

Nominet's board of directors met on 21 February 2005.

Sunday Times 100 Best Small Companies Award

The board warmly congratulated Lesley Cowley, Nominet management team and staff on winning a Sunday Times 100 Best Small Companies To Work For in the UK Award.

Litigation against Peter Francis Macrae

The board was pleased to note that Nominet had been awarded final judgment, together with over £80,000 costs in its legal action against Peter Francis-Macrae and Ultra Technologies Ltd. The defendants were found liable of copying and using records from Nominet's WHOIS database to send out fraudulent domain name renewal invoices under the name of 'Domain Registry Services'. Nominet also obtained permanent injunctions preventing Francis-Macrae or his companies from causing any damage to Nominet's computer systems, harassing Nominet staff, misusing the .uk WHOIS database or trading under the misleading 'Domain Registry Services' name.

The board endorsed the clear and strong message that this case would send to those that may be considering similar scams now or in future.

The board noted that Mr Francis-Macrae is still in custody on several charges unrelated to this case.

New Chairman

The board noted that the position of chairman had been re-advertised in the Sunday Times, with a closing date of 28 February 2005.

Pricing Review

The board reviewed the prices of tag changes and transfers, and noted that the fully absorbed cost of each transaction was equal to the price charged. Therefore no changes in price were made.

The board also reviewed the membership fees, but decided to make no change to these fees until the outcome of its current review of the membership and tagholder structure is known.

Operational Statistics

There were 2,735 active members and 3,687 active tags as at 31 January 2005. During January, 4 new members joined and 5 members resigned. The number of new registrations in January was 106,567 and 69,406 renewals were invoiced.