

Executive Director's Report
May 29, 2018

2017 Audit

The 2017 audited financial statements are ready for approval. A Special Meeting with Skills Canada BC members has been scheduled to begin 10 minutes before the for May 29, 2018 (10:00 AM – 10:10 AM -- online).

WorldSkills October 15 + 16, 2018 (Amsterdam) The Netherlands

The WorldSkills 2018 Conference will have three distinct tracks – Inspire, Develop, and Influence. One of the main themes will be the Dutch system, based on the triple helix: an intertwining network of government, education, and industry. This approach ensures that skills are constantly brought to a next level, linking education to the latest developments in the world of work. At this time the Skills Canada BC board is interested in submitting a presentation proposal for WorldSkills 2018 in Amsterdam. The content of the presentation would likely be focused on Indigenous engagement, partnerships and community collaboration.

Russia 2019 (Youth Conference)

Shaun Thorsen CEO Skills Canada is making inquiries to see if Skills Canada BC would be able to submit a proposal to make a presentation at the Youth Conference in Russia in 2019.

Provincials (2018)

The 2018 Provincial competition was held on April 18, 2018 at the Tradex. As usual this event was well attended and received by attendees, competitors and sponsors. The Women in Trade and Technology conference was well attended and praised by mentors and students alike. Planning for the 2019 Provincial competition will begin at the May 24, 2018 staff planning session.

Inspire

The Inspire Program continues to grow and flourish throughout 2018. More Inspire presenters have been brought on board to deliver more Inspire presentations, in more communities, province-wide. Initiatives to update curriculum include robotics and coding are underway.

Northern Opportunities Meeting – Fort St. John (May 16, 2018)

Skills Canada BC's Executive Director made a presentation to the Northern Opportunities group in Fort St. John to provide updates and information about the organization. After this presentation Skills Canada BC's Director of Programs presented a shortened version of the Inspire to the Northern Opportunities group.

Competitor Recognition Event – Fort St. John (May 16, 2018)

Skills Canada BC's Executive Director, Director of Programs and Manager of Competitions attended the Peace Region's Competition Recognition event in Taylor (outside Dawson Creek) on May 16, 2018. This was the first time Skills Canada BC staff attended this annual event in the Peace Region. Event planners, competitors and attendees were pleased to have Skills Canada BC at their annual event.

Volunteer Appreciation Party (November 2018)

Skills Canada BC will host a wine and cheese Volunteer Appreciation party (3:30 – 5:30 PM - TBC) at the CES conference on November 19, 2018. As part of this engagement, CES will formally recognize Skills Canada BC as an event sponsor and will include Skills Canada BC in all of its conference advertising, swag and signage. Additionally, CES will provide Skills Canada BC with an opportunity to host a panel discussion (2:30 – 3:30 PM – TBC) prior to the start of the Volunteer Appreciation party.

Business and Sustainability Plan 2017 - 2020

Skills Canada BC forwarded a copy of its 2017 – 2020 Business & Sustainability Plan to the ITA. It is anticipated that the Executive Director will be scheduled to make a presentation to the ITA board in the coming months to provide updates on the organization.

CAF Presentation in June (Montreal date)

Skills Canada BC's Executive Director, at the invitation of the Construction Foundation of BC, will be participating in a panel presentation at the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum's bi-annual conference, in Montreal, June 11-12.

Save the Date! Skills Canada BC's Annual Gala (November 20 2018)

Skills Canada BC will host its annual gala event at Science World on November 20, 2018. Details to follow. The Science World space offers great views of False Creek, terrific venue space, and flexibility for food and beverage service and is close to the Science World SkyTrain station.