



## Board Report

This is the report from the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 Board meeting.

The Board also held a short meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the future of CyGlass Inc, and participated in an informal away day meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Board matters

There were no apologies for absence.

Declarations of interest: in relation to the business of the meeting, Ashley La Bolle declared an ongoing interest in Registry Services Provisions matters which may arise in performance updates from the executive team.

The minutes from the Board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved.

### Operational Items

**CEO Report** – Paul Fletcher (CEO) reported to the Board on key operational matters facing the organisation.

**Performance and Finance** – Ben Hill (CFO) presented the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in April 2022. The Board also reviewed sensitivity analysis regarding the potential impact a high rate of inflation could have on the organisation's FY23 operating budget.

### Strategic Items

**CyGlass** – The Board met on 26<sup>th</sup> April and discussed options for the disposal of CyGlass in line with the commitment to focus Nominet on business areas closely aligned to our purpose. The original intention was to sell the business. However, as CyGlass was not sold by the end of the last financial year, it was agreed that it was not in Nominet's best interests to continue funding without the serious prospect of a sale. As a result, a process to close the business began. We will update members on the financial impact of CyGlass when those matters are concluded. The board would like to thank the CyGlass team for their contribution during a difficult time.

Nominet's business is now focused on our core registry operations, our work protecting government services and ensuring we make an increased public benefit contribution.

**Security Report** – new CISO, Paul Lewis, was introduced to the Board for the first time having joined the company in early May 2022. He presented the results of a recently completed security exercise and explained the steps that would be taken in response to further strengthen the organisation's security posture.

**Cyber** – Simon Heggie (Business Development Manager) presented to the Board a PDNS export opportunity. As this is a commercially sensitive matter further information will be made available when appropriate.

**Access Management** – Adam Leach (CIO), Neal Smyth (Head of DNS & Networking), and Pat Graham (Infrastructure Contractor) sought Board approval for a planned introduction of new technologies and controls that would uplift our access management capability. The Board approved the approach and agreed the importance of monitoring cost effectiveness.

## Governance Items

**AGM 2022** – the Board formally approved the date of the upcoming AGM as the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Further information, including the formal resolutions requiring member approval, will be set out in the formal notice which will be distributed closer to the date.

**UKRAC** – the Board noted that the elections were ongoing and would close on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Recognising that no candidate had stood for election in the large segment, it discussed the options available to ensure the council continued to have an appropriate range of views. The Board will liaise further with the UKRAC to ensure thinking is aligned in how best to proceed.

**Board committees** – the Nominations Committee met earlier in the day, as Committee Chair Stephen Page provided an update regarding the ongoing recruitment process for the two appointed Non-Executive Directors roles. Further details will be shared with members in the near future.

**Code of Conduct Committee** – the committee also met on the 31<sup>st</sup> May to consider further the issues arising out of its recent decision against a member.

**Next Meeting** – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 20<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
BatchHeader Ltd
I H M LTD
Host Media Ltd
Powered by batteries Ltd
JAM internet Limited
HOSTING SERVICE LTD
Southern Communications Limited
Ciaran Clarke
Cheshire Technology Solutions Ltd
DomainProfi GmbH

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
TI Media Limited
Jamie Marshall Ltd
WPM INTERNET LIMITED
Aberystwyth University
GB Direct Ltd
Net Solutions Europe Ltd
Patrick Cummings
Dmitriy Ivanov
Grigory Lyulyev
Internal Systems Ltd
Southern Communications Data Services Ltd
Netcom Technologies Ltd
IN HOUSE MEDIA LTD

## Membership Engagement Opportunities

### Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> March	GiveHub Panel meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Members' call with CEO
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Quarterly Tech Collaboration Group
29 <sup>th</sup> April	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> May	UKRAC candidate webinar
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Elected NED event and CEO call
26 <sup>th</sup> May	GiveHub Panel meeting
<b>Upcoming events</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting

28 <sup>th</sup> June	GiveHub Panel meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Quarterly Tech Collaboration Group
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Members' Call with CEO
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	GiveHub Panel meeting

### Member GiveHub update

The following donations were made in March based on a member poll, bringing the total FY22 contribution to £400k.

- Mind – c£87k
- Age UK – c£75
- Citizens Advice – c£57k
- Scope – c£52k
- Citizens Online – c£40k

The extended GiveHub criteria previously approved by the board were launched to members in April. We welcomed members Tim Prater, (Prater Raines Ltd) and Dan Rodgers, (Domain Registrar Services Ltd) to the GiveHub panel increasing the number of panel members to seven.

One application was received in April but was for a rewilding and conservation project and the panel concluded it did not align with the criteria of Connected, Inclusive and Secure.

One application was received in May from Rex Wickham (TwentyTwenty Media Ltd) on behalf of Keeping Families Together and was approved. There is one application that has been declined pending further information.

We were approached by a charity in Wandsworth seeking a member to work with to submit an application. An overview was posted in the Community but no interest has been received to date.