

Cycling Ireland Board - Candidate Bio



Name: William Byrne

Province: Leinster

Please outline your experience and suitability for this position (max. 400 words):

I have over 30 years experience working in senior finance roles both within leading an Irish PLC and leading audit firms, such as BDO and Grant Thornton. I am a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and am a member of the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors.

I currently work for a global leading Not-For-Profit organisation, holding the role of Regional Senior Vice President for Finance, Grants and HR across Europe/Eurasia. I have been working for this organisation since 2010, managing over €30mi of EU grants along with managing in excess of €15mi annual donor funds and also overseas major sporting event finances which include budgets in excess of €130mi. Finally, I am responsible for the regional financial & grant budgets, internal control and reporting on all aspects of finance related matters, as well as HR, GDPR, Global Data Protection Officer and strategy development.

During my membership of Cycling Ireland, I have raced on the National squad for Cycling Ireland, won National Elites titles, have managed National teams, won volunteer of the year, applied and received for sports capital grants on behalf of CI, was chair of the coaching committee, a member of Leinster Cycling and Track Commission for many years.

I am also the chair of an athletic club's coaching committee with over 650 members, a board of management member of a school, a member of the finance committee for another two national bodies and a director/trustee of an Irish Registered Charity, which I co-founded.

I enjoy running and participating in triathlons, having also represented Ireland under Triathlon Ireland and Athletics Ireland.

I have served as Cycling Ireland's Treasurer for four years and Company Secretary for two. In these roles, I helped transform Cycling Ireland from a loss-making body into a financially secure



organisation with robust controls and compliance procedures to support the strategic growth of cycling in Ireland.

Consequently, it would be both a privilege and an honour to be reappointed as a Board Member and Company Treasurer of Cycling Ireland.

Please give three key points from the details above (this will be used for social media assets):

- Skill set and experience
- Continue a role already started
- Passion and inclusion for a sport I love