

## FEBRUARY 2007 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

### **Policy Advisory Body Elections**

Voting for the PAB elections is now open. The Board noted that 6 candidates had come forward, and encouraged all members to vote either electronically or in hard copy.

### **Awards**

The Board warmly congratulated the staff on Nominet's achieving "star" status in the Sunday Times Best Companies awards.

The Board was pleased to hear that Nominet had been shortlisted in the Best of British Industry Awards, Next Generation category for outstanding achievements in driving performance through investment in new talent.

### **Dispute Resolution Service Consultation**

The DRS consultation concluded on 16 February with 128 responses – the highest ever achieved in a Nominet consultation. The Board thanked all those who had taken the time to give their views. The executive will review the consultation responses over the coming weeks, and will make recommendations on changes to the Dispute Resolution Service in due course.

### **Registrar Agreement**

Following extensive consultation with Nominet's members, the new Registrar Agreement and Good Practice Terms replaced the Tag Holder Agreement on 1st March 2007 and is now in force.

### **Technical**

The Board was pleased to hear that the tender process for the UK ENUM Tier 1 Registry was released on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Changes to the company's scope, which were approved by the membership last year, enabled Nominet to tender and a bid has now been submitted.

### **Governance consultation**

The first of the Articles consultations was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and will run until 2 May 2007. An interactive mindmap has been implemented to ease the navigation and improve understanding of the issues. The Board encouraged all members to review the materials, and give their comments.

### **ICANN**

The Board congratulated Lesley on her election to the Council of ICANN's Country Code Names Supporting Organisation, as one of two ccTLD members representing Europe.

### **Operational Statistics**

There were 2,900 active members and 3,967 active tags as at 31st January 2007. Since December 2006 10 new members have joined and 6 members have resigned. The number of new registrations in December 2006 was 109,557 and January 2007 was 145,528. The average renewal rate for the year was 70%. The net growth of the register for December 2006 and January 2007 was 2.7%.