

Election Statement

Al Colebourn (4648) standing for NC Secretary

I have been a BKA member since the mid-1990s and involved in BKA administration for the past decade. Having held, or stood-in for, all roles in the Jodo Bu EC, I am conversant with the structure and operation of the BKA administration.

During my tenure in various BKA posts, I have been involved in the creation and development of numerous BKA policies and processes. I have attended numerous NC meetings over the past few years and I am familiar with the format of the meetings and the responsibilities of the role of NC Secretary.

The main tasks of the role:

- receive / reply to all correspondence related to the business of the NC and distribute correspondence relevant to the BuEC;
- organise the activities of the NC under the direction of the Chair;
- keep a true and faithful record of all correspondence received and sent and the action taken;
- convene meetings of the NC, AGM/EGM according to the constitution;
- instigate and co-ordinate the election procedures as detailed elsewhere in the Constitution;
- supervise and be responsible for any outsourced administrative functions related to the above;

are all duties I have direct experience of through running the jodo bu and organising combined events with the iaido bu, as well as in my professional capacity as an engineer.

If elected, I will endeavour to assist the smooth and effective running of the NC in the service of all BKA members. Although I am resident in Germany, I will personally cover my costs to travel to the UK to attend NC meetings and other BKA events as the post requires.