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23rd EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

Saarbrücken, Germany, 5 September 2002

The Twenty-third General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at Saarbrücken, Germany, on September 5th 2002, at 17.00. The Chairman, Professor Pere Brunet, welcomed the 52 members present.

1. Minutes of the Twenty-second General Assembly

The Minutes of the Twenty-second General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 87-93 (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 and Simulation, Education (GVE), Hardware, Multimedia, Parallel Graphics, Geometric Modelling, Rendering, Visualization, and Virtual Environments. More information on the working groups is available at the Web server.

Workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2002 on Parallel Graphics, Rendering, Data Visualization (with IEEE CS), Virtual Environments, Graphics Hardware (with ACM SIGGRAPH) and Computer Animation (with ACM SIGGRAPH).

The draft workshops' programme for 2003 includes Visualization (VisSim 2003), Virtual Environments, Rendering, Hardware, Geometry Processing, Multimedia and Education.

Geometry Processing is a new workshop in 2003 being organised by Professor Kobbelt.

3.2. Publications Board

The journal, *Computer Graphics Forum*, has a healthy pipeline of papers. Issues 1 to 3 of volume 21 were produced

on time and issue 4 is in production. Consideration is being given to having colour material throughout issue 3, the conference proceedings, rather than in a separate section at the end. The Chairman thanked the Editors-in-Chief for their contributions.

The Digital Library continues to grow. *Computer Graphics Forum* is now available in the Digital Library from volume 10 (1991).

Workshop proceedings are produced by ACM Press in cooperation with ACM SIGGRAPH. Four volumes have been produced in 2002: Data Visualization, Virtual Environments, Rendering Techniques and Graphics Hardware. The Chairman welcomed the ACM SIGGRAPH President, Alain Chesnais, and thanked him for the cooperation EUROGRAPHICS has with his society.

A contract has been signed with TIB Hannover for dissemination of material in the Digital Library to subscribing organizations.

3.3. Operations Board

The Chairman reported that there has been a welcome increase in the number of ordinary memberships. The numbers of organizational and educational memberships are stable, but need to increase also. 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.

The letter ballot to change the Constitution of the Association to permit electronic balloting received overwhelming support from members. An electronic voting system has been implemented and will be used in the 2003 Executive Committee elections.

Secure on-line payment is now operational.

A facility to permit members to retrieve forgotten passwords has been implemented at the Web site.

The Chairman noted that a new assistant treasurer has been appointed, Aderito Martos, and welcomed him to the Board.

3.4. On-line Board

The Chairman reported that the Board is now chaired by Professor Charles Wüthrich. The On-line Board provides on-line services to the membership and other Boards. An on-line system for membership renewal is now fully operational. A redesign of the Web site is being undertaken by the On-line Board in order to improve the organization of the site and provide better searching facilities.

3.5. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that a new Chapter has been formed in Ireland and the Irish Chapter and Italian Chapter have both held their first events. The Executive Committee approved the formation of Chapters in Hungary and Korea during EG2003.

“In cooperation” status was agreed for fifteen events over the last year. The Professional Board is actively seeking cooperation with other high quality conferences. A new category, “Friends of EUROGRAPHICS” has been created as an intermediate point between non-member and member status, with certain benefits, including early notification of events.

The Association’s privacy policy is being revised and will be re-published soon.

3.6. Education Board

The Chairman reported that a new Education Board has been created under the chairmanship of Professor Steve Cunningham. The goals of the activity are:

1. bringing the community together;
2. curriculum and resource development;
3. making high quality resources available;
4. increasing the profile of graphics teaching.

3.7. 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 successful stand was organized at SIGGRAPH 2002. The Chairman thanked Andy Day, David Arnold and the students who assisted with the running of the stand.

The Chairman encouraged more people to volunteer to work for the Association. He stressed that a strong volunteer force is needed in order for EUROGRAPHICS to flourish.

3.8. Strategic Projects

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” will be made in the next Chairman’s letter.

3.9. Fellows

A new Fellow, Professor Heinrich Müller has been elected.

Professor David Duce has been appointed chairman of the Fellows, replacing Professor Bob Hopgood. The Chairman thanked Bob for his work since 1998 as first chairman of the Fellows. Professor Encarnaç o continues as Vice-chairman of the Fellows.

3.10. The Future

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

- Increase Membership
- Electronic services for members
- Digital Library
- More electronic publishing
- Increase volunteer effort
- Strengthen links with ACM SIGGRAPH

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 also encouraged members to renew their membership for 2003 as early as possible and noted that it is now possible to renew membership for up to a three year period.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the accounts for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001. He remarked that the accounts look healthy.

