

# 36th EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The Thirty-sixth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Kongresshaus, Zürich, Switzerland, on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, at 17.45.

The Chairman, Anders Ynnerman, welcomed the members present.

## 1. Minutes of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly

The Minutes of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, published at the EUROGRAPHICS web site, proposed by T. Ertl, seconded by M. Guthe, 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

Three new Fellows were elected in 2015: Jean-Michel Dischler, University of Strasbourg (France), Enrico Gobetti, CRS4 (Italy), Olga Sorkine Hornung, ETH Zurich (Switzerland). The General Assembly congratulated them on their election.

The chairman also reported that following the death of Wolfgang Strasser, Werner Purgathofer had been elected chairman of the Fellows.

### 3.2. Workshops Board

The Chairman noted that the Association now has ten Working Groups, including a recently created group on Visual Computing for Biology and Medicine. He pointed to the

wide range of workshops and symposia that the Association organises, including thirteen workshops scheduled so far this year. He said that the Association wished to enhance the presence of workshops on the EUROGRAPHICS web site, providing more prominent descriptive information to complement the entries in the upcoming event calendar.

### 3.3. Publications Board

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

The Chairman highlighted the much-enhanced new version of the SRM (submission and review management) system that was used for EUROGRAPHICS 2015 and other associated events and had been well-received by programme chairs and is now a very good system for conference management. He noted that the percentage fee charged by EUROGRAPHICS for use of the conference registration system will be reducing slightly due to a reduction in credit card fees that can be passed on to event organisers. He said that further reductions may follow as a result of recent changes in EU legislation.

It was reported that Oliver Deussen was nearing the completion of his term-of-office as Editor-in-Chief of *Computer Graphics Forum*, and the process to find a replacement would begin shortly. Statistics for the journal compare favourably with other graphics journals and the impact factor is approximately constant.

The digital library infrastructure had changed from a Hyperwave based system to DSpace, which provides enhanced functionality and should better-serve the community.

### 3.4. Operations Board

The Chairman reported membership figures.

Membership on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 was 662, 29 fewer than in April 2014. The countries with more than 10 members were Germany 124, France 71, USA 64, Switzerland 61, UK 48, Spain 41, Austria 39, Portugal 34, Italy 27, Japan 19, Canada 15, China 14 and Sweden 13. There were 59 student members and 39 Organizational members.

### 3.4.1. Electoral regions

The Executive Committee had carried out a review of the trends in membership across the six electoral regions over the last five years, see Table 1. 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.
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Region 3 had been growing over the last five year and region 1 had shrunk. The Executive Committee proposed to the General Assembly that in order to achieve a better balance between regions whilst retaining some geographical integrity, Italy should move from region 3 to region 4, with effect from the 2016 elections. The change was proposed by W. Purgathofer, seconded by O. Deussen, and was approved unanimously.

### 3.4.2. Membership fee 2016

The Chairman reported that the membership fee had been static since 2003 at the basic rate of 70 Euro. In view of increasing administration costs the Executive Committee proposed to the General Assembly that the basic fee be increased to 80 Euro, but with a 10 Euro per year discount for multi-year subscriptions. Other discounts would remain at present levels and would apply after the multi-year discount. The revised fee was proposed by E. Gröller, seconded by M.-P. Cani, and was approved unanimously.

### 3.5. Promotions and On-line Board

The Chairman reported that the Board had produced a number of promotions packages, including a EUROGRAPHICS show-reel. Booths had been taken at conferences including EUROGRAPHICS, SIGGRAPH and SIGGRAPH Asia. Actions to develop a presence for EUROGRAPHICS in social media were in hand.

### 3.6. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that the Professional Board supports the Association's twelve chapters world-wide and cooperations with other Associations and events. Thought is being given to how chapter activity could be encouraged and developed. He reported that the EUROGRAPHICS mailing list is being used to announce relevant call-for-papers and job opportunities from members.

