

## Executive Director's Report

January 19, 2021

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Online Meeting

### Online Challenges

Skills Canada BC's online challenges continue to grow in size and popularity. A new focus for the online challenges is that SCBC is now incorporating aspects of Regional and Provincial competition scope documents into these challenges. Doing so gives SCBC the opportunity to introduce competition scope documents to an audience that has likely never considered competing in a Skills Canada BC Regional or Provincial competition before.

- **Video Challenge Submission**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94ny-o-lsCM>
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D85A76pJhjk>

### Inspire Program

The South Island Partnership has booked 90 – 110 Inspire presentations. Delivery of the Inspire Program will vary depending on the safety protocols of each school. The Inspire Program's Open Source Learning Portal also continues to expand its video content and teacher guides and resources.

Check out Inspire's Open Source Learning Portal here: <https://skillscanada.bc.ca/inspire-information-portal/>

### Regionals 2021

Despite many obstacles to delivering in-person Regional competitions in 2021, SCBC staff have been meeting with its Regional Coordinators on an ongoing basis. To overcome limitation of the pandemic, some new online robotics and coding challenges have been developed that can be scaled province-wide. Additionally, new models of offering the Regionals in classroom cohorts are being planned for the 2021 competition year.

- **Junior Skills Wind Turbine Video - Tutorial**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYkyNrX5iLs&t=18s>
- **Junior Skills Tutorial Video: How to Build the Base Model Gravity Vehicle**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4ITzvq\\_FHE&t=98s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4ITzvq_FHE&t=98s)
- **Junior Skills Promo Video**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rslurFjBRaU&t=9s>

### **Provincials 2021**

Due to ongoing social distancing requirements, SCBC will not be able to use the Tradex for the Provincials 2021. Therefore, Provincials 2021 planning continues to evolve. Skills Canada BC will be flexible with dates/times of the competitions to allow for maximum participation. It is likely that most of the Provincial competitions will take place remotely with planning to judge the competitions remotely using zoom and other live/remote software.

### **Provincials 2022**

Skills Canada BC is working with the Vancouver Convention Centre and the Skills Canada National office to see if it would be possible for Skills Canada BC to host its Provincials 2022 in this facility, days prior to the start of the Nationals 2022. Doing so, would save the National office time/money in setting up the Nationals. Hence, there may be some cost-sharing initiatives that Skills Canada BC and Skills Canada could put in place to help fund the cost of hosting these events in 2022.

### **Nationals 2021**

The Quebec City site for hosting the Nationals 2021 has been cancelled. So, the Nationals 2021, will become remote/virtual competitions. The National 2021 competitions will not be a qualifying year for the WorldSkills 2022.

### **Nationals 2022**

The National board approved rescheduling the National competitions for the next three years as follows:

- Vancouver 2022
- Winnipeg 2023
- Ontario in 2024

### **Team Canada Qualifying Event**

Skills Canada is planning to host a qualifying event, concurrent to the National competition at the Vancouver Convention Center in 2022. Each Skills Canada Member Organization will be able to self-select the competitor that will compete to get onto Team Canada in this event.

### **Shanghai 2022**

At this time, WorldSkills is planning on going ahead in Shanghai in either October or November 2022.

### **Audit 2020**

Audit 2020 has been completed. There is a small surplus from the 2020 operating year which is good news given the great disruption in business and industry during the pandemic.

### **Alumni & Partner Series**

Skills Canada BC has been working with Alumni and its partners to create video content for its Inspire Program, new YouTube Channel, and social media feeds. Many of these videos tell inspire stories of SCBC's Alumni and their journeys into the skilled trades.

- **Job Search Competition – Alumni, Molly Macleay**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpdwGa0LMwU&t=11s>
- **Alumni Siblings: Clarissa and Patricia Roque | World Skills Team Canada 2019 and 2015**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZLG2f2YkJO&t=19s>

### **Communications Team**

Skills Canada BC has been participating in regular zoom calls with the Member Organizations to coordinate communications activities for alumni and special events. Collaboration with the National office and the Member Organizations have never been higher. These collaborative efforts are resulting in significant information sharing, best practices and learning/teaching moments.