4.1. Internal Accounts

The internal accounts were first presented.

These show a surplus of 44K Sfr compared to a budgeted deficit of 25K 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 2000.

Table 1: Internal Accounts 2001

Income (Sfr.)	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	141,347.02	95,000	46,347.02
Event surplus	34,170.97	27,000	7,170.97
Royalties	17,220.94	5,000	12,220.94
Bookshop	22,765.66	32,000	-9,234.34
Bank interest	7,360.84	3,000	4,370.84
	<u>222,865.43</u>	<u>162,000</u>	<u>60,865.43</u>
Expenditure			
Executive Board	17,247.52	8,000	9,247.52
Prof. Board	0.00	1,000	-1,000.00
Chapters	0.00	3,000	-3,000.00
Workshop Board	0.00	5,000	-5,000.00
On-line Board	0.00	7,700	-7,700.00
Ops - Secretary	32,092.72	39,000	-6,907.28
Ops - Treasurer	13,618.70	14,000	-381.30
Ops-Taxation	14,299.10	4,000	10,299.10
Promotions Brd	3,686.50	11,000	-7,313.50
Education Brd	0.00	2,000	-2,000.00
Publicns Brd			
- CGF	58,802.39	50,000	8,802.39
- Travel	1,084.57	4,000	-2,915.43
Bookshop	34,303.85	33,000	1,303.85
Contingency	3,845.76	5,000	-1,154.24
	<u>178,981.11</u>	<u>186,700</u>	<u>-7,718.89</u>
Surplus/Deficit	43,884.32	-24,700	68,584.32

Notes

- The membership fees have reached a healthy level, beyond expectations, due to new memberships and members paying fees in advance.
- The events surplus line has also exceeded expectations.
- Royalties have increased, but bookshop income has decreased. Interest has risen, reflecting the increased assets of the Association.
- Expenditure is in keeping with the budget. Executive Board expenditure exceeded the budget due to investing in activities. Taxation was higher than expected due to the higher surplus.

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 2001 but incurred in 2002. The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. The Profit and Loss Account for 2001 is shown in Table 2 and the Balance Sheet in Table 3.

Table 2: Profit and Loss Account (January 1 to 31 December 2001) with comparative figures for 2000

Income	2001 Sfr.	2000 Sfr.
Subscription	142,339.37	104,416.23
Repayment on book sales	22,765.66	33,702.82
Bank interest	2,359.35	2,709.29
Short term deposit interests	6,218.40	1,880.75
Event surplus	63,157.29	52,108.17
Royalties et al.	17,220.94	23,138.65
Exchange diff.	0.00	0.00
	<u>254,061.01</u>	<u>217,955.91</u>
Expenditure		
Executive Board	17,247.52	6,772.67
Professional Board	0.00	1,725.63
Workshop Board	0.00	0.00
Chapters	0.00	1,359.02
Secretariat	31,926.82	42,779.83
Treasurer	29,090.20	16,959.45
Promotion Board	3,762.75	3,791.51
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	94,821.56	84,300.60
Contingency	3,845.76	0.00
Exchange difference	2,752.36	682.89
	<u>183,446.97</u>	<u>158,371.60</u>
Result		
(Loss) profit for period	70,614.04	59,584.31

Table 3: Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2001 with comparative figures for 2000

Assets	2001 Sfr.	2000 Sfr.
Cash	26.16	1.56
Bank	351,388.78	377,502.20
Federal withholding tax	2,909.84	1,572.95
Deposit	746.45	736.35
Account receivable	165.90	0.00
Investments deposit	240,000.00	200,000.00
	<u>595,237.13</u>	<u>579,813.06</u>
Liabilities		
EG '00 account	0.00	16,986.32
EG '01 account	2,841.55	2,841.55
Accounts payable	70,296.15	108,499.80
Fortune	522,099.43	451,489.39
	<u>595,237.13</u>	<u>579,813.06</u>

For information, Table 4 summarises the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years. The capital at the end of the year is showing a rising trend.

Table 4: Capital Assets 1998 - 2001

Sfr.	1998	1999	2000	2001
Capital at year end	374,819.45	391,901.08	451,485.39	522,099.43
Surplus/(Loss)	14,257.35	17,081.63	59,584.31	70,614.04

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

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

4.3. Estimates for 2002

The Treasurer presented an estimate of income and expenditure for 2002 shown in Table 5. The Treasurer said that he expected the figures for income to be in line with the budget. Executive Board expenditure is expected to be over budget along with taxation. An end of financial year deficit is currently predicted.

