



Board Report

This is the report from the 29th November 2023 Board meeting.

Board matters

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

The minutes from the Board meetings on the 26th September and 3rd October 2023 were approved. The minutes of the AGM on the 17th October 2023 were also 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 October 2023.

Strategic Items

Societal Impact Strategy – Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) introduced a new approach for creating positive impact within our industry, economy and society. The Board welcomed the direction of travel and asked the Executive to further develop the proposal. Further details will be shared in due course.

Registry Technology Strategy – Oliver Tweedie (CTO) and Robert Strafford (Head of Programme Delivery) reported to the Board detailing progress on the registry technology strategy and roadmap.

.UK Pricing – Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) presented a set of draft .UK pricing principles for the Board to consider. The Board agreed with the recommendation that the draft principles be shared with the .UK Registry Advisory Council (UKRAC) at its next meeting for review and input. The Board decided that the wholesale price of .UK domains would remain unchanged until the 1st July 2024 at the earliest.

Governance of Technology – Oliver Tweedie (CTO) and Robert Strafford (Head of Programme Delivery) reported to the Board on recent changes, and planned improvements, to the technology governance framework including roadmaps and tracked milestones.

Membership Engagement – the Board received a progress report regarding the series of proposals designed to enhance membership engagement that was tabled at the September meeting.

Governance Items

Company Secretary – Rory Kelly (Company Secretary) informed the Board that he had decided to accept a new opportunity elsewhere, and that the February meeting would be his final formal board commitment. The Board thanked him for his service and will commence the process to recruit his replacement.

UKRAC – the Board received a report from the UKRAC summarising discussions at the 7th November 2023 UKRAC meeting. The Board discussed the details of the report and agreed to respond to the UKRAC Chair in writing on the points raised.

Governance Report – the Board approved a Scheme of Delegation governing the relationship with the subsidiary company Nominet Australia PTY Ltd. It also approved a recommendation that Liesel Jordan be appointed as the Australian-based Non-Executive Director of the subsidiary company in place of Naomi Lawrie who was stepping down.

Board Committees – the Remuneration Committee met on the 24th October 2023 to discuss flexible ways of working; employee pension arrangements; the management development programme; and the company's half year performance.

Next Meeting – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 8th February 2024.

New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 16th September 2023 to 16th November 2023 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
Arrival Consulting Ltd
The IT Dept Limited
Flexiscale Limited
Aldmar Ltd
Matt Martin
Xi Software Ltd
SDC Hosting and Support Ltd
ICT9 LTD
Hexagon Webworks Ltd
Black Owl Technologies Ltd
Arcalis Services Limited
Headforwards Solutions Ltd
MSERWIS Sp. z o.o. sp. k.

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
Reactor15 Ltd
Comspec IT Solutions Ltd
Opus Vision Ltd

Flexiscale Technologies Ltd
Eight Networks Ltd
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
Toyota (GB) Plc
Brightwork Ops Limited
Zebra Electronics Limited
Talia Ltd
WhitNet Limited
George McCormick
NextDNS Inc.
Jumpsec Limited
Dynamic Servers Limited
Jublo Limited
APII.IO Limited
Paul Golightly
Matlega Spolka Jawna
Frazer Gibson
JHC Systems Ltd
Ben Hay
Go Internet Ltd
121 Webhosting Limited
Nerd Origins Ltd
UAB MVK Technologies
Digital Shadows Ltd.
AGMB Sp. z o.o.
Aspire Technology Solutions Ltd
David Parr
Gravity Oxford Limited
Netmonkeys Ltd
Chess ICT Limited
Odey Asset Management LLP
Read Group Limited
Wyith Limited
Miss Clare Nicholson
Mr Anthony Sowunmi
Eqwebs Limited
7 Global Systems Limited
Hub Network Services Limited
Mr James Cronin
Gordano Ltd
Labcourt Limited
Intellectual Property Management Company Inc.
Buzzinet Ltd
Results Through Digital Limited
Ed Jeffries

The list of deleted memberships is larger on this occasion due to the timing of the membership year renewal and the non-payment of renewal invoices. The total number of members currently stands at 2185.

Membership Engagement Opportunities

Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
17 th October	Annual General Meeting
26 th October	GiveHub Panel meeting
7 th November	.UK Registry Advisory Council
28 th November	GiveHub Panel Meeting
Upcoming events	
6 th December	.UK Registry Advisory Council
7 th December	Members' Conference – Royal Institution
4 th January 2024	GiveHub Panel meeting
25 th January 2024	South West member lunch – Bath
TBC	.UK Registry Advisory Council
22 nd February 2024	Members' Call with the CEO
27 th February 2024	GiveHub Panel meeting
14 th March 2024	Midlands member lunch - TBC

Member GiveHub update

There have been two GiveHub panel meetings in the period October to November with a total of c£45k donated to seven successful applications. The panel commented on the high quality of the applications and alignment with the eligibility pillars of 'connected, inclusive and secure'.

October

£10,000 to People Know How, proposed by James Crisp

£10,000 to Asylum Welcome, proposed by the University of Oxford

£5,000 to Nottingham Playhouse Trust, proposed by Cloud Artisans

£2,000 to the Rotary Club of Battersea Christmas Lunch, proposed by Rex Wickham

£5,000 to Stratford Upon Avon Sea Cadets Corps, proposed by Neil Batchelor

November

£9,996 to Parents and Children Together (PACT) proposed by the University of Reading
£3,266 to Shinfield Players Theatre, proposed by Tim Howling

Two blog articles were published (in October and November) on the Nominet website featuring successful grant stories.