

APRIL 2010 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 28th April 2010.

Board Matters

- The mid-year budget review was completed.
- Arrangements for the 2010 Annual General Meeting were agreed.
- The passing of the Digital Economy Act 2010 was noted and next steps discussed.
- A report on the ICANN Nairobi meeting was circulated and discussed in detail.

Policy Advisory Body

The Board accepted the PAB recommendation for changes to Nominet's policy advisory function. The core of the new policy advisory process will now be issues groups based on stakeholder engagement. The new process will be supported by a standing committee reflecting different sectors and specialist expertise. A more effective outreach programme will be developed, and the secretariat function provided by Nominet will be enhanced.

http://www.nominet.org.uk/digitalAssets/42375_Policy-Advice-Process-Board-Decision.pdf

Events and Feedback

- Nominet attended the inaugural meeting of the E-Crime Reduction Partnership with keynote speeches from RT Hon Stephen Timms MP, Alan Campbell MP (Home Office Minister responsible for e-crime) and RT Hon Alun Michael, MP.
- The consultation in relation to the proposed release of two letter and one character domains is ongoing and closes on 8 June.

Forthcoming Events

12 May: Registrar Information Day in Manchester

15 June: Member lunch, London

6 July: Annual General Meeting, Birmingham

7 July: Nominet Internet Awards, London

Operational Statistics

As at 31 March there were 2,831 active members and 4,330 active tags. January 2010, 31 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in February 2010 was 173,348 (February 2009: 153,348) and the number of new registrations in March 2010 was 200,664 (March 2009: 164,658). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months was 70%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 10.33%.