



## NOMINET

### SEPTEMBER 2016 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

#### Board matters

Nominet Chair recruitment - Recruitment is underway to appoint a Chair for Nominet following AGM 2017 when Rennie Fritchie will have concluded her seven year term. Jane Tozer is leading the process on behalf of the Board and the role is being advertised through Gatenby Sanderson with a closing date for applications of Friday 21st October 2016.

Committees – The Board received updates from the following committees; Nominations Committee, Audit and Governance Committee and Remuneration Committee. Volker Greimann will become a member of the Audit and Governance Committee.

Election 2017 - The Election 2017 sub-committee will be chaired by Dickie Armour with David Thornton and Simon McCalla as the other two members.

#### Company matters

New strategic contract - The CEO gave an update to the Board of plans for diversification. The Board approved the commercial terms for DNS service provision and threats analysis using the Nominet proprietary *turing* software.

Public benefit – The Board received an update on a number of public benefit initiatives where Nominet has been working in partnership with others; Micro:bit, Livity, Princes' Trust and Shadow Server to deliver against Nominet's pillars of public benefit; Digital Engagement, Social Tech and Internet Security.

The regular company performance overview was presented and reviewed.

#### Finance matters

Budget 2016/17 – The Board approved the budget for the financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

A report on the current financial position and year-end forecast was included within the company performance overview report.

#### Nominet Trust

Nominet Trust Chair - The Board ratified the appointment of Natalie Campbell as the new Chair of the Nominet Trust from 1st November 2016 and recognised the contribution of Clive Grace since he took over in May 2015.

Trustee recruitment - It was also noted that a separate recruitment process, led by the Nominet Trust, is underway to appoint new trustees and an announcement will be made in the coming weeks.

Nominet Trust business plan and donation - The Board approved the Trust's business plan for 2016-17 and agreed to make a donation of £5.4m for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 up to 30th September 2017 (September 2015 donation of £4m was for 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016). This donation covering 18 months, rather than the usual 12 month period, is to align the financial years of the two organisations as the Trust's financial year end is 30th April and assist the Trust's ability to plan. The donation brings the total Nominet has donated to Nominet Trust to over £44 million.

## **Forthcoming events**

Key partner meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Nominet Board strategy day – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
ICANN 57 Hyderabad – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
Nominet Board meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

## **Operational statistics**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 there were 2,515 active members and 2,889 active tags. 38 new members joined during July, August and September. The number of new registrations in July 2016 was 124,953 (July 2015: 134,736), August 2016 was 128,166 (August 2015: 135,145) and September 2016 was 131,327 (September 2015: 150,870). The average renewal rate for the past twelve months (to June 2016) was 73.4%. The total number of names on the register as at end of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was 10,625,307 and the net growth of the register for the last 12 months was 0.3%.

## **Criminal domain suspensions**

During July and August 2016, 2880 domain names were suspended at the request of UK law enforcement agencies. Two requests for reversals were received and one was upheld.