

35th EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirty-fifth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Palais des Congrès, Strasbourg, France, on 10th April, 2014, at 17.10.

The Chairman, Werner Purgathofer, welcomed the members present.

1. Minutes of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly

The Minutes of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 32, No. 6, pp. 246-250 (2013), proposed by P. Brunet, seconded by T. Ertl were accepted unanimously.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an annual report of the activities of the Association. He stressed that he was reporting on the work of a large number of volunteers and he thanked them for their work on behalf of the Association and the wider computer graphics community. He gave a brief overview of the structure and operation of the Association.

3.1. Fellows

Four new Fellows were elected in 2014: Frédo Durand, MIT (USA), Eugene Fiume, University of Toronto (Canada), Heidrun Schumann, University of Rostock (Germany), Michela Spagnuolo, CNRI-MATI Genova (Italy). The General Assembly congratulated them on their election.

3.2. Workshops Board

The Chairman stressed the importance of the workshop series. Working Groups and Steering Committees play a key role in organising these events. The Association currently has ten: Animation, Data Visualization, Expressive, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, High Performance Graphics, Parallel Graphics and Visualization, Rendering, Virtual Environments and Visual Computing for Biology and Medicine.

Symposia and workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2014 on: 3D Object Retrieval, Urban Data Modeling and Visualization, Parallel Graphics and Visualization, Visualization (EuroVis), High-Performance Graphics, Rendering, Geometry Processing, Animation, EXPRESSIVE, Biology and Medicine, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, Virtual Environments.

3.3. Publications Board

The Publications Board is responsible for services to event organizers and to members.

Services to event organizers include publication, submission and review management and registration and payment. The chairman explained that electronic only publication is now the default; publications are included in the EG Digital Library and event organizers receive a packaged web server for local access at the event. The Board will provide quotations for printed copies of proceedings and USB memory stick copies on request.

The Submission Review and Management (SRM) system supports an integrated workflow for submission, reviewing and publication. A re-implementation of the system, v2.1, was released during the year and is now in routine operation.

The registration and payment service includes collection and management of payments by credit card, a web interface for checking EG membership and financial monitoring, and optional production of delegate badges and delegate lists.

The chairman said that the flagship publication of the Association is the journal, *Computer Graphics Forum* which is jointly owned by the Association and the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell. A total of 2,576 pages were published in 2013 over eight issues, including 738 pages in non-conference issues. The Editors-in-Chief are currently Holly Rushmeier and Oliver Deussen. Holly's term of office ends in May 2014 and Richard Zhang will start a four-year term of office in May 2014. Oliver Deussen's term of office ends in December 2015. Sixteen new members joined the Editorial Board in April 2013 and fifteen rotated out. The Chairman explained that from this year there will be no printed proceedings for the annual event.

The predicted impact factor for 2013 is around 1.6. In the computer science and software engineering category the journal was ranked 15th of 103 journals (2011: 25/99) listed by Thompson Reuters. In computer graphics the journal is third, below ACM Transactions on Graphics and IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics.

A large number of EG event proceedings continue to be produced by EG Publishing each year. In 2013 five titles were published in *Computer Graphics Forum* and eight other titles are scheduled for publication in the EG events series in 2014, together with three from partner events.

The Chairman explained that Eurographics is closing the bookshop for paper proceedings. A closing-down sale has started, all remaining stock will be available for just the cost of postage and packing.

The EG Digital Library includes *Computer Graphics Forum*, proceedings of conferences, workshops and symposia, State-of-the-art reports, tutorials, short presentations and proceedings of partner events. The contents of the Digital Library are included in citation services such as CiteSeerX and Google Scholar and through the DBLP Computer Science Bibliography (now located at Dagstuhl). Citations in the ACM and IEEE portals are improving. Non-members are able to download items in the EG Digital Library on a pay-per-access basis through TIB Hannover. Authors are able to publish appropriately marked preprints on private web pages with no lock-out period.

The chairman also reported that initiatives to provide open access to the association's publications via the Golden Route are progressing.

