

Nominet's board of directors met on 17 June 2004.

CEDR Award

The board warmly congratulated Emily Taylor and the whole Dispute Resolution team on their winning the prestigious Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution's Industry Award for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution. CEDR, the country's leading commercial mediation body, holds these awards every two years to enable all those involved in the mediation industry to recognize and reward outstanding contributions to dispute resolution. For further details see:

www.nominet.org.uk/DisputeResolution/DrsAwards/

Response to PAB Resolutions

The board noted the PAB's approval of the creation of the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Working Group.

The board agreed with the PAB's endorsement of the current operation of the Positive renewals procedure and the changes proposed by the Executive in:

www.nominet.org.uk/Pab/PabMeetingPapers/PositiveRenewalsReviewPaper.html

The board noted that the PAB intends to investigate some further issues concerning credit notes and the possibility of a grace period following a tag change to prevent the immediate suspension or cancellation of a domain name.

The board accepted the PAB's request for a report on the current governance review at their October meeting.

The board noted the PAB's resolutions concerning its paper submission deadlines and procedures.

New SLD Procedure

The board approved the submission to the PAB for consideration at its next meeting proposals for the recruitment of a panel chair, panel members and a secretariat for the New SLD Procedure.

Australian Trial

The trial before a High Court judge in Perth, Western Australia, took place on 21 & 22 June. Nominet had taken action against five respondents claiming copyright infringement and infringements of the Trade Practices Act. The respondents had acquired a considerable number of names and addresses of .uk registrants by making automated queries through the WHOIS service and had used these to issue misleading notices to .uk registrants. Before the trial, four of the respondents admitted to infringements, but one, Bradley Norrish, did not and the trial took place against him alone. The judgment in respect of Mr Norrish is likely to be issued in a few months and, in the meantime, the case will continue to an assessment of damages and costs against the other four respondents.

Operational Reports

There were 2,845 active members and 3,630 active tags as at 1 June 2004. During May, 31 new members were added and 9 members resigned. The number of new registrations in May was 90,681 and 75,888 renewals were invoiced.

Dr W Black
Chairman