

Nomination Statement:

Andy Watson (5351) standing for laido DRC Chair

To introduce myself, I have been a BKA member since 1997 and hold Renshi 6th dan in both laido and Jodo. Since 2006 I have held the following roles:

- Coaching Development Officer for both laido and Jodobu
- Jodo Bucho
- laido Bucho

During my time in these roles I have assisted in various organisational activities for the BKA including the development of the financial reporting system, the creation of the Event Planning processes and documents, the authoring of the Level 1 and 2 coaching awards, the creation of the Renshi and Kyoshi award system and many others.

I would like to stand for this post because I would like to ensure that the direction being taken by the current laidobu EC represents the members wishes. I believe that the role must have, at its heart, an ability and willingness to communicate effectively between the members, the Bu EC and the NC. I think that I have this ability to represent our members and I know that I have this willingness.

To this role I can bring a range of experiences in the following areas:

- I have organised major events such as European Championships on two occasions, numerous summer seminars, 2015's Koryu Embu Taikai.
- I have good relations with our Japanese patron teachers for whom I have translated and have coordinated their visits to the UK over many years.
- I have a good knowledge of the BKA Constitution as I was the only elected Bu officer to have office both before and after the new constitution and worked in both regimes.

If I am elected I will do my utmost to drive forwards the laido membership's best interests through clear and open communication with the laido BuEC and sturdy representation at National Committee level.