**Candidate Name**

**Pat Rooney**

**My Toastmasters Experience**

* Joined January 2018
* CC10 June 2018
* ACB
* ALB
* Team Collaboration
* Leadership Development
* Presentation Mastery
* Dynamic Leadership
* Strategic Relationships
* Visionary Communications
* In progress: Motivational Strategies & Engaging Humour
* Pathways Mentoring Award (2)
* Triple Crown (4)
* VPM 2018-19
* Speechcraft 2018-19
* President 2019-20 & 2020-21
* President’s Distinguished Club in both years of presidency
* Organised outdoor meetings during pandemic
* Club Coach 2020-21
* VPE 2021-22
* IPP 2021-22

**Experience outside Toastmasters**

* Industrial Relations
* HR – recruitment & selection, discipline, contract termination
* Large retail financial services network management
* Shareholder relations
* Internal communications
* Public relations
* Corporate client liaison
* Board of Governance - HRB Clinical Research Facility
* Development of patient-centred care
* Editing
* Strong academic and research background
* Irish representative on the European Commission’s *Family & Work Network*
* Associate lecturing at TCD, IMI, NCIR, and NUI Maynooth

**What makes me the ideal candidate for the role?**

Competence and commitment. Within Toastmasters I have demonstrated an ability to successfully perform a variety of roles to the benefit of my club and the wider Toastmasters community. Almost from the day I joined Toastmasters, I have demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence and to serving my fellow members. My commitment to the education programme is evident in my extensive mentoring of new recruits, in the Pathways workshops I have designed and delivered, and in the energy and focus I have brought to my own journey through the programme (completing my first path, pre-covid, within a month and completing a later path online within five days).

**Why do I want the role?**

Toastmasters has been good to me. As someone who joined several years after retirement, it has allowed me to develop new skills and to draw on an existing skillset that was in danger of becoming dormant. I’ve always been a strong believer in giving something back. Taking on the role of Division Director is the next logical step in both my development as a Toastmaster and my service to the District for all the benefit I have derived from membership.

**If you were elected, what would be your key actions in the role?**

* Recruitment drive
* Mentoring
* Succession planning
* Strong and coherent internal communications