The Association is in the process of moving the digital library to a new DSpace server, away from the current Hyperwave-based server. DSpace is a modern digital library platform and *inter alia* offers improved visibility and access to harvest machines. Downloads during 2013 from the digital library at Wiley were around 120,000 and 108,000 through the EG DL.

3.4. Operations Board

The Chairman reported membership figures.

Membership on 1st April 2014 was 690, 20 more than in April 2013. The countries with more than 10 members were Germany 125, France 100, USA 58, UK 53, Spain 50, Switzerland 49, Austria 39, Portugal 32, Italy 27, Sweden 21, Canada 19 and Japan 18. There were 70 student members and 41 Organizational members.

There is a high turn-over in membership from year to year and the Chairman encouraged current members to remain members of the Association. Membership, he said, is important for Eurographics to be a strong, representative, organization. He also encouraged members to convince their organizations to become Organizational Members.

3.5. Promotions and On-line Board

The mission of the Board is to promote the Association and to provide web-based information about the Association to members and the world at large.

The board has prepared new promotions packages containing a range of flyers and posters and a showreel is also planned. Work on more consistent design of online material is progressing, differences have arisen over the years due to different data bases managed separately. An EG booth at ACM SIGGRAPH 2014 is in preparation.

3.6. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that the Professional Board supports the Association's twelve chapters world-wide. Event cooperations continue to be popular and ten cooperation agreements have already been signed for events in 2014. He reported that the Eurographics mailing list is being used to announce relevant call-for-papers and job opportunities from members. The Association's liaison agreement with ACM SIGGRAPH was last renewed in 2011 and discussions are taking place to explore ways to develop the relationship further.

3.7. Education Board

The Chairman reported that the board organized an Education Papers Program at EG 2014 chaired by Jean-Jacques Bourdin, Joaquim Jorge and Elke Anderson. There were 8 papers in 2 sessions. A survey of local education activities is in progress, together with an update of the educational activities web page.

3.8. Conference Steering Committee

The Chairman explained that the remit of the Committee includes ensuring continuity in the quality of the annual conference, maintaining the conference planning guide wiki, helping to propose future conference venues and approving IPC-chairs and non-local co-chairs. The Committee is developing improved access to the conference planning guide and in future all members of the Association will be able to access this. The Guide is a valuable resource for anyone contemplating a bid for the Eurographics Annual Event, or indeed for people organizing other similar events.

From 2015 full text of State-of-the-Art Report papers will be required for review, rather than just an outline. The STAR submission deadline will be set prior to the full papers deadline.

For several years the IPC meeting for the Eurographics Conference has been a virtual meeting. The chairman reported that the Conference Steering Committee has reviewed the positive and negative aspects of this. It has been decided that the meeting will continue to be virtual and the

IPC Chairs for EG 2015 are working with the Committee to strengthen this.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the audited accounts for the period 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013. The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. In these minutes the accounts are presented in Euro; the official accounts are in SFr and the official Eurographics exchange rate for 2013 has been used for the conversion. The treasurer noted that the large variations in exchange rates that have been experienced in recent times result in considerable variations when the accounts are restated from year to year at a different base rate. The Profit and Loss Account for 2013 is shown in Table 1 and the Balance Sheet in Table 2.

| | 2012 | 2013 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Euro | Euro |
| Income | | |
| Subscriptions | 63,853.23 | 68,898.28 |
| Bank interest | 816.27 | 377.36 |
| Events | 0.00 | 20,560.72 |
| Royalties et al. | 25,411.84 | 26,099.95 |
| Exchange difference | 3,764.21 | 10,570.59 |
| | <u>93,845.55</u> | <u>126,506.91</u> |
| Expenditure | | |
| Executive Board | 4,857.45 | 6,447.53 |
| Events | 24,907.76 | 0.00 |
| Professional Board | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Workshop Board | 103.25 | 0.00 |
| Education | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Chapters | 10,954.20 | 2,371.66 |
| Online Board | 5,118.97 | 19,345.53 |
| Operational Serv. | 65,145.71 | 70,740.12 |
| Secretariat | 2,084.37 | 1,538.16 |
| Treasurer | 10,974.45 | 9,725.46 |
| Promotions Board | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Bkshp. and Publ. Brd. | 11,083.53 | 9,147.70 |
| Strategic Projects | 3,749.38 | 2,729.69 |
| Contingency | 1,199.00 | 2,290.00 |
| Exchange difference | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Result on prev. period | 0.00 | 1,201.17 |
| | <u>140,178.08</u> | <u>125,537.01</u> |
| Result | | |
| Profit/loss period | <u>-46,332.52</u> | <u>969.90</u> |

