

Additional Statement from Gordon Dick

The Nominet board invited all current board election candidates to make further declarations to Nominet members. I have addressed the points requested in detail below.

Any previous occasions that they have stood for election to the Nominet Board and the platforms on which they stood.

I stood for and was elected to the Nominet board in 2004. I stood again and was re-elected in 2006. For absolute clarity, the election statements I stood on are attached.

Expanding further than requested I also declare that I have previously stood for the Nominet PAB in 2001 and served one term as an elected PAB member, before stepping down from the PAB. The election statement I stood on is also attached.

How they would deal with the conflicts of interest that will arise from their current employment or roles.

Any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest through work or otherwise will be fully declared. I note that for a number of legal reasons (including the fact the directors are all, in their own right, members of the company) it is impossible to avoid all the situations where you may need to take a position even when you have an interest, however such interests need to be known by others in the process in order to inform their decisions. As a director, my interests are declared and our auditors have reviewed the declarations. Where I take a position I will always do so in the best interests of Nominet, it's members and stakeholders even when it is detrimental to any other interests I have.

I have a legal duty to act in what I believe are the best interests of Nominet, our members and stakeholders. I have at all times in the discussion of the recent board statement regarding the AGM and director election reiterated my interest as I am re-standing as a candidate, it has been noted in the letter to members and I note it again now. I fully support the Board and the decision to make the statement and as such I believe I am also duty bound to support the Board's position in public.

I hope members will feel that I have done everything possible to act appropriately while fulfilling my legal duties to the company, our members and stakeholders. For that reason and those set out in my election statement, I hope you will be able to vote for me as your 1st preference. However if you feel unable to support me, for any reason at all, then I would urge you to vote for Dickie Armour and Adam Beaumont.

All legal actions involving domain names, or Nominet DRS cases where they have been a respondent, or otherwise involved.

1. I have never been involved in any legal action regarding domain names.
2. I have never been the complainant or respondent to a DRS case or other top level domain dispute.
3. I have, on one occasion (from memory I think in late 2001 or early 2002), advised a long standing customer of the time with regards to a mediated settlement in a domain name dispute where their local competitor had registered one of their brand names. It was settled amicably without a need for a decision.
4. I have on numerous occasions been asked in generic terms about the DRS and on what grounds complaints can be raised.

Any ongoing matters/ investigations of any nature to which they may be subject.

I know of no ongoing matters or investigations of any nature to which I am subject.

Attached previous election statements.

2006 Board Election Statement

I have been involved in the internet industry since 1995 and I was first elected to the board of Nominet two years ago. Having sought feedback from a number of Nominet members and Policy Advisory Board members as to whether I should stand for re-election I decided it was important at this time to offer myself for a second term serving the membership.

As a member of the Nominet board I have also served on the Policy Advisory Board and Remuneration Committee for the last two years. Clearly as a board we made mistakes with the handling of proposals for the EGM earlier this year and from that I have learnt and I apologise. I have played a key role in re-engaging the membership to find a consensus on the way forward for Nominet that satisfies both the concerns and aspirations that members have for Nominet. I have been actively involved in member out-reach programs on the future which included meetings around the country over the last few months. I regularly take part in member meetings and other on-line and off-line forums of discussion with members and other stakeholders.

I have always believed that one of Nominet's key strengths is the status as a not-for-profit organisation serving the wider community that allows it to hold the trust of the industry, government and civil society at large.

I do not believe in representing just one type of member but in balancing the diverse needs and interests of all members and stakeholders, which can be very challenging. In doing this Nominet must ensure fairness in policy, strategy, and implementation, taking account of the views of all members and end users large and small. In order to achieve this further work is needed on our communications and consultations.

A timely and thorough review of the Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) is already in preparatory stages and it is my desire to see this address the real concerns being raised about the current service.

There are clearly many challenges ahead for Nominet as the worldwide registry markets mature and consolidation occurs. As an industry owned organisation Nominet should ensure that it has the foothold necessary to move forward with the interests and backing of our members. Nominet must strive to be the best registry in the world in everything it does, technical and administrative.

Nominet should help the members in selling our core product of UK domain names but should do this in a manner that does not artificially distort the market and ensures buyers do not bypass members to purchase direct. I am interested in exploring the feasibility of encouraging growth in the personal registrations market making ".me.uk" as essential a piece of lifestyle infrastructure as a phone number is today.

I would like to hear from you as a Nominet member on any issue I can help with. Please email me at nominet-election2006@gordon.me.uk if you wish to discuss any Nominet issues.

2004 Board Election Statement

A few months ago it was suggested I put my name forward for this election. I thought about it long and hard; I talked with Council of Management (CoM) members, with Policy Advisory Board (PAB) members and with ordinary Nominet members before concluding it is important to stand to ensure the membership has an alternative choice in this election. I am both ready and willing to take on the challenge of assisting the Executive in steering Nominet safely through the next two years by taking on board the views of the membership and the wider community. I would like to make clear my key beliefs.

Nominet works best as a not for profit organisation influenced by the many and not the few and should remain independent and industry run and not government controlled.

Nominet should not compete with its membership but aid it in serving the wider internet community.

Nominet must ensure fairness in policy, strategy, and implementation, taking account the views of all industry players and end users large and small.

Nominet must continue to enhance the TWO way communications channels with members and end users.

Nominet must aim to be the best domain registry in the world in everything it does, technical and administrative.

Nominet must ensure that it and its members are not brought into disrepute by the actions of a few, and, to ensure this, there should be a well known voluntary code of practice (in addition to a strong tag holder agreement ensuring minimum standards) and that Nominet must deliver on this in order to secure its future.

I believe Nominet must deliver and deliver soon on the proposals for an integrated web site for members and tag holders to manage the accounts they have with Nominet. The clock is ticking, time is moving on and the lack of web interface in the year 2004 is somewhat embarrassing for Nominet.

Nominet is entering another critical time in its life cycle. A corporate governance review is already under way and the candidates you elect will be charged with making decisions on this review; I urge you to choose accordingly. I believe that there should be a limit to the number of consecutive terms served by non-executive directors in order to guarantee regular refreshment of the board. Regular but steady churn of CoM members helps to invigorate Nominet and ensures that complacency and arrogance does not have a chance to set in.

I believe CoM members should not sit on the PAB as full PAB members as in doing so they are advising themselves. I believe they should be in attendance for two way information exchange.

For more information please take a look at: www.Gordon.me.uk

I want to hear from YOU as a Nominet member. I want to represent YOU. Please email me at com-elections2004@gordon.me.uk if you have any questions or you want to say "I agree/disagree with you because..."

2001 PAB Election Statement

I became involved in the Internet industry in 1995, and have established a sound background in e-commerce and in recent times have been an active member of the Nominet steering list. I hope to continue the good work that has been done to date in improving Nominet for the

benefit of the members and the Internet community at large as a not-for-profit organisation without government intervention by ensuring policies adopted are fair.

I am particularly keen to make further progress on areas of two way communication between Nominet and the membership and examine how the mechanisms already in place can be improved upon. The communications policy should ensure that online communication is central to the organisation and becomes more dynamic.

The possibility of including interfaces (web or otherwise) for members and tag holders to access most aspects of their account details more effectively and efficiently should be investigated.

We should examine whether members would benefit from some form of support network of consultants, either drawn from established members or Nominet executive or elsewhere, being set up to help the membership as a whole but particular to supply backup help for new members.

I am keen to ensure that NominetUK is seen to be amongst the best of domain registries in the world from top to bottom through all policies it implements whether technical or administrative.

Questions on specific issues are welcome by email to nominet-pab@gordondick.co.uk