Summarised minutes of SIDN Supervisory Board meeting

Date of meeting: 19 September 2012

1. Opening and Chairman's welcome
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. Minutes of 12 June 2012
The minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2012 were approved, subject to certain editorial and material amendments. The action and resolution lists were discussed.

3. Notifications & items received
The members of the Supervisory Board (SB) were informed about various matters, including the following:

- DNS and DNSSEC
- New gTLDs
- Cookie legislation
- Market developments
- Update regarding SIDN Labs
- Update regarding Domain Name Debate on 28 September 2012

4. Q2 report / half-year report
The Q2 and half-year reports were considered and explanations were given where requested. All questions regarding the reports were answered.

5. Contact between SB and RA
One SB member had informed both the Chairman and the CEO about the e-mail that he had received from the RA's Management Board on 3 August inviting him to meet them twice a year, with a view to discussing current affairs and generally exchanging views regarding matters relating to SIDN and the Registrars' Association.
The Chairman reminded members that it had previously been agreed that the RA and the SB would meet once a year to discuss general cooperation, with the CEO present. That arrangement was also recorded in the cooperation agreement between SIDN and the RA. The Chairman emphasised that general developments (as referred to in the invitation) fell within the remit of those discussions. Developments and issues pertinent to the registrar community could perfectly well be discussed with one or more SB members outside the framework of the annual meetings.

6. Venue for SB meeting March 2013
The CEO suggested holding the SB meeting and Strategic Session scheduled for March 2013 in Oxford, so that a meeting between the board and directors of Nominet could be organised. Other possibilities were Sweden (.se) and Germany (Denic). It was unanimously decided to hold the meeting in Oxford and to arrange a meeting with the board and directors of Nominet.

7. Successors to MW and FE (2013)
Profiles were being prepared and candidates sought to succeed Fred Eisner and Michiel Westermann, who were both due to leave the SB in March 2013. The SB members indicated that, in view of the current membership of the SB, one of the two should have a female successor.

– Profile of successor to Michiel Westermann: potential Chairman, political contacts, community involvement, strong governance skills
– Profile of successor to Fred Eisner: entrepreneur, background in ICT/security

8. Evaluation SB/CEO
The Chairman pointed out that, in the covering letter, he had stated with regard to this agenda item that, because the discussion would on this occasion involve two new SB members and because several other members would be leaving the SB within a year, it was desirable that the evaluation should pay particular attention to whether there were any gaps in the board's collective expertise, which should ideally be made good by the forthcoming appointments.

– Resources: the Chairman noted that SIDN was professionally organised and had sufficient resources. When a new resource was acquired, it was desirable that its use should be explained, e.g. in a workshop-style session.
– Performance of the CEO: the CEO was complimented on the way SIDN had developed and profiled itself in recent years and on his principled leadership of the organisation.
– Performance of the Audit Committee, Selection & Appointments Committee and Security & Stability Committee: the SB members indicated that the committees were performing very satisfactorily.
– Duration and frequency of meetings: there was no wish to increase duration or frequency of the physical meetings, but if a matter arose that could not wait until the next meeting, it could perhaps be 'discussed' by e-mail correspondence or video conferencing.
– Involvement with personnel and in particular with SIDN: it was agreed that the SB members would seek to more frequently participate (in the form of a delegation) in relevant internal SIDN events and relevant national and international events.
– Outside interests: it was agreed that the list of SB members' outside interests should be updated and included with the papers for the November meeting.

9. Other business & closure of meeting
A request was made to include safety and security statistics in the key statistics presented to the SB.
It was agreed that the cockpit should include information about the following four fields: strategy, legal, finance and security.

The Chairman thanked the members and declared the meeting closed.