

2004 Board election statements

The election statements appear in alphabetical order.

Gordon Dick

Proposed by: Denesh Bhabuta, CyberStrider Limited

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A few months ago it was suggested I put my name forward for this election. I thought about it long and hard; I talked with Council of Management (CoM) members, with Policy Advisory Board (PAB) members and with ordinary Nominet members before concluding it is important to stand to ensure the membership has an alternative choice in this election. I am both ready and willing to take on the challenge of assisting the Executive in steering Nominet safely through the next two years by taking on board the views of the membership and the wider community. I would like to make clear my key beliefs.

Nominet works best as a not for profit organisation influenced by the many and not the few and should remain independent and industry run and not government controlled.

Nominet should not compete with its membership but aid it in serving the wider internet community.

Nominet must ensure fairness in policy, strategy, and implementation, taking account the views of all industry players and end users large and small.

Nominet must continue to enhance the TWO way communications channels with members and end users.

Nominet must aim to be the best domain registry in the world in everything it does, technical and administrative.

Nominet must ensure that it and its members are not brought into disrepute by the actions of a few, and, to ensure this, there should be a well known voluntary code of practice (in addition to a strong tag holder agreement ensuring minimum standards) and that Nominet must deliver on this in order to secure its future.

I believe Nominet must deliver and deliver soon on the proposals for an integrated web site for members and tag holders to manage the accounts they have with Nominet. The clock is ticking, time is moving on and the lack of web interface in the year 2004 is somewhat embarrassing for Nominet.

Nominet is entering another critical time in its life cycle. A corporate governance review is already under way and the candidates you elect will be charged with making decisions on this review; I urge you to choose accordingly. I believe that there should be a limit to the number of consecutive terms served by non-executive directors in order to guarantee regular refreshment of the board. Regular but steady churn of CoM members helps to invigorate Nominet and ensures that complacency and arrogance does not have a chance to set in.

I believe CoM members should not sit on the PAB as full PAB members as in doing so they are advising themselves. I believe they should be in attendance for two way information exchange.

For more information please take a look at: www.Gordon.me.uk

I want to hear from YOU as a Nominet member. I want to represent YOU. Please email me at com-elections2004@gordon.me.uk if you have any questions or you want to say "I agree/disagree with you because..."

Stephen Dyer
Existing Nominet UK Board member standing for re-election

I joined the Board of Nominet four years ago. I also serve on the Remuneration Committee and the Policy Advisory Board, and have an excellent attendance record. I read most postings on nom-steer and respond to many. As founder of one of the UK's first ISPs I am also conscious of the needs of the wider membership. I am a regular participant at RIPE and ICANN meetings and my position on the ISPA council gives me a good overview of industry trends.

The role of a non-exec is to supervise and help the Executive and ensure that the company is run in an exemplary fashion. My long experience of Nominet, the Internet and consultancy qualifies me well to carry out this responsible task proficiently, and my attention to the issues and concerns of members and stakeholders has resulted in many positive policy changes.

During my tenure, the Board has strengthened the management team and made a fundamental separation of the roles of Chairman and Managing Director. This has brought to the Board a much better representation of the operational aspects of the company, and has initiated many projects to improve Nominet's automation, systems and customer service, a process made successful by Nominet's dedicated staff.

I have always worked to broaden communications with the membership, and helped restructure Nominet to face a fast-changing Internet world. I am pleased to report the final demise of certificates, something for which I have strongly campaigned since joining the Board.

I believe we must continue to be at the cutting edge of technology and thus proposed to the Board Nominet's recently adopted "Centre of Technical Excellence" policy. We now employ experts and enthusiasts who can aid Nominet and its members in the development and introduction of new Internet protocols and standards. I expect this policy to make Nominet a world leader. The widening of my original concept to cover Service Excellence has already resulted in a higher quality of service to members.

Nominet has many challenges to overcome, including technical innovations such as DNSSEC and IDN, its relationship with ICANN, and the possible introduction of .eu which may prove to be a competitor to .uk. There is also the ever-present need to be aware of organisations and policies that might damage the industry, and the trend of greater interest from government, the EC, international bodies and would-be regulators whose understanding of the Internet is poor.

Nominet needs a strong cohesive Board to guide its strategy and ensure its continued efficiency and stability. I believe members of Nominet UK can rely on me to serve their best interests, and that my understanding of the complex issues and my enthusiasm for Nominet together make me well qualified to serve for a further term.

I would very much appreciate your vote to help me to continue to guide Nominet UK as a leader and an excellent supplier to our industry.

If you want to know more of my history, activities and vision for Nominet, please see www.stephendyer.me.uk.

Fay Howard

Existing Nominet UK Board member standing for re-election

I was elected to the board of Nominet UK two years ago at a time when the company was going through many changes in strategy and operating practices. I believe that Nominet has made significant progress in the intervening time, due in no small part to the hard work of the executive and staff. I am very keen to see the current momentum maintained and the programme of increased efficiency and enhanced services continued.

Since 1996, I have worked at management level in the not-for-profit internet sector. I was formerly the General Manager of CENTR, the Council of European Top level domain Registries, and still take an interest in the policies and procedures of other ccTLDs. I believe Nominet can only benefit from looking at the practices of other registries and collaborating in international developments.

I have also worked with Nominet as Manager of the INCOP project, a feasibility study for a code of practice in domain name registration services. I am very pleased that Nominet is now revisiting some of the ideas and concepts of that project. If re-elected, I will continue to encourage investigation into how Nominet can best participate in improving the image and standards of the external domain name registration industry.

As an independent management consultant I am currently working with EURid, the company chosen to operate the new .eu TLD, helping them prepare for the launch. This gives me an international perspective and brings me into contact with the European and even global industry stakeholders.

By professional training I am a legal liabilities insurance underwriter and, having worked in the financial sector for many years, believe commercial standards should not be overlooked in ensuring efficiency in the not-for-profit sector.

I have no commercial interest in .uk domain name registration and strive for what will best serve Nominet, its membership as a whole and the wider UK Internet community. I am contacted by many Nominet members and other UK stakeholders and welcome their input and encourage their participation in the wider debate. I also read nom-steer to pick up on what contributors think we are doing right and what could be improved. The mechanism for channelling stakeholder input through the Policy Advisory Committee is an excellent Nominet initiative and I value PAB input to the board in matters of policy.

In standing for re-election, my key objectives remain:

- * the continued development of registration technology to improve efficiency and provide good support for tagholders.
- * Nominet participation in improving industry standards

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss these issues further: f.howard@nominet.org.uk

2005 Board election results

ELECTION OF: CoM

NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 2

NUMBER OF VOTING PAPERS RETURNED: 210

TOTAL VALID VOTES: 2995 (WEIGHTED VOTING)

INVALID VOTES: 3

QUOTA: 998.34

| Candidates | First Stage | 2nd Stage | | | |
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| | | Surplus of: HOWARD @0.51 | | | |
| DICK, Gordon E2 | 206 | 1019.49 | 1225.49 | | |
| DYER, Stephen | 736 | 25.50 | 761.50 | | |
| HOWARD, Fay E1 | 2053 | -1054.66 | 998.34 | | |
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| Non-distributable remainders of surpluses | | 9.67 | 9.67 | | |
| Non-transferable (preferences exhausted) | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 2995 | | 2995 | | |

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

- HOWARD, Fay
- DICK, Gordon