### 3.7. Education Board

The Chairman reported that the board organized an Education Papers Program at EG 2015, chaired by Matthias

Teschner and Michael Bronstein, which included eight papers in two sessions. The Board was formulating plans to revive CGEMS (Computer Graphics Educational Materials Source) in association with ACM SIGGRAPH.

### 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. Action was being taken to update the Conference Planning Guide, especially with respect to recent changes to STARs and full papers, and selection of *Computer Graphics Forum* papers presented at the conference. The Conference Steering Committee was also reviewing the way the tutorials program operates and was considering the introduction of a doctoral consortium to the annual event.

## 4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the audited accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. 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 2014 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 and the recent decoupling of the Swiss Franc and the Euro. The Profit and Loss Account for 2014 is shown in Table 2 and the Balance Sheet in Table 3.

The Treasurer reported that expenditure had remained within the limits of the budget, together with income. A significant number of invoices for activities carried out in 2014 were received in the first quarter of 2015.

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

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

M. Wimmer proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by P. Brunet. The motion was carried, unanimously.

## 5. Appointment of Auditors

K. Hormann proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2016. M. Chen seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Region	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	Average	%Average(%)
1	87	68	72	59	50	67.2	10.01
2	116	130	131	125	124	125.2	18.64
3	109	125	130	178	162	140.8	20.96
4	92	90	85	82	75	84.8	12.63
5	97	109	98	106	101	102.2	15.22
6	146	166	154	141	150	151.4	22.54
Totals	647	688	670	691	662	671.6	100.00

**Table 1:** Regional membership distribution 2011-2015.

Euro	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital at year end	468,936.09	423,227.73	424,184.57	564,628.56
Surplus/(Loss)	80,787.22	-45,708.36	956.83	140,444.00

**Table 4:** Capital Assets 2011 - 2014.

	2013	2014		2013	2014
Income	Euro	Euro	Assets		
Subscriptions	67,970.13	111,125.87	Cash	12.20	12.20
Bank interest	372.28	161.54	Banks	630,311.54	734,811.27
Events	20,283.74	156,501.00	Events acct - Expenditure	865,572.53	44,978.64
Royalties et al.	25,748.35	30,711.53	Accounts receivable	0.00	0.00
Exchange difference	10,428.19	0.00	Federal withholding tax	300.37	300.66
	124,802.69	298,499.94		1,496,196.64	780,102.77
Expenditure			Liabilities		
Executive Board	6,360.67	8,378.80	Events account - Income	1,003,716.94	174,402.83
Workshop Board	0.00	102.27	Accounts payable	68,229.42	41,071.38
Chapters	2,339.71	5,574.09	A/c shareholders	65.71	0.00
Online Board	19,084.92	18,141.24	Fortune	424,184.57	564,628.56
Operational Serv.	69,787.15	73,119.99		1,496,196.64	780,102.77
Secretariat	1,517.44	2,069.12			
Treasurer	9,594.45	9,051.93			
Promotions Board	0.00	9,463.32			
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	9,024.47	6,111.71			
Strategic Projects	2,692.92	4,713.27			
Contingency	2,259.15	1,431.74			
Exchange difference	0.00	19,898.47			
Result on prev. period	1,184.98	0.00			
	123,845.86	158,055.95			
Result					
Profit/loss period	956.83	140,444.00			

**Table 2:** Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2014) with comparative figures for 2013.

## 6. Estimates for 2015

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 3:** Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2014 with comparative figures for 2013.

## 7. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2016 and forward look until 2020, shown in Table 5. 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 660 full (including 2.5 members for each Organization Member), 63 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.

Acceptance of the budget for 2016 and forward look was proposed by T. Ertl, seconded by A. Kolb and approved unanimously.

