure is expected to be slightly less than budgeted.

6. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2004 and forward look until 2008, shown in table 6. Figures are KEuros. He explained that the forward look beyond 2004 was provisional. A conservative view of income from membership fees has been taken. Membership is assumed to be flat over the period of the forward look. The forward look shows a nearly balanced budget for 2004 with a slight negative trend beyond, assuming constant membership levels and a low level of inflation.

The budget and Treasurer's report were accepted *nem con.*, proposed by Professor P. Brunet, seconded by Professor D. Fellner.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

7. Executive Committee Elections

7.1. Results of the 2003 Elections

The Chairman reported the results of the 2003 elections (see table 7). There were two regional vacancies in region 6 and one in region 3 in these elections.

The Chairman congratulated those who had been elected and thanked those who were not elected for their support of the Association and encouraged them to stand again. Those elected commence their three year terms of office on 1st January 2004.

The composition of the Executive Committee for 2004 will be:

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

Until 31 December 2005. Cunningham (8), Fellner (2), Pulli (4), Rushmeier (8), Skala (7), Vandoni (5), Willis (1).

Until 31 December 2006. Brunet (6), Chalmers (1), Ertl (2), Jorge (6), van Liere (3), Purgathofer (7), Sillion (5).

Table 1: Internal Accounts 2002

Income (Sfr.)	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	93,653.84	90,600	3,053.84
Event surplus	17,546.03	36,240	-18,693.97
Royalties	31,974.83	4,530	27,444.83
Bookshop	7,493.29	31,710	-24,216.71
Bank interest	4,279.88	3,020	1,259.88
	154,947.87	166,100	-11,152.13
Expenditure			
Executive Board	27,409.44	7,550	19,859.44
Prof. Board	1,650.13	1,510	140.13
Chapters	418.29	3,020	-2,601.71
Workshop Board	0.00	6,040	-6,040.00
On-line Board	6,058.27	7,550	-1,491.73
Ops - Secretary	86,634.11	37,750	48,884.11
Ops - Treasurer	7,447.42	15,100	-7,652.58
Ops-Taxation	25,888.37	4,530	21,358.37
Promotions Brd	5,155.67	12,080	-6,924.33
Education Brd	924.29	1,510	-585.71
Publicns Brd			
- CGF	54,148.34	64,930	-10,781.66
- Travel	0.00	3,020	-3,020.00
Bookshop	17,451.12	31,710	-14,258.88
Contingency	-100.96	4,530	-4,630.96
	233,084.49	200,830	32,254.49
Surplus/Deficit	-78,136.62	-34,730	-43,406.62

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 no regional vacancies in the 2004 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).

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 W. Purgathofer and F. Sillion.

X. Pueyo and B. Urban were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

8. Executive Board 2004

The Chairman announced the composition of the Executive Board for 2004 (see table 8).

9. Annual Conferences

The Chairman announced that the annual event in 2005 will take place in September in Dublin, Ireland and indicated that he would welcome suggestions for a venue and potential organizers for the 2006 event.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2004 in Grenoble, France on Thursday 2nd September 2004.

Table 2: Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2002) with comparative figures for 2001

Income	2001 Sfr.	2002 Sfr.
Subscription	142,339.37	93,704.32
Repayment on book sales	22,765.66	5,093.29
Bank interest	2,359.35	4,278.51
Short term deposit interests	6,218.40	2,055.25
Event surplus	63,157.29	22,299.05
Royalties et al.	17,220.94	34,681.03
	<hr/> 254,061.01	<hr/> 162,111.45
Expenditure		
Executive Board	17,247.52	27,409.47
Professional Board	0.00	1,650.13
Workshop Board	0.00	0.00
Chapters	0.00	418.29
Secretariat	31,926.82	86,512.16
Treasurer	29,090.20	9,976.26
Promotion Board	3,762.75	6,079.96
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	94,821.56	102,409.60
Contingency	3,845.76	1,528.29
Exchange difference	2,752.36	1,401.13
	<hr/> 183,446.97	<hr/> 243,443.56
Result		
(Loss) profit for period	<hr/> 70,614.04	<hr/> -81,332.11

