

## MARCH 2015 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### Board matters

The Board received a recommendation from the Audit and Governance Committee that it should issue clarification that membership of Nominet is not transferable as between members. The Board reviewed the report and agreed that the ad hoc historic practice of allowing transfers had been incorrectly applied, and that in future no membership transfers would be permitted.

The Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ending 30 September 2014, and the Notice for the Annual General Meeting to be held in Oxford on 2 June were approved.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Nominations Committee that Andrew Pinder be appointed as a non-executive director **following the completion of Clive Grace's term of office at the end of this year's Annual General Meeting. Andrew's appointment will take effect from 1 July 2015**, although he will begin a process of induction in advance of appointment.

Nominet Trust: the Chair **gave an update of the Nominet Trust's development plans following a meeting she had had with the Trust Chair.**

### Company matters

Data Quality Policy update: The Board received an update from the Executive as to planned changes to the operating procedures on checking the quality of registrant data shortly after a new registration is made.

Launch of .cymru and .wales domains: the Executive provided an update of the launch experience for the Welsh domains, including technical, market and financial feedback. The volumes of domains registered were noted to be disappointing vs forecasts but generally in line with the experience of other comparable gTLD launches, it was however pleasing that key founding partners such as the National Assembly for Wales and S4C were already actively using their domains as their primary website URLs.

Delegation of .bbc: the delegation into the root of the .bbc ngTLD was noted, it would be interesting to see the uses which such an iconic brand would progress.

Partners in industry: The interim CCO set out plans for engagement with a variety of potential business partners in order to encourage adoption of internet opportunities and the consequent benefits to Nominet in promoting the use of .uk domain names.

### Forthcoming events

AGM 2015: 2 June

### Operational Statistics

As at 28th February 2015 there were 2,699 active members and 3,489 active tags. Since the end of December 2014 16 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in January 2015 was 153,049 and February 2015 was 146,776 (January 2014: 156,726, February 2014: 147,952). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months (to November 2014) was 70.5%. The total number of names on the register as at end of 28th February 2015 was 10,549,435 and the net growth of the register for the last 12 months was -0.03%.

## Criminal Domain Suspensions

During January and February 2015 Nominet suspended 152 domains at the request of UK law enforcement agencies. No requests for reversals have been received.