



Governance consultation

Nominet is updating its Articles of Association, the document that describes how the company interacts with its members, and the way in which it is governed. This first consultation deals with Board composition, policy and fees. We are proposing to:- modify the composition of the Board: increase the board size, introduce a new category of appointed non-executive directors, and implement best practice with regard to length of service for non-executive directors- enshrine the company's practice of consulting on policy issues in the articles- give the Board the ability to regulate sale price as well as cost, by giving the directors the power to change all fees. This survey contains 7 questions. You can read the detailed version of the consultation paper on Nominet's web site.

This document contains respondents between 15 and 15 inclusive.

1. Board composition

Please read the details of the proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

The board should remain AT LEAST 50% elected directly by the membership.

2. Executive Directors

Please read the details of the proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

It is unclear from the proposals as to whether the Chairman could also NOT be a director but if this is implied then this is a reasonable change (but see comments on previous question)

3. Elected Non-Executive Directors

Please read the details of the proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

Reducing the number of positions available at a election is a bad precedent as it allows power blocks to develop overtime with no ability to challenge them.

4. Appointed Non-Executive Directors

Please read the details of the proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

Appointed non-executive directors are useful to fill gaps in knowlege but could increase the ability of larger members to pack the board with tame appointments. See comments about the fact that the elected members should retain a minimum of 50%

5. Other proposals

Please read the details of the proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

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6. Policy

Please read the details of these proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

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7. Fees

Please read the details of the proposed changes.

- I agree with these proposals
- I disagree with these proposals
- I would like to make comments

Comments

There continues to be a valid reason for the Hutty Clause, I would urge Nominet to leave alone the current fees situation for registration fees. Membership fees are something that the board could have control over.

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