

OCTOBER 2007 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 23rd October 2007.

Best Practice Challenge

The Board congratulated the team on a successful awards ceremony for the Best Practice Forum, which took place on 11th October 2007, at Central Hall Westminster. There were over 90 attendees, and the Minister, Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP, Minister of State for Competitiveness, announced the winners.

We also took this opportunity to hold a 1:1 meeting with Stephen Timms. Topics discussed included raising industry standards, the Byron review, ICANN and the Internet Governance Forum.

Minerva House

The Board congratulated all staff on the very well organised and executed move to the new office.

Year End Review of Company Wide Targets

The Board was pleased to note that the company had met almost all of its performance targets for 2006/7 and that, in some cases, targets had been exceeded.

Default Transfer Consultation

The Board noted that we are currently reviewing the responses to the mini-consultation on the proposed default transfer mechanism, which had received 151 responses.

UK ENUM

The Board was pleased to note that contract negotiations had been completed and a contract agreed.

Nominet Foundation

The Board had further discussions regarding the possible creation of a Nominet Foundation and agreed to seek member and stakeholder views in due course.

Renewals Research

The Board looked in some detail at research into renewal of domain names and is looking at ways to maintain or improve the renewal rate from the current level of around 70%.

Operations

We have now launched an interactive knowledge based test for registrars via the web site. These tests will form part of the registrar application process and will ensure new registrars have an acceptable level of knowledge of the basic processes in .uk.

Member Lunches

We held member lunches in Manchester and in London, which were well attended and generated some lively and positive debate.

Nom-steer Consultation

The nom-steer vs. web forum consultation has completed and we are now doing further investigation into an integrated web forum and email system. If this option is viable then it is hoped that we can switch to this format in early December.

Operational Statistics

There were 2,901 active members and 4,090 active tags as at 30th September 2007. Since August 2007, 16 new members have joined and 15 members have resigned. The number of new registrations in August 2007 was 131,846 and September 2007 was 129,298. The average renewal rate for the year was 70%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 17%.