

The Nominet UK Council of Management (CoM) met on 16 January 2003.

PRSS, AUTOMATON AND WHOIS PROPOSALS

Members are reminded that a set of proposals for a new Public Register Subscription Service (PRSS) together with amendments to the public access to the WHOIS and the Automaton are now the subject of a member consultation.

You can view the proposals in full at

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/prss-consult/proposal.html>

and we would welcome your feedback. If you would like to respond with your comments please email prss-consult@nominet.org.uk before Monday 3 February 2003.

CHANGE OF ACCOUNTANTS

The CoM approved the Audit Committee's recommendation that Critchley's, an independent firm of Chartered Accountants based in Oxford, be appointed as accountants for Nominet UK with immediate effect. The CoM also recommended that Critchley's be appointed as auditors of Nominet UK's accounts for the year ending September 2003, subject to the passing of an ordinary resolution to that effect at this year's AGM. The CoM also agreed that, in future, the provision of accountancy and auditing services will be reviewed every three years.

LUCY NASH

It is with great sadness, that we report to members the death of Lucy Nash of the customer support department. Lucy was 22 and had suffered from a heart condition for some time, but her death was sudden and unexpected. The CoM expresses its sincere condolences to Lucy's family, friends and work colleagues.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

There were 2736 active members as at 1 January 2003. During December, 13 new members were added and 13 members resigned. There were 3276 active tag holders, with 683 having been withdrawn and 199 suspended. There were 49,742 new registrations during December, 31 were direct registrations and there were 62,772 renewals invoiced. As part of the Terms and Conditions Project, contact has now been made with 3,388 tag holders and a total of 19 tags remain suspended (following at least three contacts with the tag holder).