

Minutes of the Domain Name Commission Ltd Board Meeting

Monday, 11 May 2009, 4.30pm

Attendance

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

Apologies: No apologies were received.

1. Board alone time.

The meeting began with Board alone time. Debbie Monahan and Alison McKenzie joined the meeting at 5.00pm.

2. Awareness of .nz update – Creo/Ocean attended.

Blaire and Christine outlined the .nz awareness campaign, previously approved by the Board, based around the tagline “.nz is our home”. They then showed the advertising developed, the campaign ‘landing page’ and the updated DNC website. Subject to some amendments suggested by the Board, the proposals were accepted.

It was agreed that the new DNC logo will be introduced when the new website layout is completed. The focus will be on the “.nz is our home” and this will be launched with a function, involving the people to be featured in the online advertising. A proposed date for the launch is Thursday 2 July. It was agreed that the material to be provided as part of our sponsorship of the ICANN meeting would be branded with the “.nz is our home” logo.

3. DNCL Register of Interests

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

4. Minutes from the last meeting

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

Matters arising:

- DNSSEC – a letter has been sent to ICANN asking for assistance to implement DNSSEC for the .nz space.
- A revised SLA between DNCL and NZRS has been signed. More work will be done on the DNS reporting standards which will be revised later on in the year.

5. DNC Work plan - update

The DNC work plan update is a standing item, and an oral report was provided. A number of the items on the work plan are included in the meeting agenda.

6. DNC Reports - February and March 2009

The DNC spoke to her reports for the months of February and March. The travel report was received and the DNC was thanked for her reports.

7. .nz Search Functionality

The DNC gave a brief outline of the proposal for the two additional searches proposed for the .nz domain name space. These are for a request for a search by registrant, and the ability to search by variants of an existing domain name. Following discussion it was agreed that a consultation paper will be developed setting out how these searches would function and be published for comments. It was noted that offering any additional searches would require a change to the current WHOIS policy.

8. DNC role in Internet Security

More information was requested from the DNC in relation to this item. This work will be undertaken by the DNC and emailed to the Board for further discussion and decision.

9. Privacy Policy Review

No submissions were received for this review. It was agreed that the policy remains as current.

10. Any other business

▪ IDN Working Group report

An oral report of the IDN working group's progress was made. The WG has recently concluded its review of the draft sunrise policy, and this paper has now gone to Registrars for their comments. It will then go out for public comment. The project remains on target for launch during Māori Language week, 2010. Once the sunrise period has concluded, IDN domain names will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

▪ Future policy reviews

It was agreed that the DNC would develop a policy review timetable.

▪ Offsite Strategy Day

The Board tentatively agreed to hold a Strategy Meeting around August/September 2009. The date will be confirmed once the InternetNZ Council has confirmed its Statement of Expectations for the Board.

11. Next meetings

A conference call has been pencilled in for mid/late June, to discuss and approve the annual accounts for DNCL.

The next full meeting of the Board is scheduled for 2 July to coincide with the probable launch of the *.nz is our home* campaign.

The date for the Domain Name Commission Ltd AGM is 31 July, just prior to the InternetNZ AGM.