



Board Report

This is the report from the 27th March 2024 Board meeting.

Board matters

There were no declarations of interest in respect of the business for the meeting.

The minutes from the Board meeting on the 8th February 2024 were approved.

Operational Items

CEO Report – Paul Fletcher (CEO) reported to the Board on key operational matters facing the organisation, including an update on the ongoing restructuring exercise.

Performance and Finance – Carolyn Bedford (CFO) presented the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in February 2024, and the Board approved the FY25 budget.

Strategic Items

Cyber – David Carroll (MD-Cyber) updated the Board on progress with PDNS business planning.

Communications Plan – Elaine Quinn (Director of Corporate Affairs) outlined the Company Communications Plan for the rest of the year.

Company Values – the Board received an update on the Company Values review. These had been developed by staff.

Governance Items

UKRAC – the Board received a report from the UKRAC summarising discussions held at the 5th March 2024 Council meeting and noted the Executive's response to the Council's recommendations as part of the Expired Domain Names consultation exercise.

Board Committees – the Audit & Risk Committee met on the 21st February 2024 and reviewed the external audit plan for this year's Report and Accounts and agreed the internal audit programme for 2025.

Legal matters – the Board received an update regarding ongoing legal matters.

Next Meeting – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 22nd May 2024.

New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 6th January to 13th March 2024 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
Netregistry Wholesale Pty Ltd
Graham Wallbank
Birmingham City Council
TandyUK Servers Limited
JLA Computer Services Ltd
Aliaksandr Busko
Mr. FU Lei
Dark Knight Ltd
Alpha Digital Group Limited

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
Datacentres Limited
Atomwide Limited
Fenetre Limited
Online Home Retail Limited
Nitrex Ltd
Codeframe Limited
Domain Connect Ltd
Every City Ltd

The total number of members currently stands at 2188.

Membership Engagement Opportunities

Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
20 th February	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation (hybrid)
22 nd February	Members' Call with the CEO
27 th February	GiveHub Panel meeting
5 th March	.UK Registry Advisory Council
11 th March	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: Inter registrar transfer process (webinar)
14 th March	Midlands regional member lunch – Birmingham
26 th March	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: .UK Lifecycle (webinar)
28 th March	GiveHub Panel meeting (last meeting of FY24)
Upcoming Events	

18 th April	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: Drop-in Q&A (virtual)
April – TBC	.UK Registry Advisory Council
24 th April	Members' Call with the CEO and .UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: Drop-in Q&A (virtual)
15 th May – TBC	Meet the UKRAC candidates webinar
20 th June	Member conference at Bletchley Park

Member GiveHub update

Thus far, in this financial year, donations totalling c£142k have been approved for 18 organisations including four grants since the last Board report.

- £10,000 for The Restart Project to fund a digital resource hub to expand their reach and impact, proposed by Damon Hart-Davis of ExNet.
- £10,000 for AbilityNet to fund their ConnectingU program providing tech devices along with training and support to elderly people, proposed by Philip Ronchetti of Netro42.
- £5000 for Upstart Projects, a digital careers training opportunity for young people, proposed by Olivia Wyatt of Cloud Artisans.
- £10,000 for Ashbrook Junior School Parent Association to fund the school's acquisition of 20 iPads to support their pupils, proposed by Oliver Stirling of Cloud Next.