

JUNE 2009 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 16th June 2009.

AGM 2009

- The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th July 2009 commencing at 10.00am at the Hilton London Kensington, 179-199 Holland Park Avenue London W11 4UL.
- The Annual Report and Notice of AGM have been mailed to members. If you have not received your mailing, please email elections@nominet.org.uk, with your account number, to request a further copy.
- Following the AGM, there will be a special open meeting for all .uk stakeholders. This session will be moderated by Sarah Montague and will provide an opportunity for an open discussion of the future of the UK domain name industry.
- Registrations for the AGM and the open meeting are now open at: <http://www.nominet.org.uk/governance/agm/agm2009registration/>.
- A live webcast of both the AGM and open meeting will be relayed on the website to registered members <http://www.nominet.org.uk/governance/agm/agmwebcast/>.

Elections for Non-executive Directors

- The call for nominations for non-executive director elections has been circulated with the Annual Report and Notice of AGM. The directors' election pack will be issued on 26th June.
- The Board resolved to form an elections committee consisting of the members of the Board not subject to retirement at the forthcoming AGM, namely Bob Gilbert, Lesley Cowley and Gordon Dick. The elections committee would deal with the oversight of the 2009 Board elections, together with any Board decisions requiring to be made as part of the election procedure.
- The elections committee held a separate meeting and reported back that it recommended re-appointment of both Clive Grace and Sebastien Lahtinen as formal Board resolutions.

Board Matters

- The Board noted that Bob Gilbert, Lesley Cowley and Clive Grace had met with Lord Carter the previous week. Lord Carter had given formal notice to the company of the government's intention to seek reserve powers for some form of regulation of the domain name industry, due to unresolved governance concerns as highlighted in the Garratt report.
- Following the release of the wording of the Digital Britain Report it was agreed to make a public response highlighting the successes of self-regulation and to encourage participation in the ongoing governance review consultation.
- The Board noted that comments had been submitted to the NTIA Notice of Inquiry on the Transition of ICANN to the private sector.
- The Board noted that membership of the Industry and Parliament Trust had been accepted.

Events & Feedback

- The Board was pleased to note that Nominet had been shortlisted in the Wellbeing category in the National Business Awards, for Customer and Staff Care in the Oxfordshire Business Awards and for the CSR category in the ISPA awards.
- [Post meeting note: we won the Oxfordshire Business Award for Customer and Staff Care]
- Nominet members are invited to attend the Best Practice Awards dinner to be held at Banqueting House, London on 2nd July. Tickets can be purchased at a cost of £120.00 plus VAT. All proceeds from additional ticket sales will be donated to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, the Nominet staff's current nominated charity.

Nominet Trust

- The Board was pleased to note that a further round of grants have been awarded by the Trust. The Trust has now made charitable grants amounting to almost £1m since its inception last year.

Operational Statistics

There were 2,853 active members and 3,672 active tags as at 31st May 2009. Since April 2009, 3 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in April 2009 was 144,623 and May 2009 was 137,914. The average renewal rate for the year was 69 %. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 11 %.