

## APRIL 2011 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

### Company Matters

- The Board congratulated Lesley Cowley on her award of Director of the Year Chairman's Award at the Institute of Directors London and South East awards and her appointment as Chair of the country codes Name Supporting Organisation of ICANN.
- Software and hardware roadmaps for future resilience, flexibility and scalability of Nominet's IT systems have been prepared and are being reviewed.
- A pre-certification audit for the BS25999 business continuity standard has been successful.
- The first issues group meeting under the new policy development process has taken place. The topic is domain names used in connection with criminal activity. There is a high level of engagement from a wide range of interested stakeholders.
- Sir Tim Berners-Lee attended the Nominet offices on 18<sup>th</sup> April as part of the launch of Nominet as host for the new W3C office for UK and Ireland.

### Finance Matters

- The management accounts for the mid-point of the current financial year were reviewed.
- It was noted that both new registrations and domain renewals in March 2011 were strong, continuing the recent trend and consequently that financial results are currently ahead of forecast.
- The re-budget for the second half of the financial year was approved.

### Governance and Board Matters

- The Board resolved to create the new role of Senior Independent Director in line with current best practices in corporate governance. The Senior Independent Director will lead the process of the Chair's annual appraisal.
- The election of non-executive directors was discussed in the light of two nominations being received for the two vacancies. It was noted that a competitive election was not required and that Dickie Armour and Nora Nanayakkara would be automatically appointed following the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- Sebastien Lahtinen was made a member of the Remuneration Committee.
- The Chair formally expressed thanks to Jonathan Robinson for his service on the Board.

### Forthcoming Events

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May: Internet World  
17<sup>th</sup> May: .uk Policy conference  
25<sup>th</sup> May: AGM  
16<sup>th</sup> June: Member lunch, Cheltenham  
19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June: ICANN Singapore

### Operational Statistics

As at 30 March 2011 there were 2,827 active members and 4,439 active tags. Since January 2011, 30 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in February 2011 was 189,666 (February 2010: 173,348) and the number of new registrations in March 2011 was 201,779 (March 2010: 200,664). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months was 69%. The net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 10.73%.