

Nominet's board of directors met on 23 October 2003.

Second Level Domain Policy and Procedure

Nominet has received 10 responses to its consultation on the proposed new SLD Policy and Procedure, including that from the Policy Advisory Board. All responses will be considered and the board will be discussing the issues at its next meeting in early December.

Automaton Template Changes

The board asked the executive team to begin the implementation of the proposals, which have been agreed by the PAB. The details of these changes can be found at:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/Pab/PabMeetingPapers/InterfaceChanges.html>

Working Groups

The board welcomed the PAB's positive response to the idea of Policy Working Groups to be convened on specific topics. The executive team was asked to assist the PAB in preparing detailed rules for these WGs, which will predominantly be e-mail based, drawing on the experience of RIPE and the IETF. The executive team is also considering similar groups for consultation on key operational matters.

Positive Renewals

The board wishes to remind tagholders again of the start of the positive renewals system from 1 November. See:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/News/NewsStories/PositiveRenewalsSummary.html>

Detagged Domain Names Project

Over 400,000 letters have now been sent out, with 40,000 returned as undeliverable. 120,000 domain names have been cancelled. Some 1400 domain names were paid for and retained by the registrants as a result of their final reminders. The board looks forward to a complete clearance of the backlog by March 2004 (including the required suspension periods).

Operational Reports

There were 2,759 active members as at 1 October 2003. During September 18 new members were added and 27 members resigned. There were 3,366 active tags and during the month 30 tags were withdrawn. 75,133 new registrations were made and 127,678 renewals were invoiced.