

Minutes from DiGRA meeting:

1. Election of Board Members (as above)

Since the board is relatively small, the meeting agreed to keep applications open for the moment. Please contact the group if you wish to apply to become a board member.

The meeting also agreed to approach Mark Eyles (University of Portsmouth), who had previously offered to fill the position of Treasurer. Subsequent to this, he has accepted the post.

2. Name of Group

The group decided to rebrand the group in line with the other DiGRA organisations and propose the following two options:

British Digital Games Research Association (British DiGRA)
United Kingdom Digital Games Research Association (UK / United Kingdom DiGRA)

A vote was taken at the meeting and will also be extended to non-attendees until May 31st. Please use the link below to vote (if you voted in the meeting, please don't vote again!)

[survey closed]

3. Future Events

- DiGRA conference

The organisers reported that the first conference was much more successful than they anticipated, and wish to continue this in future years. Annual events are proposed as a result. Interested groups should put forward preliminary expressions of interest and bids for events.

Staffordshire University have expressed an interest in 2018, however it was also noted that UK/GB DiGRA should strive to keep the venue varied geographically.

- International Conference

Staffordshire University also announced an intention to provisionally bid for an international DiGRA in 2021 (subject to interest and for the completion of a proposed Hilton Hotel).

It is hoped that this will also coincide with Stoke-on-Trent being named City of Culture in 2021 (to support funding).

- Costs

The DiGRA conference was free to attend, but this did result in some unforeseen charges for the organisers. Conversely, charging a fee to attendees would also have resulted in a matching charge by the University of Salford for the rooms used.

Therefore discussion of how to manage this should be a part of any bids for future events.

All other interested parties are encouraged to put forwards bid or join the discussion about a potential UK DiGRA in 2021.

4. Social Media

Some discussion about the current social media and offers to manage this further.

Matt Barr and Carina Assunção have been added to the social media sites, and we have also done some housekeeping to remove old admins.

5. Meeting close.

With thanks to all who attended.