

## **JUNE 2006 COMMUNIQUÉ**

Nominet's board of directors met on 20 June 2006.

### **Best Boss Awards**

The board congratulated Lesley Cowley, Nominet's Chief Executive, on being one of the five finalists in the Working Families/Lloyds TSB Britain's Best Boss awards and her special commendation award for "encouraging a "can do" attitude and supportive culture as well as promoting flexibility as a route to success".

### **Internet Governance Forum**

The board congratulated Emily Taylor, Nominet's Director of Legal and Policy, on her appointment by the Secretary General of the United Nations to the Advisory Group for the Internet Governance Forum. The Internet Governance Forum was established by the recent World Summit on the Information Society. Its inaugural meeting will be held in Athens, 30 October – 2 November 2006.

### **National Customer Service Awards**

The board warmly congratulated the Member and Tag Holder Services team on being selected as one of four finalists in the Customer Service Team of the Year category in the Customer Management National Customer Service Awards. The winner will be announced in September.

### **Governance Review**

The board considered the outcome of the Voting Rights consultation, and of feedback from members on the voting structure since the recent Extraordinary General Meeting. The board hopes to announce its plans in the near future.

The board noted that several responses had already been received on the consultation on Nominet's scope, and urged all members to participate in this important consultation.

### **Policy Development Process**

The directors approved a new policy development process which was recommended by the Policy Advisory Board. The new policy development process will be published on Nominet's web site.

### **Industry Standards**

The consultation on Raising Industry Standards closed on 31 May 2006. In the coming weeks, the executive will be reviewing the consultation responses with a view to bringing proposals on next steps to the board in the near future.

## **Data mining by Intrusion.com**

The board were pleased to hear that, following contact from Nominet's legal department, Intrusion.com (the US-based company responsible for a recent data mining attack on the WHOIS database) had agreed to sign undertakings not to repeat this activity, and to destroy all data so obtained.

## **Operational Statistics**

There were 2902 active members and 3922 active tags as at 31 May 2006. Since February 2006, 59 new members have joined and 5 members have resigned. The number of new registrations in April 2006 was 124,158 and May 2006 was 132,112. The average renewal rate for April 2006 to May 2006 was 67.5%. The net growth of the register for April and May 2006 was 3.08% (150,661 domain names).