

Nominet's board of directors met on 14 October 2004.

Premises

The Board noted that Nominet's property advisors, King Sturge, were now marketing the Nominet buildings at Sandford Gate and Orion House in Sandy Lane West, Oxford and carrying out a search for new premises within the area. The aim is to find one building, smaller than the combined size of the existing buildings, which can more efficiently and cost effectively accommodate Nominet's future needs.

Final Approvals

The board approved the final versions of the new Terms & Conditions of Registration and the revised Dispute Resolution Service. See:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/ReferenceDocuments/TermsAndConditions/>

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/DisputeResolution/DrsPolicy/>

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/DisputeResolution/DrsProcedure/>

The board also approved changes to the Rules for the .me.uk SLD as a result of feedback and consultation. See:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/ChangesToRulesFormeu...esFrom29November2004.html>

Progress on Policy Working groups

The board received a report on progress with the first three Policy Working Groups. The numbers having subscribed are:

Lock State 26

Registration periods 49

Internationalized Domain Names 39

The board was concerned that progress appears to have been slower than expected and encourages members and other stakeholders to subscribe and participate in the discussions. It also encourages the group chairs to be more proactive in stimulating discussion and consensus. See:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/Pab/PolicyWorkingGroups/Introduction/>

Process for Recruitment of a New Chair for Nominet

The Board noted that the appointment committee had met to agree a recruitment process and to review the role of Chairman. Towers Perrin have been appointed to provide independent advice to the Board on the job description and salary of the position and Harvey Nash have been selected as the executive search agency tasked with finding possible candidates.

The primary responsibilities of the new Chairman will be the leadership of the Board of Directors. This includes chairing Board meetings, being responsible for the effective functioning and effectiveness of the Board, leading Board reviews and acting as a figurehead for Nominet where necessary. The position will be a part-time one.

Potential candidates will need to have Board level experience of a company of Nominet's size, experience of chairing meetings, senior management skills and experience and Internet awareness. It is planned to advertise the position by mid November and to interview in December/January.

Operational Reports

There were 2,797 active members and 3,627 active tags as at 1 October 2004. During September, 17 new members were added and 32 members resigned. The number of new registrations in September was 93,996 and 72,732 renewals were invoiced.