

# JANUARY 2010 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## Governance Review

- It was agreed to hold an EGM for members to vote on the Governance Review proposals, at a London venue to be confirmed at 11.00 am on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- The Board expressed its further thanks to members for their engagement during this process. Any members with outstanding questions or concerns should feel free to contact any Board member.
- Board members continue to monitor the Digital Economy Bill's passage through the legislative process. Active engagement with Government and parliamentarians over the detailed provisions of the Bill and lobbying for continued self-regulation of the .uk domain space remains an ongoing priority.

## Policy Advisory Body

- The Board thanked the PAB for the work it has done over the last few months on examining a future policy development structure for ".uk". It noted that the January PAB meeting had not been quorate but that those members present had proposed that the discussions on the role and composition of Nominet's policy advisory function should go forward to wider public consultation, which has since been confirmed by written agreement of all PAB members. The Board has asked the Executive to prepare the consultation on the proposal to move to a more issues based policy process to allow better participation.
- It was further noted that the PAB elections were due to be held in March 2010 but that the PAB members present at the January PAB meeting recommended the PAB elections should be suspended pending the outcome of the above consultation. This has since been confirmed by written agreement of all PAB members. The Board thanks the PAB for its advice and agrees these elections should be suspended.

## Board Matters

- The Board discussed and approved proposals for a detailed consultation on the potential release of two letter and one character domain names that are currently unavailable for registration due to existing rules.
- The strategy process for the year was agreed.
- Nick Wenban-Smith was appointed Company Secretary on an interim basis to cover the current vacancy.

## Operational Statistics

As at 31 December there were 2,805 active members and 4,285 active tags. Since November 2009, 11 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in December 2009 was 136,229 (December 2008: 108,276). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months was 69%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 10.12%.