

31st EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirty-first General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at Linköping University, Norrköping, Sweden, on May 6, 2010, at 17.30. The Chairman, Dr Roberto Scopigno, welcomed the 72 members present.

1. Minutes of the Thirtieth General Assembly

The Minutes of the Thirtieth General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 28, No. 6 (2009), were accepted *nem. con.* The Chairman noted that the results of the 2009 Executive Committee elections, which were unavailable at the time of the 2009 General Assembly, had been included as an addendum to the minutes.

2. Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that the new membership categories approved by the General Assembly in 2008 have been used in 2009 and 2010. There were no other 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 people and he thanked them for their work on behalf of the Association and the wider computer graphics community.

3.1. Fellows

The Chairman stressed the value of the Fellows to the Association. Fellowships are awarded to individuals in recognition of impact on the field and contributions to shaping the Association. David Duce acts as Chairman of the Fellows. Three new Fellows were elected in 2010: Daniel Cohen-Or, University of Tel Aviv, Israel; Joaquim Jorge, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal and Vaclav Skala, Plzen University, Czech Republic. The General Assembly congratulated them on their election.

3.2. Conference Date Change

The Chairman explained that the 3-year test period with the spring-time slot had now been completed. Table 1

reports submission and attendance data for the three conferences.

Table 1: *Conferences: 2008–2010.*

	Paper Submissions	Attendance
EG 2008	300	304
EG 2009	243	449
EG 2010	261	400

He said that numbers were good, especially in the light of the economic situation, and the publication route for ACM SIGGRAPH Asia papers through ACM Transactions on Graphics. He reported some encouraging results from the membership survey carried out during March 2010. Over 50% of members completed the survey. Extracts from the survey are shown in the tables below. Only 7% of the members completing the survey thought the date change was negative. He said that a report of the full survey would appear on the EUROGRAPHICS web site.

Table 2: *Overall the date change was*

Answer	Count	Percentage
Very negative	2	0.72
Negative	18	6.45
Neutral	95	32.62
Positive	91	34.05
Very positive	35	12.54
No answer	38	13.62

3.3. Workshops Board

The Chairman stressed the importance of the workshop series. The key role of the Association is to provide services to the community to enable the community to organize events with little overhead. He said that there had been some changes of chairs of working groups during the year and that the Workshops Board was working towards a common way of managing the different groups.

Table 3: *As a reviewer, I prefer the current review cycle.*

Answer	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	1	0.36
Disagree	5	1.79
Neutral	69	24.73
Agree	87	31.18
Strongly agree	23	8.24
No answer	38	13.62

Table 4: *As a contributor to the annual conference, I prefer the current submission cycle.*

Answer	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	2	0.72
Disagree	13	4.66
Neutral	62	22.22
Agree	97	34.77
Strongly agree	35	12.54
No answer	70	25.09

The Association currently has nine Working Groups: Animation, Data Visualization, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, High Performance Graphics, Parallel Graphics and Visualization, Rendering, Sketch-based Interfaces and Virtual Environments.

Symposia and workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2010 on:

Parallel Graphics and Visualization, 3D Object Retrieval, Volume Graphics (with IEEE vgtc), Sketch-based Interfaces, Visualization (EuroVis with IEEE vgtc), High-Performance Graphics (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Rendering, Computational Aesthetics, Visual Computing for Biomedicine, Geometry Processing, Computer Animation (with ACM SIGGRAPH), VAST Graphics and Cultural Heritage and Virtual Environments.

The draft programme for 2011 already includes:

3D Object Retrieval, Animation, Geometry Processing, High-Performance Graphics, Rendering and Visualization (EuroVis). Other proposals are under discussion with the Workshops Board.

3.4. EG Publishing

EG Publishing provides a wide range of services to event organizers including publication, submission and review management and registration and payment. Publications can be produced in print and electronic format (EG Digital library, linked to the ACM Digital Library, and CD/DVD). The Sub-

mission Review and Management (SRM) system supports an integrated workflow for submission, reviewing and publication. The registration and payment service includes collection and management of payments by credit card (Euro), checking EG membership and optional production of delegate badges and delegate lists. The Chairman said that event organizers interested in using these services are invited to contact the Publications Board.

3.5. Publications Board

The Association runs a journal and also produces high-quality proceedings of events.

The flagship publication is the journal, *Computer Graphics Forum*; the Editors-in-Chief are Roberto Scopigno and Eduard Gröller. The Chairman announced that his term of office was to end in May 2010, and Holly Rushmeier would take over in June 2010. A new Editorial Board structure based on Associate Editors has been introduced. Sixteen new members joined the board in 2009. The journal's impact factor has improved.