Table 1: Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2013) with comparative figures for 2012.

The Treasurer reported that expenditure had remained within the limits of the budget, together with income. In 2012 there was a considerable amount of expenditure carried over from 2011. There was little carry over from 2012 to 2013. The main income sources were subscriptions and royalty income for *Computer Graphics Forum*.

| | 2012 | 2013 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash | 8.83 | 12.36 |
| Banks | 638,370.32 | 638,918.63 |
| Events acct - Expenditure | 747,172.36 | 877,392.18 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,077.14 | 0.00 |
| Federal withholding tax | 211.35 | 304.47 |
| | <u>1,386,840.00</u> | <u>1,516,627.64</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Events account - Income | 868,771.86 | 1,017,422.98 |
| Accounts payable | 89,061.12 | 69,161.12 |
| A/c shareholders | 0.00 | 66.61 |
| Fortune | 429,007.03 | 429,976.93 |
| | <u>1,386,840.00</u> | <u>1,516,627.64</u> |

Table 2: Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2013 with comparative figures for 2012.

For information, Table 3 summarizes the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years.

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

M. Guthe proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by R. Scopigno. The motion was carried, unanimously.

5. Appointment of Auditors

U. Augsdörfer proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2015. P. Slusallek seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Estimates for 2014

The Treasurer said that it was too early in the year to present meaningful estimates of income and expenditure for the end of the year as this would involve too many assumptions.

7. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2015 and forward look until 2019, shown in Table 4. Figures are KEuro. He explained that the forward look beyond 2016 was provisional. The budget and forward look had been discussed by the Executive Committee and agreed for presentation to the General Assembly.

Individual Membership levels had been set at 590 full (including 2.3 members for each Organization Member), 60 student members and 39 Organizational members. He stressed the importance of membership income to the Association. A flat profile was used in the forward look. Board expenditure had been set according to experience gathered in the recent past. The budget was essentially balanced for the first three years of the five year period.

| Euro | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Capital at year end | 393,449.16 | 475,339.55 | 429,007.03 | 429,976.93 |
| Surplus/(Loss) | -17,476.60 | 81,890.39 | -46,332.52 | 969.90 |

Table 3: Capital Assets 2010 - 2013.

| (KEuro) | 2015 | '16 | '17 | '18 | '19 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| Member fees | 68 | 67 | 67 | 66 | 66 |
| Events | 228 | 233 | 239 | 246 | 252 |
| Royalties | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 33 |
| Bookshop | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest/Tax return | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>326</u> | <u>331</u> | <u>338</u> | <u>345</u> | <u>353</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Events (incl. proc.) | 193 | 201 | 209 | 218 | 226 |
| Exec. Brd. | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Prof. Brd. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chapters | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| W'shps Brd. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| On-line Brd. | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Operations | | | | | |
| Secretary | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Services | 71 | 74 | 77 | 80 | 83 |
| Treasurer | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| Taxation | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Promotions | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Education | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Publ. Brd. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CGF | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Strat. projects. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Contingency | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>316</u> | <u>329</u> | <u>340</u> | <u>355</u> | <u>368</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 10 | 2 | -2 | -10 | -15 |

Table 4: Budget for 2015 and Forward Look.

Acceptance of the budget for 2015 and forward look was proposed by O. Deussen, seconded by E. Anderson and approved unanimously.

The Chairman pointed out that the work of the treasury was essentially carried out by one individual on a volunteer basis and he thanked the Treasurer for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

8. Executive Committee Elections

8.1. Elections 2013

The results of the ballot of members was declared on 11th September 2013 (see Table 5). There was one regional vacancy in region 1.

