

## **Policy Advisory Board: Report from Meeting 13**

STRATTON STREET, LONDON, W1. 4 APRIL 2001

Note: for the purpose of this report, the following abbreviations are used:

- CoM: Council of Management
- PAB Members: PAB members or Attendees
- Steering Committee: Nominet members
- Executive: Nominet staff

Those present:

- Richard Almeida, Elected member
- Richard Baron, Appointed member
- Denesh Bhabuta, Elected member
- Mike Blanche, Elected member
- Steve Dyer, Appointed member
- Peter Gradwell, Nominated member
- Shirley Wood, Elected member
- Gordon Dick, Elected member
- Alex Bligh, CoM member

From the Executive by invitation of the PAB: Willie Black, Lesley Cowley, Fay Howard, Emily Taylor

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Gordon Dick was welcomed as an Elected Member to the PAB.

Apologies were received from: Adam Beaumont, Clive Feather and Sue White.

### **2. PAB Chairman**

Richard Almeida was elected Chairman of the PAB for a further year.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Fay Howard, the newly appointed Accreditation Manager outlined her initial plans and her intentions to consult as widely as possible regarding the development of the Code. It was noted that Fay would report back on progress to future PAB meetings.

### **4. Nominet UK Terms and Conditions for Registrants**

Emily Taylor reported on the extensive outreach carried out as part of the DRS review consultation process and summarised the comments received. It was noted that there had been strong support for the retention of the mediation stage. It was noted that the final version of the proposed policy and procedure would be presented to the next PAB meeting. The matters of lame delegations and active servers were discussed and it was agreed to seek the views of members.

### **5. DRS Review and Proposals**

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## **6. Registrant Details**

It was agreed that the new application template would be made available for use on a voluntary basis and that it would not be mandatory until the new Terms and Conditions for Registrants were introduced.

## **7. Membership Fees**

It was agreed to consider membership fees at the same time as registration fees. (Next review is due at August PAB meeting.)

The Executive were requested to look at:

1. The actual costs of processing new membership applications.
2. Ongoing membership costs and to review the costs for a member who did not make any registrations, against a member who was also a tag holder, with a view to making recommendations at the next review meeting.

## **8. Nominet AGM - PAB Session**

It was noted that the AGM will be on 4th July at Explore, Bristol. It was agreed that the afternoon session would not be an open formal PAB meeting, but would be used for the PAB to seek membership input on specific issues, to be determined nearer the time.

## **9. New SLD Requests**

The Executive reported that they had received an application for .scot.uk and it was intended to schedule it for consideration at the next PAB meeting.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **10.1 Glasgow Talkback**

It was noted that this was due to take place on 2nd May and that it clashed with a RIPE meeting.

### **10.2 IPv6**

It was agreed that the PAB would recommend to Nominet that it support IPv6 in the Register as soon as possible following the lead of the root server.

### **10.3 Member Request re. Renewal Pricing**

A request for a reduced renewal price was discussed. It was agreed that this would be considered as part of the scheduled price review and the renewals period would also be considered at the same time. It was agreed that the same registration and renewal price should apply across the whole of the membership of Nominet, irrespective of the differing business models of Nominet members and the different levels of cost incurred by Nominet.

### **10.4 Two Letter Domain Names**

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next PAB meeting. In particular, the methodology by which registrations could be made available.

## **11. Next Meeting**

6th June from 1300 hours at Stratton Street. Sandwiches will be provided.