

Nominet's board of directors met on 7 September 2005.

Women in Technology Awards

The board warmly congratulated Lesley Cowley on being shortlisted in the Best women in technology (small <250 staff) Category of the 2005 Women and Technology Awards. The awards, hosted by Blackberry and the women's networking group Aurora, recognize excellence and outstanding contributions to technology made by women.

Governance Review

The board is making progress on governance issues, and considered detailed papers on the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Although no decisions were reached, considerable progress is being made. At this meeting, the board also approved a policy for the Declaration of Directors' Interests. A register will be kept, which will be scrutinised as part of the annual audit each year.

Budget 2005/2006

The board approved the budget for the next three years, including detailed budget plans for 2005-2006.

Survey of MPs

The board received a report on a recent survey of over 150 MPs. Amongst other things, the survey suggests that MPs receive more communications about spam than about any other Internet issue. The MPs surveyed indicated that they do not believe that children and consumers are adequately protected online. Whilst there was broad consensus that the industry acts responsibly towards its customers, a majority doubted the industry's competence to self-regulate.

Debtor days

The board congratulated the operational teams for their work in reducing debtor days from over 200 in 2002 to the present level of 25 days.

Operational Statistics

There were 2,837 active members and 3,863 active tags as at 31 August 2005. During the period July to August 2005, 43 new members joined and 23 members resigned. The number of new registrations in July was 106,879 and August was 105,392. Of 127,167 and 113,510 domain names due for renewal in July and August, 65% and 63% were renewed respectively. The net growth of the register for the period July to August 2005 was 3.89%.