

Executive Director's Report
July 9, 2021
10:30 AM– 12:00 PM
Online Meeting

Online Challenges

Skills BC is looking at incorporating business development activities into the Online Challenges. Currently, Skills BC is talking with BCIT about developing Online Challenges that could drive enrolment into various programs for the fall.

<https://skillscanada.bc.ca/trades-and-tech-digital-challenges/>

Inspire Program

Skills BC is in talks with the ITA about funding the Inspire Program for the 2021/22 season. Next meeting with the ITA will be on July 28, 2021.

Additionally, Skills BC is looking at supporting the Inspire Program in the SIP vis-a-vie In-kind donations of various supplies and Kidder Kits (500 wind turbine and 500 bird house kits) in 2021/22. This In-kind contribution would be valued at just over \$20,000.

Skills BC continues to expand the learning tools in the Inspire Program's Open-Source Learning Portal. <https://skillscanada.bc.ca/inspire-information-portal/>

Competitions 2021

Nationals 2021

The National Office coordinated the materials and supplies to competitors and/or competition sites for use in the National Virtual 2021 competitions.

SCBC requested that the National Office record orientation sessions for proctor so that proctors who are unable to attend the live session can review the recorded presentations and save on TOC charges.

All the documents for the National Virtual 2021 competitions have been uploaded to the SCBC website.

<https://skillscanada.bc.ca/competitions/national-competitions/>

June 15, 2021 – Closing Ceremonies

The Closing Ceremonies were held via a recorded presentation during an online VFairs day on June 15, 2021. Click here to see results: https://skillscanada.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/SCNC21-Virtual-Competitor_results-100-scale.pdf

Sponsorship

ESDC – Additional Funding Possibility

Skills BC submitted a “Letter of Support” to the National Office, vis-a-vie a proposal that Skills Alberta is submitting to ESDC. This funding proposal would allow MO’s like Skills BC, to apply for additional funding within the ESDC portfolio. At this time, Skills Alberta is collecting “Letters of Support” from the MO’s to submit to ESDC.

If funding eligibility is approved by ESDC, this Skills Alberta initiative, would be managed by the National Office, for the MO’s that apply for this additional funding. This funding would be targeted to host “Skilled Trades, Awareness and Readiness” and would likely be focused on TAT activities. Skills BC is in the process of developing a concept/program for the funding proposal it will submit under this new (TBA) funding stream.

IDesign

Skills BC is reaching out to IDesign to talk about a possible sponsorship package for technology competitions in 2022.

Essential Skills

Skills BC submitted a funding proposal for Essential Skills funding in the amount of \$125,000. Hopefully, this funding in part or in full, will be approved in the coming weeks.

Budget 2021/22 (Revised)

The Budget 2021/22 reviewed on May 27, 2021, by the board has been revised so that it shows zero deficit. To achieve a zero-deficit budget the board will need to pass a motion to move \$100k slippage from 2020 into the 2021/22 budget. Skills BC is becoming more confident that additional revenue, not currently reported in the revised budget, will be obtained for operations in 2021/22.

Nationals 2022, 2023 & 2024

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

- Vancouver 2022
- Winnipeg 2023
- Toronto 2024

Team Canada Qualifying Event

Skills Canada is planning to host qualifying events, 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 2022 is planned for Shanghai (October 12- 17, 2022).

Alumni & Partner Series

Skills Canada BC has been working with its Alumni and partners to create video content for its Inspire Program, YouTube Channel, social media feeds and newsletters. These videos tell inspiring stories about SCBC's Alumni and their journeys into the skilled trades and technology fields. New videos are scheduled for release throughout the summer 2021.