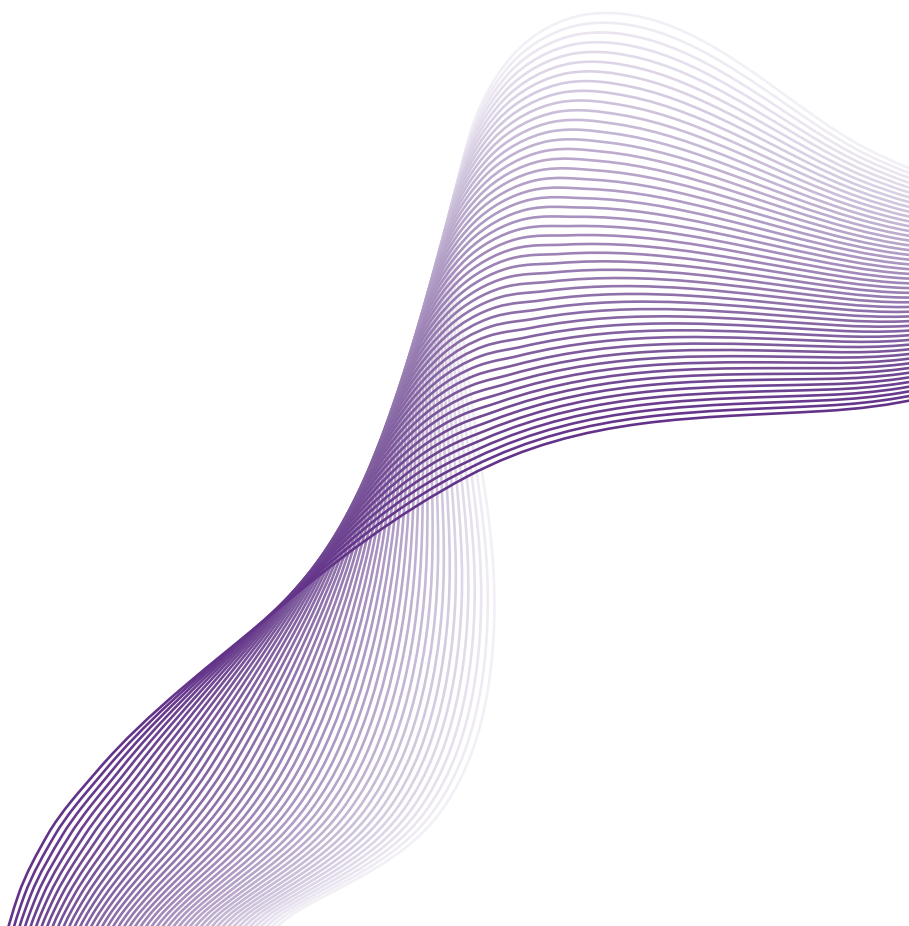


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Policy Advisory Body (PAB) Election 2007
Candidate statements



VOTE BY INTERNET



1. Go to <https://secure.nominet.org.uk/>
2. Log in using your email address and password
3. Click on the “members” tab for PAB elections
4. Click on the link for the “polls” page and click on the “view” button
5. This will take you to the election site
6. You must enter a name as authorised to vote in this election on behalf of your organisation
7. Click in the box next to the name for your first preference and a 1 will be entered. Click in the box next to the name for your second preference and a 2 will be entered, and so on until all your preferences have been cast
8. Click Submit
9. Check your preferences are correct and click on Submit

VOTE BY POST



1. Cast your votes by entering a 1 in the box next to the name for your first preference, then enter a 2 in the box next to the name for your second preference and so on until all your preferences have been cast
2. Place your ballot paper in the pre paid envelope provided and post to Popularis Ltd, Independent Scrutineer, 55A New Walk, Leicester LE1 7EU

ALL VOTES MUST REACH POPULARIS LTD NO LATER THAN 5PM ON FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2007.

Votes received after that time will not be included in the count.

You may only cast your votes by using the Internet system OR by post. Please do not use both systems or ALL your votes will be disregarded.

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Proposed by: Angus Hanton, Giant Games Ltd

Seconded by: Barry Garner, Global Publications Ltd

Recently an elected member said “the PAB as currently constituted is broken”.

A ‘change’ is therefore required, however I think this can be solved with enthusiasm, commitment, compromise and freedom to share ideas. I feel strongly that the number of PAB members should NOT be reduced and it is vital to keep elected PAB members. The vast difference of opinion you get at the PAB table helps Nominet make the right decisions in the end.

I am knowledgeable about the practicalities and technicalities of domain names and on Nominet policy; I have been a regular contributor to Nom-steer and other forums. I aim to attend all Nominet events and give up the time to be involved fully in policy matters. My own background in helping people look-up and register domain names gives me a good insight into the needs of registrants.

