



## NOMINET

### NOVEMBER 2016 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

#### Board matters

Re-appointment of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) – Eleanor Bradley, COO was re-appointed by the Board for a three year term until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Board objectives – Following the individual 360 degree appraisals of all Board members where board objectives were discussed, a set of objectives were compiled for discussion and agreement. These were set out under five major themes; strategy, diversification, public benefit, stakeholder and corporate governance.

Annual report and accounts – The Board received an update on the production of the annual report and accounts and delegated authority to approve these to the Chair, CEO and Audit and Governance Committee in December.

AGM and Election 2017 – The Board agreed recommendations from the Election 2017 sub-committee that there will be no calling campaign to raise awareness of the AGM and election and that there will be no Board recommendation on a preferred candidate, unless a situation arose that meant the directors would be failing in their fiduciary duties to the company should they not do this. The Board also confirmed the timeline for the member election in 2017 as shown below:

- Monday 20th February 2017 - Call for nominations for member election opens
- Friday 10th March 2017 – Nominations for member election close at noon
- Tuesday 4th April 2017 - Voting opens for member election and AGM resolutions
- Tuesday 25th April 2017 - Proxy deadline for AGM and resolution at 15:00
- Thursday 27th April 2017 - AGM to be held at Minerva House, Oxford in the afternoon

Voting - The Board agreed that on both the AGM resolutions and election will be electronic from now on, although members attending the AGM will be available to register votes with the independent scrutineer at the meeting.

AGM and election correspondence - The Board approved that all correspondence related to the AGM and elections will be issued electronically from 2017 onwards. Members will have a right to receive a hard copy notice of the AGM and annual report by opting into this. Correspondence on this change will be sent before the end of January 2017.

#### Company matters

Security - The Head of IT Security delivered a training session and security update to the Board to keep them up to date with latest developments in this field.

*turing*Essentials – The Board heard that *turing*Essentials is being made available to all members following a successful pilot scheme.

The regular company performance overview was presented and reviewed.

## **Finance matters**

A report on the current financial position and year-end forecast was included within the company performance overview report. This update reflected the position following the award of the Public Service Network (PSN) contract from the government.

## **Forthcoming events**

Nominet Board meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## **Operational statistics**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 there were 2,483 active members and 2,912 active tags. 26 new members joined during October and November. The number of new registrations in October 2016 was 140,452 (October 2015: 155,603) and November was 137,838 (November 2015: 154,653). The average renewal rate for the past twelve months (to August 2016) was 73.24%. The total number of names on the register as at end of 30th November 2016 was 10,628,761 and the net growth of the register for the last 12 months was -0.08%.

## **Criminal domain suspensions**

During September and October 2016, 1400 domain names were suspended at the request of UK law enforcement agencies. One request for reversal was received and it was upheld.