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ELECTION STATEMENT TO SUPPORT NOMINATION FOR POST OF **NC Treasurer**

I have been a member of the BKA since 2010, studying under Greg Drew Sensei (Iaido and Jodo Renshi 6th dan) and Paul Gledhill Sensei (4th dan Kendo, 5th dan Iaido and 4th dan Jodo) at Stevenage Kenyukan dojo.

Over the last few years I have supported both the Iaido and Jodo bu by volunteering to help out during seminars and other official functions. Outside the BKA I am a full time academic working in an UK Higher Education Institution as a lecturer in Finance.

I understand that the organisation has had differences in opinions recently regarding income, expense and how it is recorded for report and auditing processes. As I am not politically involved in the debate, I aim to listen to the relevant concerns and try my best to resolve the differences in opinions so that we can steer our organisation onto the right track.

If I am given this opportunity I shall work closely with all the bu cashiers (Kendo, Iaido, and Jodo) to try to automate transactions and keep a complete and clear record of all incomes and expenses. I also expect the support of our current and past officers to facilitate an adequate way forward ahead of necessary financial reporting and auditing procedures.