

Nomination Statement:

Robert Townson - BKA Number: 007695 – standing for Gradings Officer.

I currently hold the grades of Godan in Iaido and Nidan in Jodo and have been selected to compete at European level for both arts, achieving Gold medals at both Mudan and Shodan level at the European Jodo Championships. I am a Level 1 coach and have completed the Examiner Mentoring Program.

I have been a member of the British Kendo Association for 14 years and I now feel it is time for me to get involved at a more senior level and develop myself further. I am looking to take on the role of Gradings Officer and help with the organisation of the Iaido Bu and give something back to the association that has helped and supported me over the years.

As part of my professional role I have experience working to deadlines, as part of a small team to ensure tasks are completed in a timely fashion.

The Iaido-bu has been through turbulent times recently and I would like to work with the fellow bu officers to help restore calm and normality. I will also work towards rebuilding the relationships with our Japanese patron teachers and our UK high grades to restore their support in instruction, grading and judging in all events.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Townson