

Nominet's board of directors met on 23 March 2004.

Meeting with ICANN

The board had a constructive meeting with ICANN board member Tricia Drakes and Paul Verhoef, Vice President, Policy Development Support. ICANN is keen for Nominet to show strong leadership within the ccTLD community. Nominet re-iterated its support for an industry-led, bottom-up, self-governance model for the management of the DNS. It was agreed to continue the dialogue later in April.

Operational matters

Reassurance was given to the board that the tag holder agreements were being policed for possible breaches and appropriate actions taken.

The board was pleased to learn that tag changes were now being processed on the same day as receipt, and thanked Nominet's staff for their hard work in reducing the backlog.

Policy Advisory Board

The board reviewed the first drafts of two papers on their way to the PAB. The first proposes amendments to the PRSS and WHOIS abuse policies and the second discusses zone file enumeration by the (misuse of) DNSSEC. These are available on the Nominet web site at:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/Pab/PabMeetingPapers/>

The board also confirmed that Alex Bligh and Steve Dyer would continue as its representatives on the PAB.

Lastly the board expresses its thanks to Peter Gradwell for his excellent chairmanship of the PAB, its appreciation to retiring members Richard Almeida and Ben Laurie for their work and commitment to Nominet's policy-making, and its warm welcome to James Conaghan and Alex Kells who were recently elected and Brian White MP, who will represent the parliamentary All Party Internet Group, a newly appointed organization.

Operational Reports

There were 2,791 active members and 3,502 active tags as at 1 March 2003. During February 27 new members were added and 6 members resigned. The number of new registrations continues to rise, with 100,437 domain names registered in February. There has been a month on month increase in the proportion of domain names positively renewed since the launch of the new renewals system in November last year. In February, 91,964 renewals were invoiced.