

JANUARY 2016 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 27th January 2016.

Board matters

Registrant terms and conditions and Registrar Agreement: The Board noted that the approved documents would be published on 28th January 2016.

Public benefit programme: The Board agreed to provide additional resources to support the public benefit programme and an outline plan for this will be considered at the Board strategy day in April 2016.

Model review: The Board agreed the response, prepared by the working group, to the report and recommendations from Sir Michael Lyons. The report and the Board's response will be published on Thursday 4th February 2016.

Independent non-executive director re-appointment: The Board agreed to propose Jane Tozer be re-appointed by members at the AGM to fill the independent non-executive vacancy created when Piers White steps down after the AGM.

AGM, member resolutions and the calculation of voting rights: The AGM will take place in London on 28th April 2016 and the resolutions for membership approval are the approval of annual report and accounts, re-appointment of the auditors, re-appointment of Andrew Pinder (appointed 1st July 2015) and Jane Tozer (appointed 1st August 2015) as independent non-executives. The calculation for the voting rights for the AGM and elections will take place based on paid for domains under management (DUMs) as at noon on Tuesday 1st March 2016.

Board evaluation: The Board agreed to commission an independent, external review of Board systems as part of the evaluation process to take place in February 2016.

Company matters

Turing: The Board received an update on the 2016 operating plan for turing and the work to provide a cloud-based version for members.

UK internet security roadmap: The Board discussed a number of developments to further improve internet security for UK citizens. Arising from this will be a formal internet security plan which will form the foundation and content for delivering one of our public-benefits; creating a safer, more secure UK internet.

Finance matters

The Board welcomed Ben Hill, Director of Finance, to his first Board meeting. In addition to the usual report on overall company performance report, the Board received an update on Q1 results.

Nominet Trust

In addition to the regular report provided by Nominet Trust on their activities, the Board discussed the key points from the Board to Board meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2016. The Board confirmed that Nora Nanayakkara and Sebastien Lahtinen have both agreed to be re-appointed as trustees for three years from 1st April 2016. The Board approved a number of revisions to the articles of the association of the Trust.

Forthcoming events

Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) experts' conference – 2nd February 2016

ICANN Marrakech – 5th to 10th March 2016

Nominet Board meeting – 23rd March 2016

Operational statistics

As at 31st December 2015 there were 2,530 active members and 2,914 active tags. Since the end of October 2015 8 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in November 2015 was 156,155 & December 2015 was 133,567 (November 2014: 139,643, December 2014: 109,576) with some of this attributed to right of first refusal registrations (ROFR) due to promotions. The average renewal rate for the past 12 months (to September 2015) was 73.1%. The total number of names on the register as at end of 31st December 2015 was 10,637,764 and the net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 1.13%.

Criminal domain suspensions

During November and December 2015, 464 domain names were suspended at the request of UK law enforcement agencies. Two requests for reversals were received; although one was subsequently withdrawn, the other one was upheld.