

CoM feedback from PAB meeting 31

At its meeting on 21 April, the CoM considered the resolutions from the April meeting of the PAB and responds as documented below.

3. Election of PAB chair

The PAB **resolved** to elect Sebastien Lahtinen as PAB chair.

CoM response: Noted

The PAB **resolved** to express its thanks to Richard Almeida and Ben Laurie for their service on the PAB, and to Peter Gradwell for his time chairing the PAB.

CoM response: Noted and agreed

5. Feedback from CoM on PAB recommendations

The PAB **resolved** to request the Council of Management to provide an “issues register” tracking the state of previous recommendations to supplement the Council of Management’s feedback paper.

CoM response: Agreed – Willie Black and Gareth Cook to co-ordinate

6. Working Groups

The PAB **resolved** to accept the advice of the WGSC to reject the two applications to create working groups (for Lock State, and International Domain Names) as the charters were not yet in a suitable final form, noting that the prospective chairs were still working with the WGSC towards interim approval.

CoM response: Noted

The PAB **resolved** to clarify the rules for working groups, defining “the next PAB meeting” as “the next PAB meeting discounting any meeting within 3 weeks”, to allow sufficient notice for the papers to be submitted.

CoM response: Noted

8. DNSSEC & WHOIS abuse

The PAB **resolved** to confirm its policy that Nominet should continue to protect its zonefiles, and allow access to its database only under controlled circumstances.

CoM response: Agreed

The PAB **resolved** to confirm its policy that Nominet should support secure DNS protocols subject to the above constraint.

CoM response: Agreed

The PAB **resolved** to recommend to the Council of Management that it should urgently enter a dialog with the IETF and DNSSEC working groups highlighting the problems of the enumeration of zonefiles using DNSSEC, and work with other bodies such as RIPE and CENTR to do the same.

CoM response: Agreed – Jay Daley and Geoff Sisson to co-ordinate

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.

CoM response: Agreed as per previous paragraph

The PAB **resolved** to endorse the recommendations of the executive on Amendments to Abuse Policies in respect of the PRSS, Whois and Whois2 services, but requested that it be notified if and when the anti-abuse mechanisms change.

CoM response: Agreed

9. Voting Structure Review

The PAB **resolved** to ask the Council of Management to provide a status report on its Governance Review.

CoM response: Willie Black will attend the next PAB meeting to give update

10. Tag Holder Agreement

The PAB **resolved** to reiterate its policy that the Tag Holder's agreement should continue to be enforced.

CoM response: Agreed

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.

CoM response: Agreed – Executive will review Tag Holder Agreement

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.

CoM response: Agreed – Executive action

11. 'Offensive' registrations and *me.uk*

The PAB **resolved** to reiterate its policy that Nominet should not attempt to prevent lawful registration of domain names that some might consider offensive.

CoM response: Noted

The PAB **resolved** to confirm its prior recommendations on rule changes to *me.uk*,

CoM response: Noted

and **resolved** to request that the Council of Management expedite the redrafting of the *me.uk* rules and the associated consultation process.

CoM response: In progress