Board Report

This is the report from the 23rd November 2022 Board meeting.

Board matters

Soon to be formally appointed Executive Director Carolyn Bedford attended in an observer capacity.

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. Kieren McCarthy declared an interest relating to the Member Code of Conduct which required him to recuse himself from discussions of it.

The minutes from the Board meeting on the 26th September 2022 were approved.

Operational Items

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

Performance and Finance – Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) presented the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in October 2022. The Board also reviewed the timings and deliverables for approving the FY24 operating budget.

Strategic Items

Resourcing & Change Programmes Prioritisation – the Board received progress updates on the planned approach to management of the large-scale strategic projects as previously outlined to the Board.

Cyber– David Carroll (MD of Cyber) presented a series of protective DNS (PDNS) export pipeline opportunities that were in development. The Board reviewed and discussed the strategic merit in pursuing each of these in light of the Board's commitment that PDNS achieves profitability in FY24.

Annual Social Impact Update – Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) provided the Board with an overview of social impact activity in the year to date and outlined early stage thinking for how activities could be expanded beyond the existing programmes. The Board also ratified two recommendations from the Public Benefit Committee regarding two initiatives that will be announced in due course.

Membership Engagement – David Buckle (Head of Membership Engagement) and Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) reported to the Board on recent and planned engagement activities as well as the broad themes of discussion amongst members on the Community. The Board discussed suggestions which may help to encourage an increased number of members to participate in engagement opportunities.

Governance Items

Scheme of Delegation – in line with best practice, the Board conducted a periodic review of the Scheme of Delegation governing which matters are reserved to the Board and those which are delegated to executive management. A series of minor changes were approved.

Constitutional documents – the Board reviewed a high-level plan outlining the approach to the fundamental review of the company's articles and constitution that the Board previously agreed was necessary.

UKRAC – Ashley La Bolle provided the Board with a summary of recent discussions at the meeting on the 31st October 2022. The Board approved the recommendation that Volker Greimann be co-opted onto the council to fill the current vacancy in respect of the large registrar category until the conclusion of the 2023 elections cycle. The Board also approved a public comment period relating to proposed changes to the .UK Terms & Conditions.

Member Code of Conduct – the Board approved a series of changes to the Member Code designed to introduce greater procedural guidance in the handling of complaints under it. The updated version of the Code will be made available to members soon.

Board committees – the Audit & Risk Committee met earlier in the day to review the Strategic Risk Register; Half Year Financial Reporting; and receive a status update on the security posture of the organisation. The Committee also approved a number of minor changes to its Terms of Reference, a copy of which will be added to the website in the near future.

Next Meeting – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 30th January 2023.

New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 16th September 2022 to 15th November 2022 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
Topsec Cloud Solutions Limited
Viktar Kliuchenia
Landlord Mortgages Limited
Cloudstream Technology Ltd
Patsy Wilkinson*
Richard Green
IT Zero Ltd
No One Internet Ltd

*Memberships issued to new board members as per our articles of association

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
Xreflow Limited
Web Age Ltd
Dr Stephen Page*
Anne Taylor*
HTP Graphics Limited
Ringwood Internet Ltd
Internet Solutions PTY Ltd
TSM International Ltd
Cultura Technologies Limited
Mr Jude O'Kelly
Ahmed Benlahreche
Netserve Consultants Ltd
Mr Chris Meakes
Raqsys Limited
Simple Mango Ltd
Nixel Ltd
Andrew Hart
Neil Hughes
Ready Money Capital LTD
Cyber Network LLC
Mohammed Amer Afzal
Tangent Communications plc
INNOVISE SOFTWARE LIMITED
I.T. Magic (UK) Ltd
Sovereign Business Integration Group PLC
TMP (UK) Limited
John Lewis plc
Mr Asam Rashid
Leo Hodgkins
Derek Weedon
Vimantis doo Sabac
RiskiQ, Inc.
Leadgence Ltd
Elite Hosting Limited
Andrew Burghes
Ecrime Management Strategies Inc.
Ric Alston
NameKing Inc.
BT COMMUNICATIONS IRELAND LIMITED
Investments.org Inc
Gladwin Consultants Ltd
InterNexum GmbH
Pilkington Warner Limited
Ken Jones
Tritek Ltd

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Membership Engagement Opportunities

Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
27th September	GiveHub Panel meeting
30th September	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting
6th October	AGM
31st October	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting
31st October	GiveHub Panel meeting
17th November	Members' call with the CEO
24th November	Nominet Conference
29th November	GiveHub Panel meeting
Upcoming events	
12th December	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting
4th January 2023	GiveHub Panel meeting
26th January 2023 TBC	Members' call with the CEO
Feb/ Mar 2023 TBC	Member event/ conference (tech focus)

Member GiveHub update

The October GiveHub panel approved an application from Cloud Artisans on behalf of Lifeshare for £3000 to help expand the delivery of digital skills sessions to vulnerable and digitally deprived individuals in Manchester and Salford. The panel also approved an application from Cairn Designs for £10,000 on behalf of Cave Rescue to provide additional IT equipment that will enhance their education, training and engagement with staff and visiting groups plus occasional incident control for large scale incidents.

Research is currently being undertaken to understand members' current thoughts about GiveHub in order to maximise the impact of the available GiveHub funds in FY23.

A new video case study is being finalised highlighting how GiveHub funding is being used at Caius House, one of London's leading youth centres, to support their facilities, structured programmes and staff in delivering a positive, caring environment.