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Adam Beaumont, (aq) Limited

Proposed by: TwentyTwentyMedia Limited

Seconded by: RoguePacket Networks Ltd

Having served 2 years on the pab I've gained an understanding of the "bigger picture" regarding issues within the .uk namespace. I've also brought my understanding of the "smaller picture" regarding the practical issues of being a tagholder into the pab discussions.

As I emphasised in my original election statement: - although nominet pab members are elected to represent all stakeholders, my particular concern is with issues which affect the smaller tagholders. This particular group of members are affected more greatly by decisions which may result in increased administrative burden.

I believe the listening/discussion role of the Pab plays an important part in helping nominet "get it right" for its members. For example, the pab have helped make inroads into reducing paperwork and costs by listening to feedback regarding the renewals system. I'd welcome the opportunity to serve a "second term" and see some of these policies in practice.

Clive Feather, Thus plc

Proposed by: Thus plc

Seconded by: London Internet Exchange Limited

[About the PAB]

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

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. The PAB needs to communicate more with Nominet's members and stakeholders. We are getting better at telling people what is happening. But communication is two way: I think that the biggest challenge facing the PAB right now is to find better ways to ascertain the opinions of as many people as possible. In particular, it must find out what the silent majority of members, not just the verbose ones, think.

[About me]

I have been involved in the Internet for several years. I have sat on the PAB since its formation, and am also on the Boards of both ISPA and LINX.

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.

If you want to talk to me about any matter, my mailbox is always open.
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.

Peter Gradwell, Gradwell dot com Limited

Proposed by: UK2 Limited

Seconded by: NewNet Plc

I was elected Chair of the PAB last April and in that time I have worked with the PAB to redefine the PAB as the appropriate "melting pot" for discussion of Nominet policy.

The initiatives we have put in place will ensure that the PAB now has formalized work, communication and consultation processes as it continues to play its important role in advising the CoM. We have also closed the feedback loop between Staff, CoM and Policy Advisors - thus ensuring we make less "policy in a vacuum".

PAB policy development is typically a year ahead of implementation. In 2002 we dealt with many of the issues near to member's hearts, including the development of policy to support a new renewals system, new tag change procedures, speeding up resolution of the detagged domains problem and more & better electronic interaction with tag holders.

2003 will surely see these exciting developments brought to fruition.

The PAB will continue looking forward. It will maintain pressure on Nominet to ensure delivery of its recommendations, but it will also continue to unpick Nominet's thorny issues.

In 2003/2004 I hope we can resolve the ambiguity surrounding *net.uk*. Review PRSS and consider the possibility of a waitlist service.

Finally, I think that in 2003 we should reflect on and clarify Nominet's relationship with all its stakeholders - Members, Consumers, Government.

As the current PAB Chair, with the support of the trading ISP members, I would very much like to continue the work in progress.

Angus Hanton, Name-shop

Proposed by: Gooseberry

Seconded by: Internetters Ltd

WHAT SHOULD NOMINET BE DOING?

Promoting the *.uk* namespace

.uk has been a great success, but Nominet should promote the *.uk* name space much more actively - more a matter of policy than budget, initially.

Rewarding efficiency

Nominet should be aiming to have lower charges for members who create lower costs. We should reward efficiency by charging less to members who cost Nominet less. Eg lower prices for prepayment.

Open-ness

Conflicts of interest need to be avoided better by clarifying the interests of those involved.

Paperless system

Certificates should be eliminated and much more of the administration connected with registration, renewal, retagging and transferring should be done on-line: this would cut costs quite dramatically.

Costs and therefore charges

Nominet's costs should be controlled more carefully in other ways. Running a registry of this sort could be done with fewer people and lower costs. Lesley Cowley should be supported more fully and quickly in her great efforts in this direction.

WHAT COULD I CONTRIBUTE to Nominet's Policy-making body?

Domain name experience

Over five years' experience of dealing with domain name issues. I have been a user of domain names, an agent for registrations and a valuer.

Wider experience

I have experience of running several businesses - both Internet ventures and others.

Financial experience

Financial and investment experience.

Commitment

I live in London and would have a very good attendance record for PAB and other events.

What else could I add?

A smile :-).

