

2003 Board election statements

The election statements appear in alphabetical order.

Adam Beaumont

Proposed by Simply.com

Seconded by Twenty Twenty Media

Originally an academic, lecturing at Leeds University, I realised my interests lay elsewhere. Taking the plunge, I gave up my post as a Physical Chemistry lecturer to work for the Defence Research Agency in the field of secure mobile networking. After a brief period of gainful employment, I formed (aq) limited. Now, having turned 30 last year, and also (aq) having grown into a successful group of companies (providing internet and telephony services), I feel I can bring that experience to the Nominet board.

I'd welcome the opportunity to join the Nominet board in a non-executive position. I am sure that my two years experience as an elected member of the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) will mean that I will fit quickly into this new role. The appointment will also give me an insight into the running of a larger organisation, for which, in return, I will give my knowledge, enthusiasm and energy. Based in Leeds, my excellent track record for the (predominantly London-based) PAB functions demonstrates my attitude towards Nominet and my respect for the people that run it.

It is difficult to gauge a candidate on the strength of a short election statement, therefore I invite members to get in touch with me directly with their questions and comments. I can be contacted easily via adam@beaumont.me.uk

Alex Bligh

Existing Nominet UK Board Member standing for re-election

A founder director of Nominet, I have served on the Council of Management since its creation. I chair the Remuneration Committee, and sit on the Audit Committee, as well as the Policy Advisory Board, and several PAB subcommittees including chairing its renewals subcommittee.

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 a year 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.

Nominet has, with a few exceptions, been successful. However, changing market conditions have heralded a change of strategy: from coping with growth to consolidation. Nominet must continue as a not-for-profit organization safeguarding the .uk namespace, but needs to evolve as an efficient organization working in the interest of its members and other stakeholders. Further gains in efficiency, for instance through abandonment of paper certificates, and through better electronic systems available to members and registrants alike, are key. I believe this is best achieved by a board focused on Nominet's objectives, which will ensure suitable mechanisms for change exist, so the appropriate bodies (PAB, Executive, and CoM) can present well reasoned proposals to the membership, and achieve consensus for change. I would be honoured to continue in a team that continues to deliver both operational and aspirational change.

You can find more details on my background, and my electoral platform, at:
<http://www.alex.org.uk/nominet/com-election.html>

Rob Blokzijl

Existing Nominet UK Board Member standing for re-election
No statement received by the deadline

Jonathan Robinson

Proposed by Internetters
Seconded by Schlund & Partner

I am pleased to accept nomination for the CoM in 2003. It has been my ambition to work in this role, on behalf of the members of Nominet, for some time. The strategic, policy and operational issues decided on by the CoM have a significant impact on Nominet and members. My pragmatic approach and the broad domain name experience I have gained place me in a very good position to be a valuable contributor to the CoM.

As a co-founder of NetBenefit, I have been actively involved in the UK name industry; it's issues and evolution since 1995. Together with NetNames, we were amongst founder members of Nominet and major contributors to the genesis and development of a largely responsible, reliable name services industry. From 1997, I was actively involved in the organisations that successfully challenged the gTLD monopoly and I served as deputy chair of the Internet Council of Registrars from 1998-2000. CORE was one of only 5 registrars in the first phase of introducing competition in gTLDs. I was also involved in the formation of Afiliis in 2000. Afiliis went on to successfully bid for .info, and I remain a director of Afiliis.

I believe that Nominet has done many things very well to-date, and has often been an exceptional example of a ccTLD registry. However, my intention will be to work on a few key areas including:

- * Reducing costs and improving efficiency through enhanced automation
- * Reducing credit and associated bad debt
- * Develop the existing good work in order to implement a code of practice

My current role at NetBenefit enables me to work within the broader domain names industry. I am therefore in an ideal position to channel some of my energy into working for and improving Nominet for the benefit of its members.

2003 Board election results

ELECTION OF: CoM

NUMBER to BE ELECTED: 2

NUMBER of VOTING PAPERS RETURNED: 306

TOTAL VALID VOTES: 2926 (WEIGHTED VOTING)

INVALID VOTES: 2

QUOTA: 975.34

Candidates	First Stage
BEAUMONT	305
BLIGH Elected	1003
BLOKZIJL	104
ROBINSON Elected	1514
Non-distributable remainders of surpluses	
Non-transferable (preferences exhausted)	
TOTAL	2926

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

- ROBINSON, Jonathan
- BLIGH, Alex