SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMUNIQUÉ

Nominet's Board of Directors met on 10th September 2014.

Board matters

The Audit Committee chair reported meeting with Grant Thornton's audit manager and that the audit plan for the financial year ending 30 September 2014 had been agreed.

The Chair provided the meeting with an update on the CEO recruitment process, with shortlisting completed and interviews due to be held shortly.

Company matters

The executive directors presented the final business plan and associated budget for the new financial year starting 1 October 2014. These were approved by the Board.

The results of a research exercise conducted by Insight Engineers into the attitudes of the members towards Nominet were presented. As a result, improved HTML email comms and a more structured contact plan would be introduced, in addition to better showcasing of Nominet's research and development work and charitable investments made by the Nominet Trust. A longer term full engagement strategy would be brought back to the Board at the December meeting.

The Chair reported back from the meeting of the Internet Governance Forum held in Istanbul the previous week. The company has a representative on ICANN's IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group.

The company's annual business continuity planning review meeting had been held in July. There have been no adverse events in the past 12 months, and all disaster and contingency planning events have been successful.

The Board noted that two factor authentication for additional registrar security was currently being piloted.

Nominet Trust

The Board received a report from the Nominet Trust CEO setting out the charitable work undertaken by the Nominet Trust and deployment of the donations made by Nominet. In particular the Board noted the investments made to address economic inactivity, including initiatives to equip young people in the UK with digital skills to enable them to take on the jobs of the future. Beneficiaries included Make Things Do Stuff, Codeclub, Apps for Good and Young Rewired State.

Forthcoming events

Key partner meeting: 7 October

Operational Statistics

As at 31st August 2014 there were 2,759 active members and 4,513 active tags. Since the end of July 2014 5 new members have joined. The number of new registrations in August 2014 was 139,649 (August 2013: 151,406). The average renewal rate for the past 12 months (to May 2014) was 69.1%. The total number of names on the register as at end of 31st August 2014 was 10,510,549 and the net growth of the register for the last 12 months was -0.6%.