

Nomination Statement:

Jock Hopson: (BKA 195) standing for Jodo DRC Chair.

About myself:

I qualified as a teacher in July 1967 and am registered as such with the Department of Education and Science (D.E.S. No.63/16423) .

I currently hold an Enhanced DBS Cert No. 001546156870 Dated 26/09/2016

I have been an active member of the BKA since 1963 and was a member of the committee formed to re-write the old constitution.

I was Chairman of the BKA 1978 – 1979, Vice Chair BKA 1975-1976, Chair BKA Technical Committee 1977-1980 and have undertaken other roles on the BKA N.C since 1985 (Equipment Secretary, 3 WKC Organising Committee, Technical Director for all three Bu etc.), Director of International Affairs from 2009 to 2015.

I am one of only two Europeans to hold Nanadan Kyoshi in Kendo, Iaido and Jodo. (Kendo in 1994, Iaido in 1998 and Jodo in 2000) .

I have been a referee at two World Kendo Taikai and have wide experience as either referee or shinpan shunin at European Iaido Championships.

I attended the first seminar specifically for Jodo Refereeing in December 1991 and since that time have attended nearly all Jodo Referee Seminars at the European Jodo Taikai under the guidance of the ZNKR and those run by senior Japanese Jodo teachers at our own BKA Summer Seminars. With the exception of 2014, I have refereed at all major BKA Jodo Taikai as Shinpan, Shinpan Shunin or as Shinpan Cho.

I have trained with the UK Jodo squad members at all levels over many years as well as my regular input to Eishinkan Dojo. Having taught at all levels from absolute beginners at Dojo level to senior members of the Jodo squad I feel I have the necessary background and am known to enough people to enable me to represent the wishes of the BKA Jodo members and to promote their wishes and interests at National Committee level .