

Minutes of the Domain Name Commission Ltd Board

Wednesday 15 August 2008, 4.00pm

Attendance

Present: Richard Currey, Andy Linton, David Russell, Joy Liddicoat, Michael Foley, Debbie Monahan, Alison McKenzie.

The meeting began with Board alone time. Debbie Monahan and Alison McKenzie joined the meeting at 4.15pm.

1. Register of Interests

The DNCL Register of Interests was updated. No conflicts were noted for this meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last NZOC meeting were passed as true and accurate.

The Board discussed the progress of the .bank.nz 2LD, noting that a registrar had now apparently been appointed, and that the NZ Bankers' Association had had a change of personnel. Further progress on .bank.nz is anticipated in the near future.

3. DNCL Constitution

The Board discussed the papers provided, noting the changes that had been made to the existing constitution. The members agreed to provide their decision to the DNC by email, by Wednesday 20 August 2008.

4. DNC reports

The DNC spoke to her reports covering the months of May and June.

The Board discussed the .nz domain name space growth rate, noting that although the rate of growth is reducing, the space is still expanding. .nz growth is being closely monitored by NZRS and the DNC.

Following a question about the progress of the IDN consultation, Richard gave an oral report about the progress of the IDN Working Group. There is a Registrar Advisory Group (RAG) meeting planned for early September which will discuss issues raised by registrars in respect of implementing IDNs. The WG will be updated on the results of the RAG meeting.

A straight-line budget for the year was indicating a significant under spend at this stage, however the timing of spending will bring the actuals nearer to the budget figures later in the year. The December meeting of the Board will include a year-end forecast, and a draft budget for the coming year.

A draft work plan was distributed which showed intended projects for the office over 2008/2009. The work plan will be formally put on the agenda for the next Board meeting for further discussion and input from the directors.

The DNC was thanked for her reports.

5. .health.nz

The Board discussed the .health.nz application and noted the submissions received during the consultation period. It was agreed that changes to the moderation policy were required to address the issues raised in the submissions and that the DNC should contact the applicant to make those changes and resubmit the moderation policy.

It was acknowledged that if the proposed changes were accepted, the revised moderation policy would be significantly different to that originally consulted on. Therefore, once a revised moderation policy has been received there would be a second consultation undertaken which would last one month.

6. Dispute Resolution Service Panel Members - Experts and Mediators

After discussion, the Board agreed to the rotational approach to panels, reducing the likelihood of needing to appoint full new panels at any stage in the future. Approximately one third of the positions on each panel will be contested annually, with an appointment subcommittee of the DNC, the Chair of the Board (or his nominee) and an external member of the appointment panel to conduct interviews and confirm appointments.

Those Experts and Mediators not involved in this year's rotation will have their contracts extended, with one third now contracted until 2009, and one third contracted until 2010.

7. Review of the Service Level Agreement (SLA)

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Service Level Agreement, noting that the changes to transaction response times bring the target times into line with actual response times reported. The Board noted that DNS requirements are laid out in the DNS project, and that the reporting for DNS performance will be further defined at the completion of that project, no later than 31 March 2009.

Minor amendments were made to the revised Service Level Agreement, and the amended document was approved by the Board. The DNC is to advise NZRS of their decision.

8. Any other business

Andy Linton drew the attention of the Board to the paper on DNSSEC published by ICANN, and noted that it was important that the Board continued to track the progress of this matter. The Board requested an update from NZRS of their progress, particularly in relation to this recently released paper from ICANN.

Andy also updated the Board on developments with IPv6 and noted that he has been nominated for the Number Resource Organization (NRO) Number Council (NC).

NZRS' review of their Liquidity Policy was discussed.

Next meeting of the Board is likely to be held Wednesday 22 October 2008. Meeting date will be confirmed.

Meeting closed 6.52pm