

## Board Matters

This is the report from the September 2021 Board meeting.

### Strategic Items

**Strategic review** – The Board discussed and approved the outcomes of a series of strategic reviews. The Chair will present these new commitments to members in October, in advance of the AGM.

**Performance and Finance** – the Board reviewed the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in August 2021.

**Social Impact Programme** – the Board approved two proposals that form part of planned public benefit activity. The first programme, Project Backpack, is designed to address the gap in digital skills and understanding for youth and social workers generally that also exists in the Barnardo's workforce. The second programme relates to the UK Safer Internet Centre which provides advice and support to the general public as well as coordinating the annual Safer Internet Day.

### Governance Items

**.UK Registry Advisory Council (UKRAC)** – the Chair of the UKRAC, Anne Taylor, summarised discussions at the inaugural meeting of the newly formed council which included the suitability of the existing terms of reference. Other items in the work programme include a review of expiring domains and contributing to the development of the new member forum. The next UKRAC meeting is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**Committee updates** – the Board received updates from recent Remuneration Committee and Nominations Committee meetings which included a review of remuneration policy and an update on the CEO recruitment process.

**Annual General Meeting** – recognising the challenges a significant number of members experience each year in receiving their voting pack, the Board approved a recommendation that an informative calling campaign be conducted in the lead up to the AGM. The calling campaign will be limited to informing members that they should have received their voting packs, assisting in reissuing the packs where necessary and asking members to vote at the AGM. The script that will be used will be published to members in advance of the calling campaign commencing.

**NED Elections** – with the call for nominations closing on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, the Board received an update on the candidates who had expressed an interest in standing for election. The background checks are in progress with a view to announcing to members the candidates standing the week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## Membership Engagement Opportunities

### **Recent Membership Engagement Events:**

23<sup>rd</sup> July: following the appointment of Andy Green CBE, as Nominet's new chair we hosted a zoom session for members to meet him. Thank you to those members who attended the session

11<sup>th</sup> August: this month's Members' Call with Andy Green, Chair and Eleanor Bradley Interim CEO was well attended by members and covered a variety of topics including the reform plan, expired domains, AGM and NED elections, Board structure and member engagement. Thank you to all members who joined the call

### **Upcoming Membership Engagement Events:**

6<sup>th</sup> October: Barbara Bellis, Head of Business Systems will be giving members an overview of the .UK Registry systems and answering questions.

18<sup>th</sup> November: Nominet's Annual General Meeting. Details of how to register and attend will be published on the website in due course. In this year's election there are two vacancies for member-elected Non-Executive Directors.