

## Status Report on PAB & Board Issues & Actions, November 2005

### 1. Tag-holder compliance: clarification of procedure (Apr04/7)

*The PAB resolved to recommend that the Council of Management clarify the procedure for making complaints about a tag-holder's alleged non-compliance with the tag-holder agreement, and also to ensure that tag-holders' obligations under the agreement are successfully communicated to tag-holders.*

This resolution covers two items:

1. The procedure for making complaints about a tag-holder's alleged non-compliance with the tag-holder agreement.

**Status: In progress.**

2. Ensure that tag-holders' obligations under the agreement are successfully communicated to tag-holders.

**Status: Completed. A number of methods are employed to ensure new and existing tag holders understand their obligations under the agreement.**

### 2. Governance Review consultation (Oct04/5a)

*The PAB resolved to recommend to the Council of Management that they put the issues raised in the 2004 Governance Review out to consultation.*

**Status: A verbal update on this item will be given at the meeting.**

### 3. Report from the Registration Period Working Group (March 05/5)

*The PAB, having considered the report of the Registration Periods Working Group, resolved to recommend that the Board consider the additional implementation of single year registrations and the synchronisation of multiple registrations to a common renewal date through shorter registration periods. The PAB resolved to recommend that the Board do not implement registration periods longer than two years for the time being, but resolved to reconsider the issue in approximately two years' time.*

***NB at its May 2005 meeting, the PAB clarified that this resolution applied also to renewals as well as new registrations.***

**Status: In progress.**

### 4. Allegations of Child Pornography (March 05/6 and May05/9)

*The PAB resolved to recommend that the Board make the PRSS service available to the IWF such that they can detect registrations of domain names containing potentially dubious strings relating to child pornography immediately upon their registration.*

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**Status: Completed.**

*The PAB resolved to recommend to the Board that the executive should apply procedures for cancellation of domain names for false contact details quickly in cases where Nominet is informed by a competent authority that the domain name in question is associated with child pornography.*

**Status: Completed.** This has been incorporated into the legal department's work plan.

## 5. Report from the SLD Panel Recruitment Committee (March 05/8)

*The PAB resolved to accept the report of the SLD Panel Recruitment subcommittee and resolved to recommend that the Board pass the names on the short list to the Panel chair. The PAB further resolved to recommend that at least one candidate from each category of specialisation be selected*

**Status: Completed.**

## 6. Amendments to WHOIS output (May05/6)

*The PAB resolved to recommend to the Board that the WHOIS output be changed to display the registrant type and, where appropriate, the associated identifying number; this change is only to be made after the full details of the change have been published and sufficient time given to tag holders to change their systems.*

**Status: In progress**

## 7. Appointed organisations (May05/8)

*The PAB **resolved** to recommend to the Board that the appointment of the British Chambers of Commerce to the PAB be replaced by the appointment of a consumer focused, small business focused, or voluntary sector based organisation, and requested that the executive find candidate organisations who are willing to serve on the PAB and present a list to the next PAB meeting.*

**Status: In progress.** An update was given to the July PAB meeting.

## 8. Matters arising from nom-steer and pab-suggest (May05/12)

*The PAB **resolved** to recommend to the Board that it present to the PAB a review of its current policy regarding situations where (a) a domain name has been registered by one party, (b) it has been in the exclusive use of a second party, (c) current policy would require the domain name to be suspended or cancelled, (d) the second party can adduce evidence that the domain name was originally meant to be registered in its own name, and (e) no party contests this.*

**Status: See PAB agenda item 7**

## 9. Acceptable use of the Automaton (July05/10)

*The PAB **resolved** to recommend to the Board that it adopts the policy principles for acceptable use of the Automaton (and related systems and processes) contained in the paper presented to the PAB. The PAB further **resolved** to recommend to the Board that, consistent with the PAB's recommended policy under Agenda item 11, the development and implementation of acceptable use mechanisms corresponding with*

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*these policy principles is carried out by the Executive without further consultation with the PAB, on the understanding that any changes to systems or processes are properly documented and communicated to (and where appropriate consulted upon) with tag-holders.*

**Status: This has been incorporated into the project programme and progress will be reported to the PAB via regular Project Programme updates.**

## **10. Industry Standards (September05/8)**

*The PAB **resolved** to recommend that the Board proceed with the consultation detailed in the paper "Raising Industry Standards".*

**Status: See PAB agenda item 6.**