Other stakeholder issues I wish to campaign for:

- For registrants to have the option to receive “confirmation of registration” letters online rather than by post.
- To make sure “loser pays” the DRS fee is NOT implemented.
- To make sure the new “Access Limits Policy” is NOT based upon the number of domains a registrar has or by different prices. Every Nominet member/registrar should get the same number of lookups initially and can apply for more under strict requirements.
- For Nominet to carry out a consultation with its members on how it should spend its multi-million pound surplus.

If you have any questions please email me@andrewbennett.co.uk

Proposed by: Simon Standley, Yacc LABs Ltd

Seconded by: Ben Miller, Pepper Technology Ltd

As Managing Director of Fluidata, a young but innovative business internet solution provider, I have a wide range of practical skills which I could bring to the Policy Advisory Board. I would be looking to actively promote and interact with the stakeholders to build on the existing relationship between Nominet and its members. One key issue that I will be keen to address is the proposed ENUM system which will unify traditional and IP telephone networks. Fluidata is one of many developers of VoIP systems, and initiatives such as this should be taken forward by organisations such as Nominet to aid the growth of the market. By standing as a candidate myself, I hope to help to bring a modern and youthful approach to policy decisions helping all members achieve the most from the .uk registry.

Proposed by: Hazel Pegg, Glastonbury Online Ltd

Seconded by: Sebastien Lahtinen, NetConnex Ltd

The PAB is a vital part of Nominet, and needs to discuss the viewpoints of all the stakeholders in the .uk namespace. I deal on a daily basis with many different people with an interest in .uk, from individuals and small businesses, all the way up to large corporations with extensive domain portfolios, often entering into long discussions with them regarding domain name policy.

Nominet is going through a lot of necessary change, and much of that change affects policy. The PAB needs a mixture of long serving members and new blood to ensure that the discussion continues to move along and remain fresh, without losing sight of the experience at the table. With my ten years in the industry I can bring that mixture of experience and new ideas to the PAB.

If you attended one of the General Meetings last year you'll have met me, but if not, why didn't you go? Member involvement is vital to keep Nominet aware of how the Members feel about the issues affecting them. I hope that I will be able to represent many Members at the upcoming PAB meetings.

I stood for election last year, and am running again this year, which shows my continuing interest in Nominet's affairs. My previous statement, which is available on the Nominet website, says just about everything you need to know about me. However, if you have any questions, or need reminding what I look like, please email me at m@rk-healey.co.uk

Please vote, it's important.

Proposed by: Hazel Pegg, Glastonbury Online Ltd

Seconded by: James Conaghan, Name Dropper UK

The current namespace is being used, and possibly abused, in ways that were not envisaged when Nominet was founded and Nominet must change to meet the changing expectations of its customers and stakeholders. No organisation can afford to ignore change and no organisation can improve without change. I will work toward improving Nominet for the stakeholders, customers and the wider Internet community.

I have been a Nominet Member since 1999 and involved in Internet Services and ISP's since the early 1990's. I have a broad general background in IT and computing, mainly on the technical side working in support and consultancy roles. I am also a Magistrate, sitting on the Teesside Bench in both the Adult and Family courts, which gives useful experience in dispute resolution and structured decision making.

I have seen the .uk namespace change drastically in the past sixteen years from an informal club between a few academic establishments and telcos to what is now a major business operation with a diverse mix of customers and stakeholders.

I believe that Nominet has been the right way forward for the .uk namespace and want it to continue to hold responsibility for the namespace without intervention from external bodies. There is a need for a high integrity and authoritative PAB to help keep Nominet on the right track. I do not believe in the PAB simply being a talking shop or sounding board.

For further information :-

http://dave.restall.me.uk/pab_2007.html

pab_2007@restall.me.uk

Proposed by: Barnaby Lashbrooke, PIPEX Communications Hosting Ltd

Seconded by: Angus Hanton, Giant Games 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 as 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.

Proposed by: David Blackburn, Paragon Limited

Seconded by: Angie Barrow, ANY-Web Ltd

I think the PAB represents the wishes and views of all stake holders. I intend to listen to and voice the opinions of all groups. There have been several issues that have come to light recently.

- DRS
- Complaints, Openness and disclosure
- Cash surplus.

The DRS will have significant changes made to it this year if the results from the majority of the stakeholders are listened to. I hope to follow its progress and help Nominet follow the stakeholders wishes.

In the past year or so there have been a number of DRS complaints against Nominet, and as befitting a public registry, I hope to help Nominet with a solution similar to that of a government department over the disclosure of all information.

Nominet has a large cash surplus and I hope, by listening to the stake holders to find out where this money could be used.

