

APRIL 2009 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 28th April 2009. The meeting adjourned and was completed by telephone on 5th May.

Board Matters

- A series of countrywide consultation meetings on the Governance Review will be held over the next two months. The afternoon of the AGM will also be devoted to Governance Review discussion. Further details will be announced in due course.
- The Board received a comprehensive report following the ICANN meeting in Mexico, with particular emphasis on the Notice of Enquiry issued by the US Government on the ICANN agreement with NTIA. The Board noted a number of developments both nationally and internationally concerning Internet governance and that the CEO would be attending the European Commission hearing on this topic.
- The Board approved the conversion of Nom-Steer to a new Forum format, with forum rules for all participants, to be trialled initially with the PAB. Further details will be provided in due course.

Events & Feedback

- The Best Practice Challenge has again been a great success. A large number of entries have been received and the winners will be announced at an Awards Dinner in July.
- A new search tool for DRS decisions is being launched in May. This will enable full text searches of published decisions to be undertaken from the Nominet website.
- The Expert Review Group is finalising an Overview document, a tool for DRS parties to explain the keys issues with some illustrations from previous decisions and practical guidance for both claimants and registrants.
- We completed the trial of extended support hours. As a result of an evaluation, we have now implemented, on a permanent basis, extended registrant support hours until 6pm five days a week.
- Information concerning registrar renewal performance trends and how these benchmark with other registrars is now available via the recently launched Registrars Resources area of online services.
- The March PAB meeting was particularly successful in terms of stakeholder engagement with the Metropolitan Police Central e-Crime Unit presenting on ticket scam sites and abuse of the Olympic 2012 branding, Spamhaus presenting on WHOIS data abuse and reporting procedures and APACS presenting a paper from the November workshop on Phishing.
- The PAB work programme 2009/10 has recently been published.
- We will be involved in a number of proposals for workshops for the IGF in Sharm el-Sheikh taking place in November and continue to take an active role with the UK IGF.

Nominet Trust

- The Board was pleased to note that initial grants have been awarded by the Trust and the new Trust web site has been launched.

Operational Statistics

There were 2845 active members and 4226 active tags as at 31st March 2009. Since February 2009, 20 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in February 2009 was 153348 and March 2009 was 164658. The average renewal rate for the year was 69%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 11%.