

# **Board Matters**

This is the report from the October 2021 Board meeting. This meeting was shorter and was convened to allow the Board to maintain momentum on key issues as we approach the AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Strategic Items**

**Chair Review Update** – following the publication on the 7<sup>th</sup> October of the <u>Chair's statement</u> outlining his vision for the future of Nominet, the Board considered how it had been received by members and stakeholders.

**CyGlass** – the Board received a progress update from Ben Hill (CFO) regarding the ongoing sales process for CyGlass.

**Technology Transformation Programme (TTP)** – Adam Leach (CIO & Interim Executive Director) reported to the Board on the programme's progress to date including a revised delivery approach. The executive will report to the Board again in February 2022 on this matter.

#### **Governance Items**

**Members** – the Board received a copy of the final Listening Process report from independent research agency Savanta. The full report will be published to members in due course.

**.UK Registry Advisory Council (UKRAC)** – in the absence of UKRAC Chair Anne Taylor, Eleanor Bradley (Interim CEO) summarised the themes discussed at the second council meeting including ongoing discussions regarding the suitability of the existing terms of reference. The next UKRAC meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**CEO Recruitment Update -** the Board received an update from the Chair of the Nominations Committee regarding progress in recruiting a new CEO.

**Annual General Meeting** – the Board received an update from the Company Secretary regarding the logistical planning for the upcoming AGM, including the adoption of a new online platform to enhance the member participation experience.

### **Membership Engagement Opportunities**

## **Recent Membership Engagement Events:**

30<sup>th</sup> September – UKIGF – We hosted a joint webinar with six members of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). This event was open to all Nominet members as well as ISOC members. The aim of the event was to help promote the work that the IGF does as well as encourage attendance at the UKIGF event on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October.

6<sup>th</sup> October - .UK registry overview – Barbara Bellis, Head of Business Systems provided members with an overview of our .UK registry systems, focusing on EPP and the DAC.

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7<sup>th</sup> October – Members Chair call – Nominet Chair, Andy Green CBE, shared the interim report outlining his vision for the future direction of Nominet.

21st October – October Member call with Nominet Chair, Andy Green CBE. He was joined by Eleanor Bradley (Interim CEO) and David Carroll (MD Nominet Cyber). Items for discussion included Nominet Cyber as well as the forthcoming AGM, including the annual report and accounts, and NED elections.

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

25<sup>th</sup> October – Listening Exercise Update - Savanta will be providing a summary of the findings from across the three phases of the listening process. The project team will give an overview of the feedback that they have heard from members and stakeholders, before outlining the main themes and conclusions drawn.

9<sup>th</sup> November - Meet the NED candidates -a live Q&A with all the NED candidates standing for election to the Nominet Board.

18th November - Annual General Meeting

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