

JULY 2016 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 27 July 2016.

Board matters

Volker Greimann – The Chair welcomed Volker to his first formal Board meeting.

Strategic risk – As part of a regular series of strategic risk items, the Board considered any potential risks which could relate to diversification activities, what they might be and how they could be recognised, considered, managed and mitigated.

Committees – The Board received updates from the following committees; Nominations Committee, Audit and Governance Committee, Remuneration Committee and the Nominet US Inc. Board.

Company matters

Public benefit – The Board were appraised of ongoing discussions related to the development of some public benefit activities that it is hoped will be concluded by the end of September. The three pillars on public benefit are: Digital Engagement, Social Tech and Internet Security.

ICANN engagement – The Board received an update on Nominet's work and involvement within the ICANN community. Nominet will adopt a more targeted approach towards engagement in detailed technology and policy matters, whilst continuing to build and maintain broader relationships in the ICANN community such as the ccNSO. The Board agreed and supported the new focus and involvement.

The regular company performance overview was presented and reviewed.

Finance matters

A report on the current financial position and year-end forecast was included within the company performance overview report.

Nominet Trust

In addition to the regular report from the Nominet Trust, the Board received a presentation from Vicki Hearn and Edward Evans on the draft business plan for 2016-17. Discussion took place on ways in which the Trust can develop and strengthen their connection to members whilst delivering public benefit. Work will continue over the next two months to finalise the business plan and it will be presented for approval at the September Board meeting.

Forthcoming events

Nominet Board meeting – 28 September 2016

Operational statistics

As at 30 June 2016 there were 2,556 active members and 2,884 active tags. 20 new members joined during May and June. The number of new registrations in May 2016 was 138,614 (May 2015: 134,736), and June 2016 was 135,737 (June 2015: 147,580). The average renewal rate for the past twelve months (to June 2016) was 73.14%. The total number of names on the register as at end of 30 June 2016 was 10,679,523 and the net growth of the register for the last twelve months was 1.0%.

Criminal domain suspensions

During May and June 2016, 2215 domain names were suspended at the request of UK law enforcement agencies. Three requests for reversals were received and two were upheld.