

**Executive Director's Report  
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## Regionals (2019)

The Regional competitions have been well attended this year. The last regional competition of the season will be held on March 13, 2019 at BCIT. Highlights from the 2019 Regionals include a rise in number of competitor numbers and Junior Skills competitors at Vancouver Island University and College of New Caledonia where SCBC has struggled to grow these numbers in the past. SCBC developed a software registration system was developed and implemented for the 2019 Regional competitions.

## Provincial (2019)

Preparations are well underway for the 2019 Provincials. SCBC met with all the contractors at the Tradex on February 25 for a strategic planning session. Due to lack of time and resources SCBC has decided to postpone introducing an electronic Show App until 2020. A new software registration system has been created for the 2019 Provincial competition.

## Nationals (2019)

Planning and preparation for the 2019 Nationals are well underway. The Canadian finalists for the 2019 WorldSkills competition will be announced on May 30, 2019 in Halifax during the medal ceremonies. BC has 7 competitors who will be competing for these final spots on Team Canada. These competitors will be sitting with Team BC when the finalists are announced.

## Sponsorship 2019

We are in the home stretch for finalizing sponsorship for 2019 Provincials. New 2019 sponsors include: BC Dental Association, Harbour Air, and possibly Honda Canada. It is recommended that the board create a Sponsorship committee to review the SCBC sponsorship packages and partnership offerings.

## 2020 Nationals

Letters have been sent to Minister of AEST, Minister of Ed and the Premier's Office asking for operational support for the 2020. Bi-weekly calls are occurring behind the scenes with Ministry staff to help plan and coordinate the province's support and participation. Skills Canada identified that SCBC should be looking for a financial contribution of \$250,000 or more from its provincial government to help cover costs.

## BC Gov't & the ITA

Both the BC Gov't and the ITA are in the process of approving \$150,000 (each) in funding for 2019. SCBC is having ongoing discussion with both entities to try and get funding for SCBC set up as a line item so that this funding base can be stabilized for the years ahead.

## Inspire Program

The Inspire Program continues to successfully deliver an in-school, hands-on experience to the K-12 school system. As of February 25, 2019, for the 2018/2019 fiscal year, the Inspire Program had been delivered to 10,500 of students, another 2,100 are booked and it is anticipated the program will be delivered to a total of 15,000 by the end of June 2019.

The Inspire Committee has been meeting and has provided recommendations to the board for this program for the 2019/2020 school year.

## Ongoing Projects

New data collection tools are being created to meet the future requirements of provincial government funders.

## Possible Event in Victoria in the Fall

Ministry staff suggest best to host an event for MLA's and Premier would work best at the end of the current session -- mid-May with invites going out in March.

## Russia

SCBC has been invited to speak at the WorldSkills Conference in Kazan. Conference presentations include:

- **Five inspirational stories that demonstrate that skills change lives")** Abigail Fulton (7 minutes speech + 5 minutes Q&A)
- **"Thriving as global and local citizens"** Kelly Betts (Workshop opening remarks and resource person for the session(s).
- **Making work meaningful"** (Abigail Fulton).
- **"Cooperation practices to train agile skilled young people"** (Abigail and Kelly contributors and resource participants.)