Sebastien Lahtinen, NetConnex Ltd

Proposed by: Nildram Limited

Seconded by: Fastnet International Limited

"The policy decisions adopted by Nominet have a great significance to the businesses of Nominet members and it is vital that members' interests are represented. I am standing to represent those interests."

I am a director of NetConnex, a small ISP that joined Nominet in 1999 and co-founder of "ADSLguide.org.uk", the UK's largest broadband ISP review site, so I understand both the concerns of end-users as well as the business realities of running a small ISP.

I have taken an active role in Nominet for over 3 years through the nom-steer mailing list, feedback on policy proposals, and in person at the last three AGMs as well as open forum meetings, etc.

Some of the key issues for members I believe are:

- * Nominet should remain a not-for-profit organisation supporting both small and large members;
- * Efficiency and cost savings should be sought where possible (e.g. electronic certificates);
- * Web interface for tagholders to access and modify account/domains;
- * Synchronous interface to ease integration of services on member websites;
- * Effective use of a "member portal" on the new Nominet website with a ticket tracking system for support requests;
- * Better communication regarding availability of existing services and advice ('whois2', sample "terms and conditions", etc.);
- * Prioritised support channels for tagholder support requests;

If elected, I will play an active role on the PAB and its sub-committees, nom-steer and attend open forums and other member meetings regularly.

I welcome any questions or suggestions to seb@ncuk.com

Hazel Pegg, Glastonbury Online Limited

Proposed by: Gordon Dick

Seconded by: Alba Trading

I am a director of a small company with a mostly local clientele. I've become interested in the running of Nominet since we were added to nom-steer, and am an active participant there with a strong interest in protecting the interests of members. I am also concerned to keep Nominet as a private membership-owned company and to push policies that will protect that status.

I'm not a 'tecchie' but I use technology and would like to see improvements in that area of Nominet's operations. I'd be interested to hear what changes members would most like to see and to promote policies that could lead to improvements for us all, whatever the size of our operation.

I have experience of sitting on committees that have involved dealing with government departments so am well prepared for the level of bureaucracy that they can generate and am practiced at cutting through the red tape and getting to the point.

If I don't know about something I ask someone who should know and if I don't like the answer I receive then I attempt to change things for the better.

If you have any questions, I read and respond to nom-steer almost daily or you can mail me at hazel@glastonburyonline.org

Frank Rejwan, Host Europe PLC

Proposed by: Host Europe Internet Ltd

Seconded by: Easily Limited

Having worked within the IT industry for 13 years, I am currently COO of Host Europe PLC, a leading European web hosting business whose UK brands include Dedicated Servers, WebFusion, Magic Moments and 123-reg.

My career with Host Europe, and previously as a management consultant with Andersen Consulting (now Accenture), means that I have gained significant business experience and a strong understanding of the range of issues that face Nominet, its members, and businesses and consumers making use of the internet. I feel that my experience will allow me to provide constructive input into the future development of Nominet, and that I will be able to objectively represent views from the perspective of a web hosting and domain registration business, which would be of benefit to all of Nominet's members.

I strongly believe in the continued development of the policies and processes behind the Nominet organisation, in its vital role as a guardian of the UK internet industry, and its responsibility in ensuring an open, fair, cost-effectively run and well regulated market for end customers as well as Nominet members of all sizes.

2003 PAB election results

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Nominet UK

ELECTION OF: Policy Advisory Board 2003

NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 4

TOTAL VALID VOTE: 322

QUOTA: 64.4

INVALID PAPERS: 1

Candidates	First Stage	2nd Stage		3rd Stage		4th Stage	
		Exclusion of Rejwan		Surplus of Gradwell		Exclusion of Hanton	
Beaumont	34		34.00	1.35	35.35	5.00	40.35
Feather Elected 4	56	2.00	58.00	4.05	62.05	6.00	68.05
Gradwell Elected 1	76		76.00	-11.60	64.40		64.40
Hanton	28	1.00	29.00	1.20	30.20	-29.00	1.20
Lahtinen Elected 3	56	2.00	58.00	2.55	60.55	14.00	74.55
Pegg Elected 2	61	2.00	63.00	2.10	65.10		65.10
Rejwan	11	-11.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
Non-distributable remainders of surpluses			0.00	0.35	0.35		0.35
Non-transferable (preferences exhausted)		4	4.00		4.00	4.00	8.00
TOTAL	322		322		322		322