

**Executive Director's Report  
February 4, 2020**

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### **Regionals (2020)**

The Annual Regional Coordinator's (RC) meeting was held November 27, 2019. The ITA attended this meeting and asked for proposals from the RC's for additional funding to help them expand individual Regional competitions throughout 2020. In total 7 proposals were submitted from individual RC's. In total \$54,000 in support was requested and \$36,472 in additional support was granted to 7 RC's for the 2020 by the ITA.

A new Regional competition will be held in Nelson (SD8). Two teachers in SD8 have signed on to be Technical Chairs for 2D, 3D Animation and Graphic Design. The event will be hosted by the Digital/Media Arts department at Selkirk College in Nelson.

<https://skillscanada.bc.ca/2020-regional-competitions-schedule/>

### **Provincials (2020)**

The Provincial competition will be held April 15, 2020. With the expansion of competitions space is at a premium. To address space issues a building across the street (Airside) will be rented for the day.

### **Provincials (2021)**

The Provincials 2021 will be held April 14, 2021 at the Tradex in Abbotsford.

### **Nationals 2020**

Preparations are well underway for the Nationals 2020 to be held in Vancouver, May 27 – 30, 2020. BC is in the process of designing new t-shirts for the Nationals 2020.

### **Board Reception (May 29, 2020)**

Bellagio Italian Restaurant/Patio has been identified as a convenient location to host a board reception during the Nationals 2020. This location is located steps away from the west entrance of the Convention Centre and provides affordable options for food and drink. The board reception could be a combined event hosting both a board reception and SCBC's traditional "pizza night" for BC's National competitors.

<http://www.bellaggiocafe.com/convention/>

### **May 29, 2020 Board Meeting**

The next SCBC board meeting will be held inside the Convention Centre in the afternoon (time/room to be confirmed). May 29, 2020 will be "Day 2" of the 2-day National 2020 competition.

### **National Skills Awareness Week (November 1 – 7, 2019)**

SCBC staff worked with Skills Canada to coordinate meetings and events for November 1, 2 and 5, 2019. These events/meetings were hosted by Skills Canada and were designed to raise awareness about the Nationals 2020.

### **Nationals 2021**

Skills Canada BC has reserved a block of rooms at the Concorde Hotel in Quebec City for the 2021 Nationals. This hotel is located near the old city and is close to the competition site. The cost for the rooms will be \$190 per night and includes a full breakfast. This hotel has a lot of double rooms so competitors can share rooms. As well, a block of rooms costing \$40 - \$75 per night have been reserved at Laval University for those travelling on a budget. (Laval University is about a 20 drive to the old city and is on the transit lines.)

[https://skillscanada.bc.ca/Board\\_Reports/February-4-2020/Proposed-Board-Reception-May-29-2020.pdf](https://skillscanada.bc.ca/Board_Reports/February-4-2020/Proposed-Board-Reception-May-29-2020.pdf)

### **Shanghai 2021**

The WorldSkills Advisory Group met twice to discuss Team Canada's selection process. The Advisory Group will be recommending to the National Board that the Team Canada selection process remains the same as it was the 2019 WorldSkills. This would see the two top competitors working towards a final competition at the Nationals in Quebec City in 2021 to decide the winner.

### **AGM 2020**

The AGM will be scheduled for November 24, 2020, 6:00 – 6:45 PM at Science World in the theatre on the second floor.

### **Annual Gala 2020**

Science World has been booked for the AGM and Annual Gala, November 24, 2020. Skills Canada BC WorldSkills (2015 & 2019) alumni, Patricia and Clarissa Roque, will MC the gala.

### **Sponsorship 2020**

Sponsorship targets for 2020 is set at \$250,000. To date, \$150,000 has been raised. SCBC is waiting to still for confirmation from long-term partners for financial contributions for 2020 to top up the sponsorship funding.

### **Fiscal Year End Change & Audit 2019/2020**

SCBC's request to change its year end date from December 31 to August 31 was approved by the CRA. SCBC's new year end date is now August 31, 2020.

Going forward the SCBC board will need to decide whether it prefers to pursue an audit for the time period covering January to December 2019 or pursue an audit for January 2019 to August 2020 (the new year end date).

The second option (above) will likely be less expensive for SCBC and will ensure that its audited financial statements will ready for the AGM on November 24, 2020. Regardless of which option the board would like to pursue SCBC will need to file its 2019 CRA returns (Jan to Dec 2019).

[https://skillscanada.bc.ca/Board\\_Reports/February-4-2020/Letter from the Charities Directorate 2019 12 05 14 10 08 055.pdf](https://skillscanada.bc.ca/Board_Reports/February-4-2020/Letter from the Charities Directorate 2019 12 05 14 10 08 055.pdf)

### Legacy Funding

Efforts to set up a meeting with AEST's Deputy Minister and Skills Canada BC's Board President are underway. Ideally, this meeting would occur early February 2020.

### The Inspire Program

The Inspire Program is continuing to garner favourable feedback from the schools where it is being delivered. SCBC met with the Ministry of Education (MOE) on November 28, 2019 to discuss possible funding of the Inspire Program. MOE staff are scheduled to attend an Inspire presentation in Victoria on February 7, 2020.

### IT Administration

The SCBC's digital platform and data storage will need to be upgraded to support the high volume of registrations SCBC is now processing. At this time SCBC is mapping out changing/upgrading its server to occur after the Provincials 2020.

### Operations

All staff as well as SCBC's accountant and IT Administration have been working together to create processes, technology solutions, communications plans and messaging for the 2020 competition season for approving/paying bus/travel subsidies. There were travel subsidy cost overruns in 2019 that SCBC is actively working to prevent in 2020. Now for the 2020 competition season there are newly created tools in place to monitor the Regionals and the Provincial travel subsidies in 2020.

### Alumni

SCBC will work with alum Patricia and Clarissa Roque to help them emcee the Annual Gala program on November 24, 2020 at Science World. Additionally, SCBC will work with Alumni to help develop programming for the Provincials 2020, with focus on the 3:00 – 6:00 PM time slot where there tends to be a lull between the competitions shutting down and the Medal Ceremonies.