(KEuro)	2016	'17	'18	'19	'20
<b>Income</b>					
Member fees	71	70	70	70	69
Events	153	155	158	160	163
Royalties	29	31	32	33	34
Bookshop	0	0	0	0	0
Interest/Tax return	1	1	1	1	1
	<u>254</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>267</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Events (incl. proc.)	105	109	113	117	122
Exec. Brd.	8	8	9	9	9
Prof. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
Chapters	4	4	4	4	4
W'shps Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
On-line Brd.	15	16	16	17	18
<b>Operations</b>					
Secretary	2	2	2	2	2
Services	71	74	77	80	83
Treasurer	7	7	8	8	8
Taxation	3	3	3	3	3
Promotions	10	10	11	11	12
Education	4	4	4	4	5
Publ. Brd.	1	1	1	1	1
CGF	9	10	10	10	11
Strat. projects.	4	4	4	4	4
Contingency	2	2	2	2	2
	<u>247</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>286</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	7	1	-5	-10	-19

**Table 5:** Budget for 2015 and Forward Look.

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 2014

The results of the ballot of members was declared on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (see Table 6). There was one regional vacancy in region 1.

Those elected commenced their 3-year terms of office on 1 January 2015. The General Assembly confirmed the results of the election.

For information, the composition of the Executive Committee for **2015** is reproduced below:

*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).

*Until 31 December 2017.* Chen (1) Cignoni (3) Deussen (2), Fellner (5), Sorkine-Hornung (3), Wyvill (6).

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Bickel	3	42	
Chen	1	75	Elected region 1
Cignoni	3	82	Elected
Deussen	2	98	Elected
Dischler	3	51	
Fellner	5	73	Elected
Müller	2	50	
Sorkine-Hornung	3	98	Elected
Vilanova	5	72	Elected
Weyrich	1	58	
Wyvill	6	77	Elected
Zara	5	46	

**Table 6:** Election Results.

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

The composition of the electoral regions, used in these elections was that approved by the General Assembly in 2005, as given below.

1. United Kingdom, Ireland.

2. Germany.
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### 8.2. Elections 2015

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 D. Gutierrez and A. Vilanova.

J. Collomosse and J. Unger were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

### 9. Executive Board 2015

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 2015 (see Table 7), proposed by M. Guthe, seconded by E. Gröeller (unanimous). The Chairman is A. Ynnerman (until 31 December 2016), the Vice Chairman *ex officio* is W. Purgathofer (until 31 December 2015), the Vice-Chairs are M.-P. Cani (until 31 December 2016), O. Deussen (until 31 December 2016), the Secretary is D.A. Duce (until 31 July 2015), followed by H. Carr (until 31 December 2015) and the Treasurer is W. Hansmann (until 31 May 2015), followed by D.A. Duce (until 31 December 2015).

A. Ynnerman was appointed Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2015.

W. Purgathofer was appointed Vice Chairman *ex officio* of the Association for a period of 1 year commencing 1 January 2015.

M.-P. Cani was re-appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2015.

O. Deussen was appointed Vice Chairman of the Association for a period of 2 years commencing 1 January 2015.

H. Carr was appointed Secretary of the Association from 1 August 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Chairman	A. Ynnerman
Vice-Chairs	M.-P. Cani O. Deussen
Vice-Chairman <i>ex officio</i>	W. Purgathofer
Secretary	D.A. Duce/ H. Carr
Treasurer	W. Hansmann/ D.A. Duce
Asst. Treasurer	F. Melero Rus
Education Board	B. Sousa Santos
Executive Board	A. Ynnerman
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 7:** Executive Board 2015.

D.A. Duce was appointed Treasurer of the Association from 1 June 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Approval of the Officers of the Association for 2015 was proposed by M. Guthe, seconded by E. Gröller (unanimous).

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

### 10. Future Conferences

The Chairman announced that the 2016 conference will be in Lisbon (Portugal), 9-13 May 2015 (note this is a revision to previously published dates) and the 2017 conference will be in Lyon (France), 24-28 April, 2017.

### 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2016 in Lisbon (Portugal) on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### 12. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked the retiring chairman, W. Purgathofer, and treasurer, W. Hansmann, for the enormous contributions they had made to the Association. This was echoed by applause by the General Assembly.

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