The journal is jointly owned by the Association and the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell. A new contract with Wiley-Blackwell was under negotiation. During the course of 2009 the journal moved over to the ScholarOne Manuscript electronic submission and review system.

Special issues of the journal and the annual event proceedings are now printed by EG for member subscriptions and by Wiley-Blackwell for their subscriber list.

EG events proceedings have been produced by EG Publishing since 2004. Thirteen titles are scheduled for publication in 2010, together with five from partner events and one through ACM SIGGRAPH. These publications are included in citation services such as citeseerx, and Google (TM) through the DBLP Computer Science bibliography at the University of Trier.

The Chairman explained that Eurographics operates a pre-ordering system for these publications, which can be accessed through the Eurographics Web site and through email alerts sent to members. There are no guarantees that printed copies of proceedings will be available for purchase after an event has been held, although members can access papers through the Eurographics Digital Library. Non-members are able to download items in the EG Digital Library on a pay-per-access basis through TIB Hannover.

Master reference copies of all Eurographics publications (hardcopies) are held in the library at FhG-IGD (Darmstadt, Germany) and second copies are held at TU Graz (Austria).

3.6. Operations Board

The Chairman reported membership figures. The number of members in April 2010 was 658, compared to 669 in

March 2009. The eight top countries are Germany 102, USA 82, UK 71, Spain 57, France 53, Portugal 43, Italy 31 and Japan 21. There are 62 student members. It was reported that 76% of members choose an electronic-only subscription to *Computer Graphics Forum*. The Association also has 38 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 an indication that one belongs to a community and that one is willing to support what it takes to sustain high-quality publications and high-quality events in the community. He also encouraged members to encourage more organizations to become Organizational Members.

The Chairman reported that after many years of service to the Association, Carlo Vandoni had stepped down as secretary. The Executive Committee had elected David Duce to fill the vacancy. The Chairman expressed the Association's deep appreciation of the contribution that Carlo has made to the Association. Membership renewal will, in future, be handled by the TU Graz support team, managed by Stefanie Behnke.

3.7. Promotions and On-line Board

The Chairman reported that the Promotions Board and On-line Boards had been merged into one with a mission to promote the association and to provide Web-based information about Eurographics to members and to the world at large. The board is co-chaired by Mary McDerby and Marcus Magnor. Eurographics was represented at ACM SIGGRAPH 2009 and at a number of other events.

The Chairman reported that the Eurographics Web site is being redesigned to make information more accessible, following a usability review of the whole site.

3.8. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that the Professional Board supports the Association's chapters world-wide. The Association now has 12 Chapters. He reported that event cooperations continue to be popular and 14 co-operation agreements had been signed for events in 2010 already.

3.9. Education Board

The Chairman reported that three education sessions were included in the EG 2010 programme, chaired by Gladimir Baranoski and Lars Kjell Dahl. An EG education mailing list is being created and a subscription web page would soon be available. A new EG education web site was also under development by the Board.

3.10. Conference Steering Committee

The Chairman reported that Werner Purgathofer has taken over chairmanship of the Conference Steering Committee from Hans-Peter Seidel. 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, the IPC and non-local co-chairs.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the accounts for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009.

The Treasurer first presented internal accounts used for management purposes and then the audited accounts. As the legal and fiscal seat of the Association are in Switzerland, the Audited Accounts are calculated in SFr. but translated to Euro (using the Association's official exchange rate for 2009) for presentation to the General Assembly.

4.1. Internal Accounts

The Internal Accounts show a deficit of 22K Euro compared to a budgeted deficit of 0K Euro. Table 5 reports income

Table 5: *Internal accounts 2009.*

Income	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	69,961.88	92,000	-22,038.12
Events	400,695.40	91,000	309,695.40
Royalties	9,541.95	14,000	-4,458.05
Bookshop	22,564.23	8,000	14,564.23
Interest/tax return	5,006.13	3,000	2,006.13
	<u>507,769.59</u>	<u>208,000</u>	<u>299,769.59</u>
Expenditure			
Events	360,586.39	55,000	305,586.39
Executive Board	7,767.20	9,000	-1,232.80
Prof. Board	0.00	1,000	-1,000.00
Chapters	17,965.00	5,000	12,965.00
Workshop Board	0.00	1,000	-1,000.00
On-line Board	2,380.00	3,000	-620.00
Ops-Secretariat	8,081.87	7,000	1,081.87
Ops-Services	65,200.00	65,000	200.00
Ops-Treasurer	4,382.69	6,000	-1,617.31
Ops-Taxation	9,700.17	4,000	5,700.17
Promotions Board	9,330.67	7,000	2,330.67
Education Board	0.00	2,000	-2,000.00
Publications Board	434.30	2,000	-1,565.70
Proceedings Prod.	3,971.45	10,000	-6,028.55
CGF	32,493.21	15,000	17,493.21
Bookshop	0.00	10,000	-10,000.00
Strategic Projects	2,133.34	1,000	1,133.34
Contingency	5,851.00	5,000	851.00
	<u>530,277.30</u>	<u>208,000</u>	<u>322,277.30</u>
Surplus/deficit	-22,507.71	0	-22,507.71

