



NOMINET

Board Report

This is the report from the 8th February 2024 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 meeting on the 29th November 2023 were approved.

Operational Items

CEO Report – Paul Fletcher (CEO) reported to the Board on key operational matters facing the organisation, including the results of the recent member survey.

Performance and Finance – Carolyn Bedford (CFO) presented the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in December 2023, and the Board discussed the high-level 3 year plan.

Strategic Items

UKRAC - .UK pricing – the Board received a report from the UKRAC summarising discussions at the 6th December 2023 UKRAC meeting. The Board discussed the details of the report and considered the feedback on the .UK Pricing Principles.

Cyber – David Carroll (MD-Cyber) presented to the Board on the PDNS pipeline, contract status, market developments, and associated opportunities and challenges.

Budget FY25 – the Board discussed the organisation's FY25 operating budget in the context of the organisations long term strategic priorities and deliverables.

Registry Services Provision (RSP) – Eleanor Bradley (MD-Registry & Public Benefit) presented an update on developments in the TLD environment, including the timeframes for Round 2 of ICANN's gTLD programme. Ashley La Bolle recused herself from the meeting for this item.

Governance Items

Company Secretary – following Rory Kelly's imminent departure, the Board approved the appointment of Victoria Burnett as Company Secretary effective 9th February 2024. The Board thanked Rory Kelly for his dedication and service.

Group Subsidiaries – the Board approved the removal of Rory Kelly, and appointment of Carolyn Bedford as a director on the group subsidiary companies.

Board Committees – the Nominations Committee met on the 29th January 2024 to discuss the process and timelines for the 2024 UKRAC and NED elections. In accordance with the bye law for the election of Non-Executive Directors, Simon Blackler recused himself from the meeting.

The Public Benefit Committee met on the 30th January 2024 to review metrics detailing the progress of Social Impact activities. The Committee also received a report produced by Demos identifying areas of future public benefit tech related investment.

Legal matters – the Board received an update regarding ongoing legal matters the company is involved in.

Next Meeting – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 27th March 2024.

New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 17th November 2023 to 25th January 2024 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
Ina4 Media Ltd
Luvaquote Ltd
Online Property Systems Ltd
Treasury Limited
Netro Technology Ltd
Elmdale IT Services Limited
Allison Baldwin
Crown Prosecution Service
SJ Marketing Limited
Aspire Technology Solutions Ltd

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
Capita Birmingham Limited
Findusin Limited
PureMedia OÜ
West63rd Internet Limited
Safari Ventures Ltd
WebsiteUK Ltd
Systems Integration (UK) Ltd
Alex Ellis
Goldthorn Services Limited
Updata Infrastructure UK Ltd
Advanced Computer Systems (UK) Limited

The total number of members currently stands at 2186.

Membership Engagement Opportunities

Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
6 th December 2023	.UK Registry Advisory Council
7 th December 2023	Members' Conference – Royal Institution
4 th January	GiveHub Panel Meeting
30 th January	GiveHub Panel Meeting
20 th February	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation (hybrid)
22 nd February	Members' Call with the CEO
Upcoming Events	
27 th February	GiveHub Panel meeting
5 th March – TBC	.UK Registry Advisory Council
11 th March	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: Inter registrar transfer process (webinar)
14 th March	Midlands member lunch – Birmingham
26 th March	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: .UK Lifecycle (webinar)
28 th March	GiveHub Panel meeting
18 th April	.UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: Drop-in Q&A (virtual)
23 rd April – TBC	.UK Registry Advisory Council
24 th April	Members' Call with the CEO and .UK modernisation, standardisation and legacy service retirement consultation: Drop-in Q&A (virtual)

Member GiveHub update

Thus far in this financial year donations totalling c£106k have been approved for 15 organisations including two in December 2023:

December (panel meeting 4th January)

- £10,000 to Senacre Wood Primary School PTA, Maidstone, Kent to equip the pupils with 30 iPads for digital learning activities. Proposed by Simon Corrigan.
- £10,000 to Kent-based charity Compaid to further their digital inclusion and outreach work with vulnerable community members. Proposed by Greg Findley.

A seasonal email summarising GiveHub activities during the year was sent to members on 18th December 2023.