

Status Report on PAB & Board Issues & Actions

1. Automaton Template Changes (Oct03/1)

The PAB resolved to accept the interface changes described in Section 3.1 of the paper (headed 'Tidying contact details').

Executive team requested to implement.

Status: Not yet implemented, as this is an interim step needed before we implement EPP that has not yet been put into production. This should now be considered in the light of the Data Restructuring paper presented to the December PAB meeting.

2. Anti-Abuse Mechanisms (Apr04/4)

The PAB resolved to recommend to the Council of Management that it investigate anti-abuse mechanisms (including but not limited to implementation of only a subset of DNSSEC) to minimise the impact of enumeration of zonefiles using DNSSEC should the current proposals for the DNSSEC protocol remain unchanged.

Status: Proposals have been made to the IETF Working group and others. Discussions continue.

3. Enforcement of Tag-holder Agreement (Apr04/6)

The PAB, noting that it did not believe there are currently general problems in the enforcement of the tag-holder agreement, resolved to ask the Council of Management whether or not making the tag-holder agreement more specific would aid its enforcement.

Status: The Board agreed that making the tag-holder agreement more specific would aid its enforcement. This item is built into the review of the tag-holder agreement, which is ongoing as part of the strategic discussions on the thick/thin registry model.

4. 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: Further clarification of the complaints procedure is pending review of the tag holder agreement.

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

Status: Ongoing through specific projects (e.g. T&Cs project, logo project) and communications programme.

5. 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: Action pending recruitment of new Chairman.

6. Allegations of Child Pornography (Dec04/4)

The PAB resolved to request the executive to bring a paper to the PAB detailing the various options available for Nominet's handling of allegations of (i) registrations which themselves may constitute "child pornography" or an advertisement thereof and (ii) registrations pointing at content that may constitute "child pornography", with a view that the PAB would come to an initial conclusion in order to subsequently prepare for a wider consultation.

Status: Paper to be brought to March 2005 meeting.

7. SLD Panel Applications (Dec04/6)

The PAB resolved to accept the SLD panel subcommittee's report that the availability of technically qualified applicants was inadequate, and that a recommendation should only be made when sufficient candidates with skills in all disciplines were available; therefore the PAB resolved to request to the executive that it instruct the recruitment agency to provide a wider selection of candidates with appropriate technical skills, in order that the subcommittee may complete its recommendations.

Status: In progress.

8. New Data Structures (Dec04/9)

The PAB resolved to recommend the introduction of new data structures in line with the proposal presented by the executive and the resultant change in tag-holder interfaces; this is to be introduced subject to an open consultation to finalise the details, through an open mailing list, chaired and managed by the Nominet executive.

Status: In progress.

9. WHOIS for Tags (Dec04/10)

The PAB resolved to recommend the introduction of a WHOIS for tags as proposed by the executive; this is to be introduced once the online facility that allows tag-holders to set and amend their details is in place.

Status: Pending introduction of tag-holders online facility.

10. Advice on affect of changes to SLD rules (Jan05/6)

The PAB resolved to request the board to produce a paper detailing to what extent changing the rules for an SLD requires additional procedural hurdles including but not limited to reapplication under the new SLD procedure.

Status: In progress.

11. Nameserver checks (Jan05/8)

The PAB resolved to recommend that the check on the TLD of nameserver records held in the register move from the zone file build process to the Automaton at the point of registration or modification and that any operation that fails this check at this point is prevented from completing and returns an appropriate error message.

Status: In progress.

12. Changes to WHOIS Output (Jan05/9)

The PAB resolved to recommend that the WHOIS output be changed to no longer display the IP addresses of nameservers where that information is not held on the register, providing that the absence of IP addresses is satisfactorily explained either in the WHOIS response or at a link therein.

Status: In progress.

13. PAB Rules redraft (Jan05/10)

The PAB resolved to request the board that the executive redraft the PAB rules to clarify them and resolve such ambiguities and logical defects as have been identified, in each case with minimal policy changes, and to present the draft changes as a paper to the next PAB meeting.

Status: Paper to March 2005 PAB meeting.

14. Publication of Tag Statistics (Jan05/11)

The PAB resolved to recommend the policy change of publishing monthly statistics about tags, including the number of domains per tag, the number of new registrations per month, the number of renewals per month, and the number transferred in and out per month. The PAB further resolved to recommend that publication should take place on a fixed day each month, and that that reasonable warning of the policy change should be given to tagholders.

Status: In progress.