About me.

I am a 41 year old construction graduate, with an active interest in Nominet. Since joining I have tried to go to every AGM, members meetings and have been to Nominet several times to talk about specific issues. I run a number of private companies and love the challenge of a new idea. Overcoming problems and strategy is what I do best.

I hope to bring the following strengths.

Openness – My email Michael@toth.biz

Directness – I say it how it is.

Honesty.

Team Player

Able to ask others for advice.

An explanation of Single Transferable Voting (STV)

There are various methodologies that can be used for calculating the results of a poll by Single Transferable Vote. Nominet uses the Hare-Clarke method.

Hare-Clarke is a variation of preferential counting called proportional preferential. In order to be elected a candidate needs to achieve a set quota of votes. The quota is calculated after all the first preference votes have been counted, and is calculated using the following formula: $Q = V / (P + 1) + 1$. The following example illustrates how this is done:

The formula is: total number of valid votes / (number of positions +1) +1

500 valid votes are received for 12 seats.

$$500 / (12 + 1) + 1 = 39.4615$$

Quota = 39.46

Any candidate with votes greater than the quota are automatically elected. If all seats are filled at this point then the election is completed and declared. However if not all seats are filled then the following steps will occur:

- If the successful candidate(s) has more than the quota, the last package of votes that they received will be redistributed based on the preferences indicated on the ballot paper. The votes will be assigned a transfer value such that the total value of the votes redistributed is equal to their surplus. Once this has been done results will again be checked to see if the required number of candidates have been elected. The transfer value is calculated as $T = (V - Q) / V2$. V is the number of votes the candidate has and Q is the quota. V2 is the number of votes in the last package that they received.
- If the successful candidate(s) do not have a surplus of votes then a currently unelected candidate with the lowest number of votes will be excluded and their votes redistributed using preferences. This process is repeated until all candidates are elected or until the number of remaining candidates is equal to the candidates required, in which case they are declared elected.

YOUR VOTE IS
IMPORTANT –
PLEASE USE IT.

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Any questions please email elections@nominet.org.uk

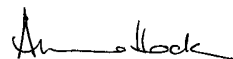
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Calculated using Microsoft Excel 2000 - figures displayed to 2 digits - except Quota which is rounded

Nominet PAB ELECTIONS 2007

		Seats		Quota		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4	
Candidate		A Bennett		M Healy, M Toth		P Daniell							
		Total	Elected	Surplus	Next Pref	Distribution	Total	Elected	Surplus	Next Pref	Distribution	Total	Elected
A01	BENNETT, Andrew	119.00	E	43.20	0	-43.20	75.80						
A02	DANIELL, Piers	21.00			26	3.00	24.00						
A03	HEALEY, Mark	74.00			89	10.28	84.28	E	8.48	0	-8.48	75.80	
A04	RESTALL, David	45.00			58	6.70	51.70			133	3.50	55.20	
A05	ROBINSON, Jarrod	51.00			76	8.78	59.78			140	3.69	63.47	
A06	TOTH, Michael	64.00			114	13.17	77.17	E	1.37	0	-1.37	75.80	
A07						0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	
A08						0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	
A09						0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	
A10						0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	
Non Transferable		0.00			11	1.27	1.27			54	1.42	2.69	
Total		374.00		43.20	374	0.00	374.00		9.85	374	0.00	374.00	
Surplus per Next Pref vote				0.12					0.03				
Spoilt ballot papers		2											
Total ballot papers received		376											
Votes cast by paper		154		41%									
Votes cast by internet		222		59%									

Certified by:



Anne Hock
 Managing Director
 Popularis Ltd
 19th March 2007

NOMINET UK

POLICY ADVISORY BODY (PAB) ELECTION 2007

In accordance with the Nominet Articles of Association all members were sent notice of the PAB elections and the entitlement to stand as a candidate.

Nominations were received for:

Andrew Bennett
Piers Daniell
Mark Healey
David Restall
Jarrod Robinson
Michael Toth

Ballot papers were sent to all members who were entitled to cast their preferences for candidates either by returning a ballot paper in the post or on an internet voting system provided by Popularis.

All systems were secure to allow a secret vote by members.

The election was conducted by transferable vote, and the votes cast are attached.

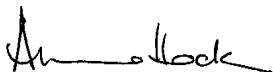
The following members were elected:

Andrew Bennett
Mark Healey
Jarrod Robinson
Michael Toth

Popularis distributed the paper versions to members, and received votes cast directly to their systems. No complaints were received during the nomination or election periods by Popularis.

Popularis was able to carry out its functions without such interference as would make it reasonable for any person to call its independence in relation to Nominet into question.

Certified by:



Anne Hock
Managing Director
19th March 2007