

OCTOBER 2006 BOARD REPORT

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 24th October 2006.

AGM

The Board congratulated Fay Howard and Gordon Dick on their re-election to the Board.

EGM

The Board authorised the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting at the Oxford Belfry Hotel on 22nd November 2006.

The Board is seeking your support on two proposals:

- Increasing the range of services available to you from Nominet, by changing the scope of Nominet in our Memorandum.
- Enabling electronic voting, by changing our Articles to include electronic communications and member voting.

Full details of the proposals can be found on our web site.

The Board unanimously recommends that you should vote in favour of these proposals. Your vote is important.

Internet Governance Forum

The Board congratulated the Policy team on a very successful event, "The Road to Athens", held on 9th October. Nitin Desai, Chair of the Internet Governance Forum and Alun Michael MP, gave keynote presentations. Over 70 people attended and there have been nearly 600 downloads of the web cast from over 20 countries.

The Board notes the success of the inaugural meeting of the Internet Governance Forum in Athens from 30 October- 2 November 2006. Nominet co-organised a workshop on Participation in Internet Governance Organisations, which had over 100 attendees, and was well received.

New Property

Building work at Minerva House, Oxford Science Park, is currently on programme for completion during August 2007. We are currently finalising details of the fit out.

The sale of Sandford Gate and Orion House has now been completed. Nominet has entered into a leaseback agreement with the new owners, pending completion of Minerva House.

Feedback from Member Lunches

The Nominet lunches in London and Leeds were well attended. Feedback will be incorporated into next year's strategy.

Technical

The Board congratulated Geoff Sisson, Chief Technical Architect on having the first RFC, entitled 'Derivation of DNS Name Predecessor and Successor', published with a Nominet author.

Operational Statistics

There were 2,900 active members and 3,967 active tags as at 30th September 2006. Since August 2006 41 new members have joined and 59 members have resigned. The number of new registrations in August 2006 was 129,217 and September 2006 was 129,841. The average renewal rate for August 2006 to September 2006 was 67%. The net growth of the register for August 2006 and September 2006 was 0.48%.