

NOMINET UK

ELECTION OF NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS 2006

Number of ballot papers received:	263
Total votes cast:	455,718
Cap (3%):	13,671

Result of votes cast: (attached)

The elections were conducted in accordance with the Nominet Articles of Association. Ballot papers were sent to members, and either returned directly to Popularis Ltd, or at the AGM on Wednesday 25th September 2006.

Due to an administrative error, Nominet supplied incorrect information on the voting strengths for each individual member. I was informed as soon as it was noted, and every effort was made to provide the correct data as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to the short time period, it was not possible to display the correct votes on the Nominet web site prior to the close of votes cast by post. I have been assured by Nominet that they were displayed as soon as they were available.

Two complaints were subsequently received that this was unfair as candidates would have canvassed on the basis of the published voting strengths, and not the new strength. It is also alleged that other members would have voted if they had known their correct voting strength. No member has contacted me direct to complain that they would have voted if they had known their correct voting strength.

I have considered the complaints, and reviewed votes cast in the light of these complaints. However the priority in any election is that the voters are given the opportunity to cast their votes for the candidates of their choice. It would be unfair to penalise or give unfair advantage to any member in determining the outcome of the elections based on what all now accept was incorrect information. How candidates canvass for votes is a matter for them, and is not contained in any procedural requirements determined by Nominet.

A request was made that the election should be re-run. The election papers were sent to all members, and the process was correctly conducted. The error related to the voting strength for each member, not that the election did not meet the requirements. It is impossible to assess whether more or less voters would have voted if the correct information had been published. Voting papers were sent to all members, and all had the opportunity to vote. It is their choice whether or not they do so. Votes cast were calculated on the correct voting figures. It is my view that given the election was properly conducted, and that votes cast have been calculated correctly, a re-run election is not required.

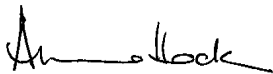
Popularis audited the voting strengths as required, but this could not have revealed the error in the basic information given to them. As a consequence, Nominet and Popularis have agreed to review the audit process to determine whether this can be better undertaken so that errors of this nature can be avoided in future.

The Non Executive Directors elected are:

Gordon Dick

Fay Howard

Certified by:



Anne Hock
Popularis Ltd
29th September 2006