Table 3: Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2002 with comparative figures for 2001

Assets	2001 Sfr.	2002 Sfr.
Cash	26.16	2.13
Bank	351,388.78	494,472.62
Federal withholding tax	2,909.84	2,151.39
Deposit	746.45	754.70
Account receivable	165.90	9,846.73
Investments deposit	240,000.00	0.00
EG '03 account	0.00	15,100.00
	<hr/> 595,237.13	<hr/> 522,327.57
Liabilities		
EG '01 account	2,841.55	0.00
Accounts payable	70,296.15	81,560.25
Fortune	522,099.43	440,767.32
	<hr/> 595,237.13	<hr/> 522,327.57

11. Any Other Business

Dr Duke, Chairman of the John Lansdown Award Committee encouraged those present to cast their votes for the popular award and to indicate to him whether they would

like conference delegates to have a vote in future years' awards.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.30.

Table 4: Capital Assets 1999 – 2002

Sfr.	1999	2000	2001	2002
Capital at year end	391,901.08	451,485.39	522,099.43	440,767.32
Surplus/(Loss)	17,081.63	59,584.31	70,614.04	(81,332.11)

Table 5: Estimates for 2003

(KEuros) Income	End June	Year End	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	55	65	63	2
Royalties	18	18	3	15
Event surplus	23	30	35	-5
Publications	3	3	0	3
Bookshop	14	18	18	0
Bank interest	0	4	4	0
	113	138	123	15
Expenditure				
Executive Board	6	10	8	2
Prof. Board	0	2	2	0
Chapters	0	4	3	1
Workshop Board	0	2	2	0
On line Board	0	3	5	-2
Ops - Secretary	16	30	26	4
Ops - Services	16	31	31	0
Ops - Treasurer	1	8	10	-2
Ops-Taxation	3	15	10	5
Promotions Brd	5	8	8	0
Strategic projects	0	5	20	-15
Education	0	2	5	-3
Publics Brd	-2	16	8	8
Bookshop	2	18	18	0
Contingency	0	2	3	-1
	47	156	159	-3
Surplus/Deficit	66	-18	-36	18

Table 6: Budget for 2004 and Forward Look

(KEuros)	04	05	06	07	08
Income					
Member fees	66	67	67	67	67
Royalties	17	18	19	19	20
Event surplus	22	23	23	24	24
B'shop and Procs.	18	18	18	18	18
Interest	6	6	6	6	6
	129	132	133	134	135
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	12	13	14	14	15
Prof. Brd.	3	3	3	3	3
W'shps Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	4	4	4	4	4
On line Brd.	3	3	3	3	3
Operations					
Secretary	22	24	25	26	28
Services	31	31	31	31	31
Treasurer	8	8	9	9	10
Taxation	2	2	2	2	2
Promotions	8	8	9	9	10
Education	5	5	6	6	6
Publications	16	17	17	18	19
B'shop and Procs.	18	18	19	19	19
Contingency	1	1	1	1	1
	134	138	144	148	152
Surplus/(Deficit)	-5	-6	-11	-14	-17

Table 7: Election Results

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Brunet	6	112	Elected (region 6)
Cani	5	66	
Chalmers	1	76	Elected
Duke	1	63	
Dutre	3	53	
Ertl	2	73	Elected
Gotsman	8	30	
Hansmann	2	58	
Jones	1	25	
Jorge	6	62	Elected (region 6)
van Liere	3	55	Elected (region 3)
Lobo Netto	8	25	
Purgathofer	7	97	Elected
Sillion	5	80	Elected
Telea	3	23	
Torres	6	47	

Table 8: *Executive Board 2004*

Chairman	P.J. Willis
Vice-Chairs	R. Scopigno H.-P. Seidel
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	A. Martos
Education Board	TBA
Executive Board	P.J. Willis
Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
On-line Board	C. Wüthrich
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Promotions Board	P. Brunet
Professional Board	N. John
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce
