

2006 PAB Election Statements

James Blessing, Entanet International Limited

Proposed by: Entanet International Limited

Seconded by: Sylvaine Lucas, Domainmaster Ltd

As Nominet is a member organisation it is important that policy should reflect the interests of those members in general rather than focusing on the requirements of any specific group.

In my opinion Nominet should focus on serving the Internet community, first as a Internet Registry but also providing other services of a congruent nature such as ENUM.

On a personal level I have been involved in the Internet since 1990, have worked for a number of different service providers and web design companies. I am currently COO of Entanet International and member of the ISPA council.

Stuart Clark, Jahingo

Proposed by: Chris Byrd, Open Hosting Ltd

Seconded by: Peter Gradwell, Gradwell dot com

I have been a member of Nominet for about two years now, as the owner of a small tagholder. As time has progressed I've tried to get more involved, leading me to seek to be elected to the PAB. As both a small tagholder and being new to the PAB, I'd hope to give a fresh outlook to the discussions. Up until now I have participated in several working groups as well as attending both AGMs during my membership, and I plan on attending the EGM.

Nominet is entering a stage of big change, with new technical developments including EPP and International Domain Names, as well as possible governance and tagholder agreement (raising industry standards) changes. Many of these changes have policy implications for members, tagholders and the wider UK Internet community, so the PAB will have plenty to do over the coming year.

Overall I would like to increase my involvement within Nominet, and hope that if you vote me onto the PAB I will be able to do that, giving a new fresh view on the PAB, helping to drive Nominet forward.

James Conaghan, Individual Member

Proposed by: Lee Gillett, UKDomains Ltd

Seconded by: Bryon Gibson, Individual Member

I stand for the membership.

I have served 2 years on the PAB and now, more than ever, I believe the membership needs forceful representation.

The PAB advises on Policy but there is a difference of opinion on what constitutes policy. In my opinion, policy encompasses anything that has an effect on how Nominet interacts with its members and other stakeholders. Eg: if corporate governance policy affects how Nominet interacts with its members, I believe it is appropriate for the PAB to look at the cause and effect, because how Nominet interacts with its members can have a butterfly effect on other stakeholder groups.

If re-elected, I would like to resolve the following issues.

- **Policy**

What is it? What should it entail?

- **Communication**

Better communications for members. Educational campaign for registrants.

- **DRS**

Financial implications (eg: £3,000 appeal fee).

- **Social Policy**

Should we have a social/ethical policy for Nominet?

- **Corporate Governance**

How the board reconciles its fiduciary duty with Nominet's ethos.

More about my viewpoints at www.conaghan.me.uk email jac@namedropper.co.uk.

I believe the membership deserves forceful representation. Even if I disagree with your viewpoint, I will put it forward anyway if you ask me to. Someone has to ask hard questions and play devil's advocate; otherwise the membership is not being adequately represented. That is what I believe. If you believe it too, please vote for me. If you can't, please vote for someone who believes as passionately as me in the ethos Nominet was founded upon.

Clive Feather, Demon Internet , Thus Plc

Proposed by: Mark Dranse, Thus Plc / Demon

Seconded by: Denesh Bhabuta, Cyberstrider Ltd

[About the PAB]

I believe the PAB is and should be a clearinghouse for ideas for Nominet's future policies, including its governance.

Nominet is a member organisation, so policy should always consider the best interests of all the members (not just a subset). However, it also needs to pay attention to other views; an important job of the PAB is to ensure that eventual proposals have properly balanced the issues from all sides.

I don't believe election statements are the best place to discuss specific issues, but if you want to know my views on any particular topic, I'm happy to talk on either Nom-Steer or private email.

I am always willing to present ideas or papers to the PAB on behalf of members and stakeholders, even if I don't agree with them.

[About me]

I have been involved in the Internet for several years. Apart from one short hiatus, I have sat on the PAB since its formation. I am also on the Board of ISPA. I have chaired various PAB subcommittees and working groups. I believe most other PAB members find my presence beneficial.

I work on public policy issues for Thus (aka Demon) and am therefore well known around the industry and in government. I can bring to the PAB a broad experience and range of contacts that few others can equal.

I believe that I am uniquely qualified to contribute to the work of the PAB and ask you to re-elect me on that basis.

Subhi S Hashwa, Electronic Corner Ltd

Proposed by: Barney Sowood Sowood & Co Ltd

Seconded by: Denesh Bhabuta, Cyberstrider Ltd

I am the director of a small IT consultancy based in Edinburgh focusing on local clients, our clients require us to act on their behalf to liaise with Nominet and other service providers to ensure their internet presence simply works. I therefore have a keen interest in Nominet and seeing its service "just work" for the all businesses and the end user.

The PAB has always been given the challenge of researching, planning and refining policy matters in the domain name industry, with this in mind, I see the PAB continuously needs new blood to challenge the status quo and look for new ways to help Nominet move forward.

I would like to see increased positive and active participation from stakeholders in joining in the discussion and the consultations the PAB continues to produce. Nominet must work more closely with its members, tag holders and end users of the namespace, for example by promoting the use of .uk versus other tlds for business and personal end users.

Nominet continues to fulfil a unique role in the industry and should continue nurturing and commissioning innovative ideas and policies like the Raising Industry standards which can only benefit all parties involved.

If you wish to contact me on any of these matters I am available on subhi@e-corner.co.uk

Mark Healy, Kingston Communications (Hull) Plc

Proposed by: Hazel Pegg, Glastonbury Online Limited

Seconded by: Adrian Gill, Sound Solutions Advertising Ltd

I have worked for Kingston Communications since September 1996, having completed a Chemistry degree at UMIST. Rather than staying within the chemical industry, I threw myself into my hobby, the Internet, and got a job in front-line support at KC's new ISP business.

Within a couple of weeks I had moved domain name registration in-house, initially as a cost-saving exercise, and we joined Nominet that October. Since then I have moved around the KC Group, culminating in the creation of the Group Hostmaster role 3 years ago.

I have thus gained a lot of relevant experience as not only a Registrant, but also as a small ISP, and as part of larger communications company. I have had to deal with many different customers ranging from "one man band" outfits all the way up to large multi-national companies.

At first I was not aware of how easy it was to participate in Nominet, but this changed when I attended the 2000 Nominet AGM.

I now regularly read nom-steer, with the occasional post when I have a point I believe needs to be made.

I have participated in Nominet working groups, I have submitted feedback to the PAB on various papers, and I have attended the last six AGMs around the country.

There are a number of ongoing policy discussions taking place within Nominet that I hope to be able to constructively contribute to, should I be elected this year.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me on mark.healey@kcom.com

Tony Holmes, British Telecom

Proposed by: Mark Dranse, Thus Plc / Demon

Seconded by: Jason Smith, Namesco Ltd

The role of the PAB is fundamental to the success of Nominet and impacts all stakeholders. Coming from a heavily regulated industry sector, I consider it essential the PAB sets policies which define responsible boundaries, rather than move to a regulated situation. That would ensure a flexible system that facilitates new and emerging requirements, such as variable registration periods and required levels of data accuracy.

I have been actively involved in Internet issues for a number of years. I currently lead a team within BT's Chief Technology Office responsible for developing all policy and strategy aspects related to Naming and Addressing, including BT's 21st Century Network. I also chair BT's internal Domain Name Policy Forum.

External to BT I'm actively involved in the development of domain policy within ICANN. I've been Chairman of the ISP and Connectivity Providers Constituency since 2001 and an elected representative on the council of Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO) since 2002. The GNSO has been engaged in policy discussions covering the introduction of new gTLDs, IDNs, the introduction of new registry services, WHOIS and new registry agreements. That work also requires interaction with other Organisations such as the Country Code Support Organisation.

Related issues I am currently involved in include ENUM, where I currently Chair both the UK ENUM Group and the ETSI Group that have developed the European technical standards for ENUM implementation within Europe.

Alex Kells, Mistral Internet Group Limited

Proposed by: Sebastien Lahtinen, NetConnex Ltd

Seconded by: Hazel Pegg, Glastonbury Online Limited

I was elected to the PAB in 2004 and would very much like to continue for the next two years. I have been in the Internet industry for nearly eight years now, working for small to medium sized ISPs, and have a great deal of experience of domain names and related issues (job titles varying from Hostmaster to Domain Name Co-ordinator). I have attended a number of AGMs and other Nominet events prior to joining the PAB and have attended every PAB meeting since then, as well as a number of working group/committee meetings. Whilst I don't post much to nom-steer, I do follow the threads. If you're not sure who I am, there's a recent-ish pic here: <http://kells.jero.co.uk/p18834003.html> (I'm the one with the tattoos!). I may not always agree with other PAB members but I think that is a positive rather than a negative; it ensures that there is a level of debate within the PAB.

The issues I see would like to see the PAB discussing over the next two years include:

- The long-awaited Governance Review
- Internationalised domain names
- Evaluation of the positive renewal system
- Online control panel for members/tagholders & EPP

- Whether members/tagholders should have the ability to make changes to the Registrant field (tied in with the current Raising Industry Standards consultation)
- Nominet's participation with external organisations such as IWF and ICANN
- Whether Nominet should or could bid for ENUM

I welcome any suggestions or comments to alex@mistral.net

Richard Martin, Individual Member

Proposed by: Dark Marketing Ltd

Seconded by: DC Hosting Ltd

My key aims are:

- 1 Member = 1 Vote
- Encourage smaller members to vote and get involved with discussions
- Campaigning for changes to the current DRS procedure to protect generic domain names, and those registered before a similar trademark
- Campaigning for DRS cases with poor complaints (for example not showing rights, or failing to provide documentation) to be rejected
- Improvement to technical infrastructure:
 - Ensuring the web based domain management tools for members is fast tracked
 - Transfer of registrant via online systems, removing the need for a paper based system
 - Discuss further allowing tag holders to make changes to the registrant field
- Ensuring fair play between Members/Tag-holders:
 - Ensuring existing AUP policies are enforced & improved
 - Being involved in Nominet's recent Raising Industry Standards consultation
- Increasing the benefits for Members/Tag-holders
 - Automatic credit card payments / direct debit
 - Alternative registration periods (1-10 years)

I have over 15 years experience in IT, and during this time I have had much exposure to the UK domain market, primarily "domain catching" (initially via a 3rd party) but more recently through my own Membership / Tag. This gives me an insight into the technical deficiencies of the current system and the issues that need to be addressed.

I run a popular UK Web Hosting forum, and through this medium discuss with many Nominet Members / Tag Holders their views on Nominet's development and ideas for future growth.

Simon Pearce, Xperience Web Hosting Ltd

Proposed by: Craig Robinson, UKDedicated Ltd

Seconded by: Daniel Conlon, Donhost Ltd

My name is Simon Pearce and I am a director of Xperience Web Hosting Ltd (www.simplewebhosting.co.uk). We are a growing web hosting/web design company based in the Midlands.

We have been registering domain names since 1995 and became a full member of Nominet last year. We currently register around 50 domain names a day and have thousands of satisfied customers across an increasing number of UK-only based web servers.

I personally have been working with the Internet since the early nineties and have watched it grow with admiration; starting out with the CIX conferencing system and the original Demon Internet to now running a similarly successful company.

I have been involved in several different positions with a variety of non-profit making organisations and have a great deal of experience of how they operate and also what Nominet does. I am very keen to continue to promote the excellent service Nominet offers and to provide an even better service to tag holders.

I am very keen to be a part of the team that will continue to improve the efficiency of .uk registrations. Historic changes such as the ending of paper certificates have benefited many. Next we need to get rid of the rest of the paperwork and move to a completely paperless registration system. A step towards 'live' registrations will be a fantastic leap forward and more 'user-friendly' tools to make the lives of tag holders and registrants even easier.

I look forward to receiving your vote!

Jarrold Robinson, Pipex Communications Hosting Ltd

Proposed by: Daniel Conlon, Donhost Ltd

Seconded by: Daniel Conlon, Pipex Communications Hosting Ltd

- Improved Communication
- Efficient, Real-Time Systems & Interfaces
- Lower prices

I first became involved in the industry in 1997 as owner of an IT consultancy. I joined Fasthosts Internet in 2001 as Director of Products & Services and in May 2005 I moved to PIPEX Hosting to take a role as the Product & Development Director. During this time I have gained wide experience in domain registrars of all sizes and an understanding of both technical and commercial issues.

I have watched Nominet become one of the world's best run and most efficient domain registries and look forward to the opportunity to build on that success. It's my belief that strengthening communication between Nominet and its members is essential. As a member of the PAB I would aim to improve communication, focusing on capturing member requirements for future developments and ensuring members are informed and updated on forthcoming changes.

If elected, I would aid this by accelerating development of Nominet's systems to provide real time database updates and web based interfaces for domain management and billing. Members should be able to interact with Nominet and respond to their customers more efficiently, yet retain the option to use existing systems such as the automaton and whois service.

Finally, I believe that I can help generate realistic cost savings. By reviewing processes to maximise efficiency, and by passing on savings made through economies of scale in the growing .uk namespace, we can deliver tangible benefits to members and the market as a whole.

Policy Advisory Board election results 2006

Summary of results

The following five candidates have been elected to the Policy Advisory Board:

1. Clive Feather
2. Richard Martin
3. James Conaghan
4. Alex Kells
5. Subhi S Hashwa

Detailed results

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Nominet
 ELECTION OF: Policy Advisory Board 2006
 NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 5
 TOTAL VALID VOTE: 291
 QUOTA: 48.50
 INVALID PAPERS: 1

| Candidates | First Stage | 2nd Stage | | 3rd Stage | | 4th Stage | | 5th Stage | | 6th Stage | | 7th Stage | | 8th Stage | | 9th Stage | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| | | Surplus of: FEATHER @0.30 | | Surplus of: MARTIN @ 0.31 | | Exclusion of PEARCE | | Exclusion of CLARK | | Exclusion of BLESSING | | Exclusion of HEALY | | Exclusion of HOLMES | | Surplus of: KELLS | | |
| TOTAL | 291 | 291 | | 291 | | 291 | | 291 | | 291 | | 291 | | 291 | | 291 | | |
| BLESSING | 16 | 1.20 | 17.20 | 0.31 | 17.51 | 17.51 | 0.91 | 18.42 | -18.42 | 0.00 | | | | | | | | |
| CLARK | 10 | 2.10 | 12.10 | 2.17 | 14.27 | 1.31 | 15.58 | -15.58 | 0.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| CONAGHAN | 42 | 6.60 | 48.60 | 48.60 | | 48.60 | | 48.60 | | 48.60 | | 48.60 | | 48.60 | | 48.60 | | |
| FEATHER | 68 | -19.50 | 48.50 | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | |
| HASHWA | 17 | 0.30 | 17.30 | 2.79 | 20.09 | 0.31 | 20.40 | 5.23 | 25.63 | 4.61 | 30.24 | 1.30 | 31.54 | 2.62 | 34.16 | 0.31 | 34.47 | |
| HEALY | 12 | 0.90 | 12.90 | 3.41 | 16.31 | 1.00 | 17.31 | 3.31 | 20.62 | 1.30 | 21.92 | -21.92 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| HOLMES | 13 | 3.30 | 16.30 | 2.48 | 18.78 | 2.00 | 20.78 | 1.30 | 22.08 | 1.00 | 23.08 | 2.30 | 25.38 | -25.38 | 0.00 | | | |
| KELLS | 21 | 2.70 | 23.70 | 1.86 | 25.56 | 0.62 | 26.18 | 26.18 | | 3.00 | 29.18 | 9.31 | 38.49 | 3.91 | 42.40 | -5.95 | 36.45 | |
| MARTIN | 65 | 65.00 | | -16.50 | 48.50 | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | 48.50 | | |
| PEARCE | 8 | 0.30 | 8.30 | 1.55 | 9.85 | -9.85 | 0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROBINSON | 19 | 1.50 | 20.50 | 1.55 | 22.05 | 2.30 | 24.35 | 1.30 | 25.65 | 1.00 | 26.65 | 0.92 | 27.57 | 5.11 | 32.68 | 0.00 | 32.68 | |
| Non-distributable remainders of surpluses | | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.38 | 0.98 | 0.98 | | 0.98 | | 0.98 | | 0.98 | | 0.98 | | 5.64 | 6.62 | |
| Non-transferable (preferences exhausted) | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 2.31 | 2.31 | 3.53 | 5.84 | 7.51 | 13.35 | 8.09 | 21.44 | 13.74 | 35.18 | 35.18 | | |