

Statement in support of application for post of Iaido Grading Officer

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I started training in Iaido in the early part of 2002 under Ian Applegarth Sensei in Darlington.

In May 2008 (as a 3rd dan) I completed the BKA level 1 coaching course and the following year spent almost 2 months in Japan, the majority of which was spent training in Kobe under the guidance of Oshita Masakazu Sensei 8 dan Kyoshi.

In March 2011, I completed the Grading Panel Mentoring Scheme and have since been on a number of BKA grading panels.

In September 2011, I completed the BKA level 2 coaching course and am now a BKA regional coach.

In the latter half of 2012 I took on the role of BKA Complaints Officer before moving onto the post of Iaido grading officer in 2015 which I still currently hold.

Having now carried out this role for almost 2 years I am familiar with pretty much any of the potential challenges and issues this role can bring. I have approached the role in a professional manner, ensuring the gradings have run smoothly and efficiently. Following the gradings themselves I have updated BKA records quickly and ensured appropriate information has been passed on.

I am methodical, have good administrative skills as well as being flexible to ensure members have been able to grade at short notice.

My intention if successful in retaining this post is to stand down at the 2018 AGM. I have already had another BKA member express interest in the role who is wanting to "shadow" me over this period to put them in a position to apply for the post in 2018.

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