Those elected commenced their 3-year terms of office on 1 January 2014. The General Assembly confirmed the results of the election.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for **2014** is reproduced below:

Until 31 December 2014. Deussen (2), Fellner (5), Kautz (1), Müller (6), Navazo (4), Sorkine (3), Wyvill (6).

Until 31 December 2015. Brunet (4), Cani (3), Ertl (2), Kobbelt (2), Poulin (6), Purgathofer (5), Stamminger (2).

Until 31 December 2016. Coquillart (3), Duke (1), Gross (3), Gutierrez (4), Heidrich (6), Seidel (2), Ynnerman (5).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs.

The composition of the electoral regions, approved by the General Assembly in 2005, is given below.

1. United Kingdom, Ireland.
2. Germany.
3. Italy, Switzerland, France, Monaco, Malta.

| Candidate | Region | Votes | |
|------------|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Augsdörfer | 5 | 47 | |
| Coquillart | 3 | 63 | Elected |
| Doggett | 5 | 28 | |
| Duke | 1 | 52 | Elected (region 1) |
| Gross | 3 | 84 | Elected |
| Gutierrez | 4 | 60 | Elected |
| Heidrich | 6 | 63 | Elected |
| Hormann | 3 | 46 | |
| Laramee | 1 | 46 | |
| Seidel | 2 | 91 | Elected |
| Seipel | 5 | 11 | |
| Viola | 5 | 43 | |
| Ynnermann | 5 | 56 | Elected |

Table 5: Election Results.

4. Spain, Portugal, Andorra.
5. All other European countries.
6. All non-European countries.

8.2. Elections 2014

The Chairman reported that the election ballot would start after the close of the conference. The list of candidates would be announced when the ballot opened. He said that the results would be declared in an email to members and on the Web site when the votes had been counted.

8.3. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The Chairman explained that the General Assembly appoints two members to a Nominating Committee whose function is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee also appoints two members, and had already appointed O. Sorkine-Hornung and H.-P. Seidel. E. Anderson and P. Slusallek were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

E. Anderson asked if the Nominating Committee could be given a current list of members, ordered by country. The Operations Board agreed to provide one.

9. Executive Board 2014

The Executive Committee elects the Executive Board, which includes the Officers of the Association [Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer and the immediate past chairman of the Association (for a one-year period only) and the chairs of the boards]. The General Assembly ratified the composition of the Executive Board for 2014 (see Table 6), proposed by T. Weyrich, seconded by T. Ertl (unanimous). The Chairman is W. Purgathofer (until 31 December 2014), the Vice-Chairs are M.-P. Cani (until 31 December 2014), A. Ynnerman (until 31 December 2014), the Secretary is

D.A. Duce (until 31 December 2014) and the Treasurer is W. Hansmann (until 31 December 2014).

W. Purgathofer was appointed Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2013.

A. Ynnerman was re-appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2013.

M.-P. Cani was appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2013.

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| Chairman | W. Purgathofer |
| Vice-Chairs | A. Ynnerman M.-P. Cani |
| Vice-Chairman <i>ex officio</i> | T. Ertl |
| Secretary | D.A. Duce |
| Treasurer | W. Hansmann |
| Asst. Treasurer | F. Melero Rus |
| Education Board | B. Sousa Santos |
| Executive Board | W. Purgathofer |
| Operations Board | D.A. Duce |
| Promotions & On-line | A. Ynnerman |
| Workshops Board | H. Müller |
| Publication Board | D. Fellner |
| Professional Board | J.-M. Dischler |
| Strategic issues | D.A. Duce |

Table 6: Executive Board 2014.

The Chairman thanked all the Board members for their work during the year.

10. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2015 conference will be in Zürich (Switzerland), 4-8 May 2015 and the 2016 conference will be in Lisbon (Portugal), 4-8 April, 2016.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2015 in Zürich (Switzerland) on Thursday 7th May 2015.

12. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.20.