

The Nominet UK Council of Management (CoM) met on 18th December 2002.

STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS

The board reviewed and approved a comprehensive technical strategy for Nominet. The board also approved the results of the executive team's study into the certificate process: its aims, objectives and effectiveness. The executive team will now be developing detailed plans and will begin consultations with the membership, tag holders and other stakeholders.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS BRIEF

The board approved the appointment of Hill and Knowlton as Nominet's public affairs advisers starting from January 2003.

CODE OF PRACTICE

The board discussed industry codes of practice and agreed to support an industry-government seminar on the topic.

RULES

After full consultation with stakeholders and with the recommendation of PAB, the board approved the new Rules for .uk and its sub-domains, see: <http://www.nominet.org.uk/rules/new-rules-final2.html>. The board noted that the .me.uk and .net.uk rules are still under consideration within the PAB.

DATA FROM THE REGISTER

The board agreed in principal to new proposals concerning the Public Register Subscription Service (PRSS), WHOIS and the Automaton, which had been recommended by the PAB, see <http://www.nominet.org.uk/prss-consult/>. This package of changes is intended to deter and combat abuses of the system. Feedback is requested by 3 February 2003.

PAB

The board approved a recommendation from the PAB to increase the number of appointed organizations on the PAB from 5 to 8. The new organizations will be determined by the PAB.

TAG CHANGES

The board approved a recommendation from the PAB that, on a tag change, the receiving tag holder should be informed of the registrant's name and contact details.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

There were 2,736 active members as at 1st December 2002. During November 21 new members were added and 19 members resigned. There were 3,264 active tag holders, with 655 having been withdrawn and 211 suspended. There were 58,686 new registrations during November, 51 were direct registrations and there were 84,195 renewals invoiced. As part of the Terms and Conditions Project, contact has now been made with 3,271 tag holders and a total of 16 tags remain suspended (following at least three contacts with the tag holder).