



Board Report

This is the report from the 26th September 2023 Board meeting. The Board also participated in a Strategy Day meeting on the 3rd October 2023, and held short formal meetings on the 6th September and 3rd October.

Board matters

Apologies for absence were received from Sally Tilleray at the 26th September meeting. Apologies were received from Paul Fletcher and Patsy Wilkinson at the 6th September meeting.

Declarations of interest: in relation to the business of the 26th September meeting, Ashley La Bolle declared an ongoing interest in Registry Services Provisions matters.

At the 26th September meeting the minutes from the Board meetings on the 19th July 2023 and 6th September 2023 were approved.

Operational Items

CEO Report – Paul Fletcher (CEO) reported to the Board on key operational matters facing the organisation.

Performance and Finance – Carolyn Bedford (CFO) presented the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in July 2023.

Strategic Items

Security Updates – Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) and Paul Lewis (CISO) reported to the Board detailing progress on the additional security checks and training implemented in response to the unauthorised activity which impacted 364 .uk domains earlier this year.

Cyber – David Carroll (MD-Cyber) provided an update on potential PDNS export opportunities. As this is a commercially sensitive matter further information will be made available when appropriate.

Governance Items

Membership Engagement – the Board approved a series of proposals designed to enhance future engagement activities. Further details will be announced in due course.

Articles of Association Consultation – the Board considered the feedback received in response to the final section on the recent Articles of Association consultation which sought views on potential future changes that Members would like to see incorporated. Whether or not to proceed further with this piece of work will be directly informed by the results for the special resolution tabled for member approval at the AGM.

Voting Rights – at the meeting on the 6th September the Board decided the voting rights for the 2023 AGM and NED elections would be calculated at 17:00pm on 8th September 2023. However, following the meeting, it became apparent that as a result of this decision a small number of members would be significantly negatively impacted due to the phasing of domain renewals. At the meeting on the 3rd October the Board unanimously ratified a decision to use voting rights calculated at midnight (00:00am) on 1st September 2023 instead.

UKRAC – Ashley La Bolle provided an update on discussions at the 5th September 2023 UKRAC meeting, informing the Board that the council had voted to appoint Rex Wickham as its new Chair.

Board Committees – the Audit & Risk Committee met on the 27th September 2023 to review the Strategic Risk Register, the Annual Health & Safety Report, and the organisation's risk appetite statement.

Strategy Day – the Board met with the Executive team to discuss long term strategic priorities and deliverables.

Next Meeting – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 29th November 2023.

New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 11th July 2023 to 15th September 2023 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
Mohamed Derdouri
My Home Survey Ltd
Think BV Ltd
Lab Creative Limited
David Heath
David Cassidy
Squarespace Domains LLC
T Star Tech Ltd
Alex van Trirum
Onionring Limited
Steven Wright
Tudor Lodge Digital Limited

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
Crealogix MBA Limited
Domeinwinkel B.V.
Electric Studio Ltd
Net Efficiency Ltd
Mr James Ponder
Mettrr Technologies Limited

Think Systems UK Limited
Meirhosting Limited
Sussex SEO Ltd
Teacha Ltd
Direct Technical Ltd
Mr Kevin Hegarty
Jonathan Kiekbusch
Cloud Commerce Group Ltd
Danoli Solutions Ltd
G.T.C (UK) Limited
Ben Hodge
netzreform Neue Medien GmbH
CC Technology Ltd
ANS Academy Limited
Small Green Tree Limited
UKRI
Keyloop (UK) Limited
Rothamsted Research Limited
ForeverUn Limited
Logicom Computer Services (UK) Ltd
Regal Stationery (UK) Ltd
VWE Internet Ltd
Mr D. Byers
Coherent Limited

Membership Engagement Opportunities

Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
30 th August	Summer Drinks (London)
31 st August	GiveHub Panel meeting
5 th September	UKRAC meeting
26 th September	GiveHub Panel meeting
28 th September	Members' Call with the CEO
Upcoming events	
17 th October	Annual General Meeting
30 th November	Members' Call with the CEO
December - TBC	UKRAC meeting

7 th December	Legal and Policy themed member conference and dinner – Royal Institution
25 th January 2024	Southwest member lunch
14 th March 2024	Midlands member lunch

Member GiveHub update

August applications approved:

- Donation of c£9,900 to Okehampton College PTA to provide laptops and photographic equipment to support the GCSE course in Photography at the College. Proposed by Andrew Kennedy of Advent Software Limited.
- Donation of £2,000 to Battersea Crime Prevention Panel to fund Wi-Fi at their annual fundraising ball. Proposed by Rex Wickham of Twentytwenty Media Ltd.

September applications approved:

- Donation of £8,900 to Friends of St Nicholas Fields, a 24-acre nature reserve in York. Funds will support their outreach, mental health and conservation work by providing refurbished mobile phones to their team and enabling the creation of a podcast series. Proposed by Anne Taylor of See Green Systems Ltd.

Panel members will consider a further application made in September at the next GiveHub meeting in October once further information has been received.