

Election Statement – National Committee Vice-Chair

I am Hilary Hadley, current Vice Chair of the Association and I wish to stand for election for a further two year period commencing May 22nd 2010. I have agreed to shorten my period of current tenure from two years to one year to ensure that the election of Chair of the Association and Vice Chair is staggered, to provide maximum continuity for the Association.

I was a member of the Constitutional Working Party which constructed the new Constitution and my job over the last year since the May 2009 election has been to ensure that the new Constitution has been correctly implemented and where interpretation has been required, to give it. I work closely with the Chair and all the NC and BU Officers to make sure that the transition process has succeeded and that all three BU achieve the independent management of BU activities within their own budgets, whilst remaining a unified Association providing core services to all members. I have been determined that the BKA should remain one body, functioning for the good of all members equally whatever discipline they principally follow. It has been most important that the implementation of the new Constitution has been considered a fair process by all three of the BU and that the experience of working together, in partnership with all the NC Officers, leads to fair outcomes and solutions.

It has not been an unproblematic year, because management of change is difficult. Various parts of the Constitution have needed small amendments and the new Complaints Procedure has been utilised on a number of occasions. Different ways of accounting for the work for the Association has also needed time to bed in. However I believe I have provided valuable advice and support through this process to all who have requested it, on a reasonable and impartial basis.

I am a practitioner of Iaido and Jodo, a member of the BKA of many years standing, and am the Dojo Leader for Seishinkan SW London. By profession I am a senior Trade Union Official, responsible for the management of the work of a large Department including industrial negotiations, conflict resolution, and strategic planning.

I am standing for re-election so that I can continue to contribute to the process of adjusting to the new constitution and to providing advice to the Chairman, the NC and all Bu officers. I hope that within the not too distant future, the “New Constitution” will become “The Constitution” of the BKA. I have the proven skills needed to ensure this is achieved as well as the necessary commitment.