and expenditure on the membership account and compares this with the budget for the period, which was agreed by the General Assembly in April 2008.

Notes:

- The way in which events which use the Eurographics payments system are accounted for has been changed. This accounts for the large differences in event income and expenditure compared to the budget.
- Expenditure by Boards was close to budget.
- Some payments to chapters were carried over from previous financial years. There was also a significant carry over of expenditure on Computer Graphics Forum from previous years.
- Membership fee income was less than expected in the budget.

4.2. Audited Accounts

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 2009 has been used for the conversion. The Profit and Loss Account for 2009 is shown in Table 6 and the Balance Sheet in Table 7.

The Treasurer reported that both income and expenditure were lower than in 2008. The change in the conference date has effected when subscription payments are received and also when other payments become due. The audited accounts report a deficit of 39K Euro. The Association's capital has declined from 365 to 326K Euro.

For information, Table 8 summarizes the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years.

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

Professor T. Ertl proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Professor P. Brunet. The motion was carried, *nem con.*

5. Appointment of Auditors

Professor P. Brunet proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2011. Professor E. Gröller seconded. The motion was carried *unanimously*.

6. Estimates for 2010

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.

Table 6: Profit and loss account (1 January to 31 December 2009) with comparative figures for 2009.

	2008 Euro	2009 Euro
Income		
Subscriptions	98,853.08	69,438.68
Repayments on book sales	66,391.15	0.00
Bank interest	3,573.19	2,252.98
Events	11,926.11	80,930.42
Royalties et al.	27,689.09	31,914.36
	<u>208,432.62</u>	<u>184,536.44</u>
Expenditure		
Executive Board	9,229.96	7,596.53
Professional Board	438.48	0.00
Workshop Board	128.52	0.00
Education	0.00	0.00
Chapters	4,111.22	4,638.27
Online Board	3,159.15	2,377.64
Operational Serv.	39,689.84	65,135.30
Secretariat	7,713.18	8,495.27
Treasurer	11,044.31	5,668.75
Promotions Board	8,756.80	9,321.41
Bookshop and Publication Board	102,182.04	110,018.04
Strategic Projects	23,328.01	2,131.92
Contingency	29,172.34	5,845.19
Exchange difference	49,791.51	977.16
Result on prev. period	0.00	1,224.61
	<u>288,745.37</u>	<u>223,430.10</u>
Result		
Profit/loss period	-80,312.75	-38,893.65

Table 7: Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009 with comparative figures for 2008.

	2008	2009
Cash	2,056.36	166.32
Banks	429,477.57	533,871.94
Federal withholding tax	988.52	786.61
Account receivable	51,642.11	51,791.60
	<u>484,164.56</u>	<u>586,616.47</u>
Liabilities		
Other events	40,633.07	0.00
EG'07 account	27,593.01	0.00
EG'08 account	14,467.27	0.00
EG'09 account	2,780.27	0.00
Events account	0.00	134,386.67
Accounts payable	33,285.98	125,718.49
Fortune	365,404.96	326,511.31
	<u>484,164.56</u>	<u>586,616.47</u>

7. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2011 and forward look until 2015, shown in Table 9. Figures are KEuro. He explained that the forward look beyond 2011 was provisional. The budget and forward look and had been

Table 8: Capital assets 2006–2009.

Euro	2006	2007	2008	2009
Capital at year end	405,100.74	445,717.70	365,404.96	326,511.31
Surplus/(loss)	34,713.97	40,616.96	−80,312.75	−38,893.65

discussed by the Executive Committee. Individual Membership levels had been set at the current 730 full (which includes 6 additional members for each Organizational Member), 80 student members and 38 Organizational members. He said that these numbers might be optimistic. A flat profile was used in the forward look. The budget assumed that 74% of members would take electronic only membership, 14% would include a print subscription to the regular issues of the journal and 12% would subscribe to print copies of all issues. A contingency of 5K Euro had been included. For events surplus and book sales a rather conservative estimate had been used. Board expenditure had been set according to experience gathered in the recent past.

