

2005 Board election statements

The election statements appear in alphabetical order.

Denesh Bhabuta

Proposed by: Mark Dranse, Thus PLC

Seconded by: Hazel Pegg, Glastonbury Online Limited

I care passionately about Nominet, steering it in a direction beneficial to its Members and other stakeholders.

My key beliefs:

- Nominet must be multilateral, transparent, democratic.
- Nominet must continually explore alternative and complementary viewpoints. It is generally good practice to regularly review and strategise even if things are 'not broken'.
- Internet Governance must be an integral part of Nominet strategy (eg, consumer/data protection, multilingualism, security, international agendas affecting .uk)
- Nominet must collaborate with similar Internet organisations, Government organisations and other private/civil sector forums to develop a common understanding of where it is and should be heading.
- Corporate Governance reviews must be ongoing in an ever changing industry. I would like to see limited consecutive terms for elected board and PAB members (I will not be restanding for a PAB position). I also believe CoM members should not be full PAB members.
- Developing a braver, stronger Nominet.

Having 16 years of Internet experience, I bridge the business and technical gap. I have accepted voluntary posts and worked for small, large, profit, not-for-profit, Member, Non-Member organizations worldwide and understand the issues they face. As an active participant in forums including RIPE and United Nations Internet Governance, I meet with people from other domain registries and gain a wide range of viewpoints.

I am involved in various businesses within different industries.

In addition to the above, I believe my current position as Nominet PAB member (held since inception), a member-elected Director of LoNAP (not for profit Internet Exchange Point) and past position as co-Chair of a RIPE Working Group on Address Distribution Policies allows me to bring the desired experience and history to the board.

For more information please visit <http://www.denesh.co.uk/com2005/> and please feel free to contact me on denesh@cyberstrider.net if you have any questions.

Alex Bligh

Existing Nominet UK Board member standing for re-election

A founder director, I have served on Nominet's board since its creation. I served as Interim Chairman following Willie Black's departure, currently chair the Remuneration Committee, and sit on the Audit Committee and the Policy Advisory Board. I have served on several PAB subcommittees and working groups.

I am an independent consultant and an active investor. I founded an early UK ISP, Xara Networks, which I left following its sixth serial acquisition. I have wide experience of directorship of UK not-for-profit Internet bodies: not only Nominet, but also through my prior directorship of LINX. I co-founded, and until three years ago was a non-executive director of Redbus Interhouse PLC, a quoted Internet colocation company, and was also a founder director of XchangePoint; so I also have considerable experience of the 'for-profit' world. Using skills learnt from these roles, I believe I help Nominet apply commercial disciplines in the context of a member organization.

Over the past two years, Nominet has matured as a company. The past year, as you can see from my Chairman's statement, was in my view particularly successful, financially, operationally, and in terms of performance of our duty to stakeholders. However, there are no grounds for complacency. Whilst Nominet has resolved many of the early operational problems that rapid growth thrust upon it, we must now concentrate on further enhancements to customer service, efficiency improvements, helping to raise industry standards, and reviewing our strategy and governance.

Nominet's board has undergone several changes in the last two years, culminating with Bob Gilbert's appointment as chairman, which I hope will bring fresh strategic perspective. I believe that by re-electing me, the members will retain not only my experience, skills, and record of good communication with the membership, but also an element of continuity.

For further information, please see:

<http://www.alex.org.uk/nominet/com-election.html>

Jonathan Robinson

Existing Nominet UK Board member standing for re-election

The professional management team that run Nominet have made considerable progress over the past two years. I have relished the opportunity to make a positive contribution to this development of the organisation and am pleased to be in a position to stand for re-election to the COM.

Over the past two years, I have actively contributed to the high standard of the Nominet board performance through continuous attention to the areas outlined in my 2003 statement

(<http://www.nic.uk/Members/BoardElections/2003BoardElectionStatements/>) as well as focus on areas such as cost control, responsiveness to member interests and operating efficiency.

My 2003 statement also outlined my background and qualifications for the non-executive role. In the period since, I have continued to develop that experience through my work as an executive director at GroupNBT plc, as a non-executive director of Afiliás and through the direct experience of working on the Nominet COM.

It is this experience that will put me in a strong position to contribute from the outset of my second term as a Nominet director.

Nominet occupies a key position as both the supplier of a vital component of the Internet services sector, as well as being the manager of a significant national asset. Nominet needs to be responsive within both the national and international contexts in which it operates, as well as to the members that use its services. This means being dynamic, willing to change in accordance with industry trends and continuing to deliver operating efficiency. These are the principles on which I will base my actions as a board member during my next tenure on the Nominet COM, if re-elected.

For all the reasons outlined above, I believe I will continue to make a substantial contribution to Nominet over the forthcoming period and therefore appreciate your support in the 2005 COM election.

2005 Board election results

ELECTION OF: Board, Non-Executive Directors

NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 2

NUMBER OF VOTING PAPERS RETURNED: 237

TOTAL VALID VOTES: 2,373 (WEIGHTED VOTING)

INVALID VOTES: 7

QUOTA: 1,186.5

Candidates	First Stage	2nd Stage			
		Surplus of: ROBINSON			
BHABUTA, Denesh	222	11.78	233.78		
BLIGH, Alex E2	431	520.49	951.49		
ROBINSON, Jonathan E1	1,720	-533.5	1,186.5		
Non-distributable remainders of surpluses		1.23	1.23		
Non-transferable (preferences exhausted)					
TOTAL	2,373		2,373		

The election was conducted by Single Transferable Vote. The following candidates were elected (in order of election).

- ROBINSON, Jonathan
- BLIGH, Alex