

OCTOBER 2010 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 26th October 2010.

Board Matters

- The Chair reported back on the Parliament and Internet conference, the visit to Nominet's offices of Ed Vaizey, Minister for Communication, Culture and the Creative Industries and a successful annual staff company day.
- The Board received a report back from the 5th Internet Governance Forum held in Vilnius.
- The Board received a presentation from the Executive in respect of the forthcoming Domain Name Industry report.
- The Remuneration Committee recommendations in respect of staff pay and annual performance-related bonus were reviewed and agreed upon.
- For the forthcoming financial year, Piers White agreed serve as chair of the Remuneration Committee. Jonathan Robinson was thanked for his service as chair of the Remuneration Committee and confirmed that he was happy to continue as a member of the committee.

Finance Matters

- The management accounts for the financial year ending 30 September 2010 were reviewed.
- It was confirmed that a £5m donation had been made to the Nominet Trust for the financial year ending 30 September 2010.

Company Matters

- The "knowthenet" educational portal aimed at helping users get the most out of the Internet in a safe and secure manner is scheduled for release at the end of the month.
- Ray Bellis of Nominet's technical staff has had a second Request for Comment paper (RFC) on DNS/TCP-IP interoperability published.
- The Dispute Resolution Service has been shortlisted in the biennial Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) awards in the category "Significant achievement in the field of dispute resolution".
- DNSSEC (domain name system security extensions) deployment in co.uk remains on track for March 2011.
- Changes to the Public Register Search Service have been introduced in beta for wider testing and feedback.

Forthcoming Events

17th November: 25 Years of .uk event

Operational Statistics

As at 31 October there were 2,846 active members and 4,321 active tags. Since August 2010, 24 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in September 2010 was 176, 856 (September 2009: 164,693), the number of new registrations in October 2010 was 178,073 (October 2009: 179,163). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months was 69%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 11.13%.