Table 9: Budget for 2011 and forward look.

(KEuro)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Income					
Member fees	98	98	98	98	98
Events	122	123	124	124	125
Royalties	12	12	12	13	14
Bookshop	1	1	1	1	1
Interest/Tax return	3	3	3	3	3
	236	237	238	239	241
Expenditure					
Events	69	69	70	70	70
Executive Board	9	9	10	10	11
Professional Board	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	6	6	6	6	6
Workshops Board	1	1	1	1	1
On-line Board	3	3	3	3	3
Operations					
Secretary	8	8	9	9	9
Services	65	68	71	73	76
Treasurer	6	6	6	7	7
Taxation	4	4	4	4	4
Promotions	7	7	8	8	8
Education	2	2	2	2	2
Publication Board	2	2	2	2	2
Proceedings Prod.	8	8	8	8	8
CGF	22	22	23	24	24
Bookshop	10	10	11	11	11
Strategic projects	1	1	1	1	1
Contingency	5	5	5	5	5
	229	232	241	245	249
Surplus/deficit)	7	5	−3	−6	−8

Acceptance of the budget for 2011 and forward look was proposed by Professor W. Purgathofer, seconded by Professor T. Ertl and approved *nem. con.*

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

8. Executive Committee Elections

8.1. Elections 2009

The results of the ballot of members was declared on 17 June 2009 (Table 10). There was one regional vacancy in region 1 and one in region 4.

Table 10: Election results.

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Baranoski	6	34	
Brunet	4	65	Elected
Duce	1	60	Elected
Ertl	2	82	Elected
Gröller	5	55	Elected
Hasic	5	21	
Kautz	1	47	
Klein	2	43	
Kobbelt	2	56	Elected
Luebke	6	56	Elected
Pajarola	3	35	
Paulo Santos	4	40	
Purgathofer	5	73	Elected
Ynnerman	5	28	

Those elected commenced their 3-year terms of office on 1 January 2010. The General Assembly confirmed the results of the election.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for 2010 is reproduced below:

Until 31 December 2010. Coquillart (3), Duke (1), Gross (3), Heidrich (6), Müller (2), Scopigno (3), Seidel (2).

Until 31 December 2011. Dutré(5), Fellner (2), Möller (6), Navazo (4), Skala (5), Szirmay-Kalos (5), Wyvill (6).

Until 31 December 2012. Brunet (4), Duce (1), Ertl (2), Gröller (5), Kobbelt (2), Luebke (6) and Purgathofer (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
4. Spain, Portugal, Andorra
5. All other European countries
6. All non-European countries

8.2. Elections 2010

The Chairman reported that the election ballot would start after the close of the conference. 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 Professors P. Brunet and H.-P. Seidel.

Professors M.-P. Cani and D. Cohen-Or were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

9. Executive Board 2010

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 1-year period only) and the chairs of the boards]. The General Assembly ratified the composition of the Executive Board for 2010 (Table 11). The Chairman is R. Scopigno (until 31 December 2010), the Vice-Chairs are T. Ertl (until 31 December 2010) and W. Purgathofer (until 31 December 2011), the Secretary is D.A. Duce (until 31 December 2010) and the Treasurer is W. Hansmann (until 31 December 2010).

W. Purgathofer became Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2010.

D.A. Duce became Secretary of the Association on 10 March 2010 until 31 December 2010.

D.A. Duce ceased to be Vice Chairman of the Association on 31 December 2009.

C.E. Vandoni ceased to be Secretary of the Association on 10 March 2010.

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

Table 11: *Executive Board 2010.*

Chairman	R. Scopigno
Vice-Chairs	T. Ertl W. Purgathofer
Secretary	D.A. Duce
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	F. Melero Rus
Education Board	I. Navazo
Executive Board	R. Scopigno
Operations Board	D.A. Duce
Promotions & On-line	M. McDerby, M. Magnor
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Professional Board	J.-M. Dischler
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

10. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2011 conference would take place in Llandudno, North Wales (UK), from 11 to 15 April 2011.

He said that the Executive Committee had selected bids from Italy (Cagliari, Sardinia) for 2012 (6 to 11 May 2012) and (subject to contract) from Spain (Girona) for 2013.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2011 in Llandudno (UK) on Thursday 14 April 2011.

12. Any Other Business

The Secretary sought expressions of interest to take over management of the EG (USA) account from Dr and Mrs Bono.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.15.