Table 5: Estimates for 2002

(KEuros)	End March	Year End	Budget	Difference
Income				
Membership fees	32	60	60	0
Royalties	0	3	3	0
Event surplus	3	24	24	0
Bookshop	0	21	21	0
Bank interest	0	2	2	0
	35	110	110	0
Expenditure				
Executive Board	3	8	5	-3
Prof. Board	0	1	1	0
Chapters	0	2	2	0
Workshop Board	0	4	4	0
On line Board	4	5	5	0
Ops - Secretary	21	25	25	0
Ops - Treasurer	0	10	10	0
Ops-Taxation	1	8	3	-5
Promotions Brd	3	7	8	1
Education	0	1	1	0
Publicns Brd	1	39	45	6
Bookshop	3	21	21	0
Contingency	0	3	3	0
	35	134	133	-1
Surplus/Deficit	0	-24	-23	1

5. Appointment of Auditors

Professor D. Fellner proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing 1 January 2003. Professor D.A. Duce seconded. The motion was carried *nem con.*

6. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2003 and forward look until 2007, shown in Table 6. Figures are KEuros. He explained that the forward look beyond 2003 was provisional. A conservative view of income from membership fees has been taken. Bookshop income may be over optimistic. The assets will decrease over the period due to expenditure on strategic projects and hence interest will decrease. Chapter expenditure will increase due to the increase in the number of chapters. The operations services line is for on-line services outsourced by the Association, in particular the Web server and Digital Library.

Table 6: Budget for 2003 and Forward Look

(KEuros)	03	04	05	06	07
Income					
Member fees	63	63	63	63	63
Royalties	3	3	3	3	3
Event surplus	35	36	38	39	40
B'shop and Procs.	18	18	18	18	18
Interest	4	4	4	4	4
	123	124	126	127	128
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	8	8	9	9	10
Prof. Brd.	2	2	2	2	2
W'shps Brd.	2	2	2	2	2
Chapters	3	3	3	3	3
On line Brd.	5	5	6	6	6
Operations					
Secretary	26	27	28	29	30
Services	31	31	31	31	31
Treasurer	10	11	11	12	12
Taxation	10	10	10	10	10
Promotions	8	8	9	9	10
Education	5	5	6	6	6
Publications	8	8	9	9	9
B'shop and Procs.	18	19	19	19	20
Strategic Projects	20	20	20	20	20
Contingency	3	3	3	3	3
	159	162	168	170	174
Surplus/(Deficit)	-36	-38	-42	-43	-46

The budget and Treasurer's report were accepted unanimously.

7. Executive Committee Elections

7.1. Results of the 2002 Elections

The Chairman reported the results of the 2002 elections (see Table 7). There was one regional vacancy in each of regions 4 and 8 in these elections.

Table 7: Election Results

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Cunningham	8	75	Elected
Fellner	2	85	Elected
Hansmann	2	67	
Kim	8	44	
Lalioi	1	49	
Lyche	4	40	
Pollefeys	3	41	
Pulli	4	57	Elected (region 4)
Rushmeier	8	79	Elected (region 8)
Saupe	2	52	
Skala	7	68	Elected
Vandoni	5	84	Elected
Willis	1	72	Elected

The Chairman congratulated those who had been elected and thanked those who were not elected for their support of the Association. Those elected commence their three year terms of office on 1st January 2003.

The composition of the Executive Committee for 2003 will be:

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).

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

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 region 3 and two in region 6 in the 2003 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 N. John and M. Gross.

M. McDerby and D. Bergeron were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

8. Executive Board 2003

The Chairman announced the composition of the Executive Board for 2003 (see Table 8).

Chairman	P.J. Willis
Vice-Chairs	R. Scopigno H.-P. Seidel
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	A. Martos
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	P.J. Willis
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

Table 8: Executive Board 2003

9. Annual Conferences

The Chairman thanked Professor Seidel, his colleagues, the Max Planck Institute and the University of Saarbrücken for outstanding organization and a very high quality conference.

The Chairman reminded members that EUROGRAPHICS '2003 will be held in Granada, Spain on September 1–5, 2003. He announced that the annual event in 2004 will take place in September in Grenoble, France.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS '2003 in Granada, Spain on Thursday 4th September 2003.

11. Any Other Business

The current chairman’s term of office ending on 31st December 2002, the Vice Chairman, Professor Willis, took the opportunity to sincerely thank Professor Brunet on

behalf of all the membership for his leadership of the Association over the last two years.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.05.