

Notes from the AGM on 4 July 2001

Policy Advisory Board Workshop

1. **Geographic SLDs** What are people trying to do?
Comparison with yellow pages - you look at the local phone code
Postal code
Source versus destination
Lowest geographic unit - company.edinburgh.scot.uk
2. Open rules versus closed rules
People
Businesses - would register scot.uk and co.uk
Clans - might only register in co.uk
Education
Legal
Trade Union

3. Two-letter Third Level Domains

The Group was in favour of releasing two-letter Third Level Domains.
Consideration of a mechanism for releasing the names.

1. Auction - members perhaps running it separately - profit capping
2. Lottery - Nominet is not so discriminatory - not so much money
3. Charity - donation of proceeds to a suitable charity. Release mechanism would need capping.
4. 6 for release?

4. Pricing

Questions under the microscope included:

1. Should renewals cost the same as the initial registration fee?
2. Membership fees - should there be an extra charge for Tag Holders?
3. Transfer fees?
4. Discount for bulk registrations?
5. Length of registration?
6. Same pricing for various SLDs?
7. Retagging charge?

Renewals

The actual costs are higher for non-renewals - possibly pay the outstanding amount before retagging.

Lack of good registrant information brings higher costs to Nominet. Maybe require latest Registrant details at the time of de-tagging re-tagging. Enforce full information from members.

Encourage Registrants to ensure that details are updated. Send reminders - by post, by e-mail.

Membership fees

£1000 is too low. No barrier to entry. Membership is expensive to administer. Maybe extra charge should be made for Tag holding that would go towards training.

5. Code of Practice

Funding

Should the CoP be incorporated into the Nominet Tag Holders' contract?

If not, accreditation body must be recognised and respected

2 levels of Nominet fees - a lower rate for accredited members

Voluntary fee banding

Seed funding reduced on a phased basis

Sanctions

Fines (unworkable)

Caution over "Name and Shame" - publishing of decisions

Loss of quality mark is good - should this include loss of Tag also?

Quality mark displayed on Nominet website