

Nomination statement for Iaido Bu DRC Chair

Keith Rose, BKA No.2320, Dojo Leader Do Shin Ken Yu Kai Halifax/Brighthouse

Dear Iaido Bu members,

I would like to put myself forward for the position of Iaido DRC Chair and would very much appreciate your support.

I have never held office before with the BKA, but have been a member for around 35 years and have represented the association in a number of ways at times. I've decided to stand for this position as it seems to me that many members of the Iaido Bu feel, as I do, that a change from the kind of guiding culture that we've had for a long time now is needed. I think to some degree that change may be happening and I'd like to be a part of that change and support it in an active way.

In terms of qualities and qualifications I can bring to the position there are a number of things, but foremost I think are two things;

Firstly is that I have been a dojo leader for almost all the time of my membership [35 years +], with all that involves in terms of the responsibility and good communication skills required, and a long experience of how Dojos work.

Secondly, I attend most BKA Iaido seminars throughout the course of the year, a lot of you will know me anyway, but if not you may know me as the person who operates the stall selling equipment and Japanese cultural items at seminars. Doing this actually offers an advantage in terms of the DRC position, as it puts me in a unique position to be available to talk to Bu members from all over the UK in person.

If elected I will of course hold a seat on the NC of the BKA and I can guarantee that in the role I will represent the needs of Iaido dojo and their members with no other agenda than to do what's best for them! You may be aware that at present the Iaido Bu and the NC is going through difficult times with allegations of various kinds coming from various directions. I'd like to see a stop to the kind of circumstances that help these situations arise. I have good past experience of attending NC type meetings when I held the role of Vice Chair of Governors for a number of years at a successful school, where in addition I held responsibility for performance management in the school. I am a clear, considered and non aligned thinker, and I will always try to take the objective view of all circumstances.

Thank you