



Bucho's Report (V2 - addendum)

Dear Iaido Bu Members,

I am pleased to put forward this updated Bucho's Report, as new and significant information has been provided to the Bu and Treasurer and has answered some of the issues previously raised.

1. What happened at the 2016 Iaido AGM?

Concerns have been raised by some Bu members regarding the election process for the role of Bucho. The 2016 Iaido AGM Draft Minutes are available on the BKA website for viewing: <http://www.britishkendoassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Draft-Minutes-of-the-Iai-bu-AGM-meeting-2016.pdf>

2. Will there be a repeat of the 2015 Koryu Enbu Bunka Taikai (KEBT) in 2017?

The short answer is no.

Despite the event being novel in many ways and having a superb Japanese delegations of senior sensei, the majority of feedback received about the event from both BKA and overseas attendees was that it did not offer the best value for money.

The current Bu EC had hoped to respect any event planning already carried out by the previous Bucho and his team for the summer 2017 seminar and to negotiate a modified version of the event, considering feedback and ideas on how it could be improved. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the current Iaido Bu EC, this has not been possible. We will have our usual Summer Seminar format in 2017, and are pleased to announce that a senior and experienced Japanese delegation will be leading the seminar.

3. Are all the BKA senior Iaido faculty supporting Iai Bu events in 2017?

Disappointingly, not all the BKA senior Iaido faculty members have felt able to support Iaido Bu events in 2017. Nevertheless, the BU team have worked extremely hard to make sure you not only have a Summer Seminar, but one with a superb Japanese delegation that will be hosted in a world class venue, and offered at a very reasonable cost. We have secured support from European sensei, so that we are able to fill the gaps of our vacant BKA faculty and still have gradings up to and including 5th Dan.

4. Is or has the Iaido Bu been subsidising the Jodo Bu and what is the current financial situation of the Iaido Bu?

Yes – the Iaido Bu has been subsidising the Jodo Bu. As previously stated, this should not come as a surprise to members as it had been decided in past AGM to support our sister Bu.

The current Iaido Bu Officers intend to continue offering support within reasonable limits, and will provide a clear record on Iaido accounts when any form of donation is given (such as Iaido Bu paying for hall hire costs for Iaido and Jodo gradings where there is a joint seminar etc.). This issue is open for discussion at the next AGM.

The Iaido Bu current accounts are healthy.



5. Will the change in the organisational and operational management between the Iaido and Jodo Bu will affect the seminar and squad operations?

In 2017, all Iaido and Jodo seminars will be geographically joint (except the Scottish Seminar), but will be advertised and financially managed independently. Regarding the Jodo Bu and their needs, we will continue to donate use of our senior faculty and hall for grading purposes, and other items as they occur. Other changes to Jodo operations we cannot say or predict, but are likely to be reflected by their calendar of events and managerial and financial decisions.

It would seem that the recent separation of the Iaido and Jodo Squad Training Sessions (STS) have prompted this concern, so I would ask you to read the STS Q&A on the BKA Webpage, which addresses the rationale of the changes and shows the clear well-intended reasons:

<http://www.britishkendoassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Iaido-Squad-Training-Sessions-2017-QA.pdf>

Yours in Budo

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