Executive Director's Report

Extraordinary Board Meeting

March 30, 2020

Regionals 2020

Skills Canada BC completed all its scheduled Regional 2020 competitions on March 12, 2020. This year, as in 2019, Skills Canada BC hosted 3,100 competitors in its Regional competitions.

Provincials 2020

Due to the coronavirus outbreak Skills Canada BC's Provincial 2020 competition, scheduled for April 15, was cancelled. All suppliers that were paid deposits have agreed to extend deposits to the 2021 competition year.

Nationals 2020

Due to the coronavirus outbreak Skills Competence Canada has cancelled its National 2020 competition that was scheduled to be held in Vancouver, May 27 – 30, 2020.

Nationals 2021

The Skills Canada National competition is scheduled to be held in Quebec City, PQ. 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

Nationals 2022

Skills Competence Canada is currently working with its BC-based suppliers to see if it would be possible to host the Nationals 2022 in Vancouver. In order for Vancouver to be greenlighted to host the Nationals 2022, the Skills Canada Manitoba board will need to agree to the change in dates as Winnipeg is currently scheduled to host the Nationals 2022. Once these conversations have taken place the Skills Canada BC board can discuss its interest in hosting the Nationals in 2022.

WorldSkills 2021 (Shanghai)

The Canadian WorldSkills 2021 Committee is discussing how to select competitors for Team Canada 2021. The next meeting to discuss possible options is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

AGM 2020

The AGM is scheduled for November 24, 2020, 6:00 – 6:45 PM at Science World in the theatre on the second floor. The board will need to decide if they would like to reschedule the AGM 2020 to become an online meeting or keep this booking in place.

Annual Gala 2020

Science World has been booked for the AGM and Annual Gala, November 24, 2020. The board will need to decide if they would like to cancel or proceed with this event in 2020.

Projects for 2020

With the cancellations of both the Provincials and Nationals 2020, Skills Canada BC staff is now freed up to work on many capacity-building projects heading into the 2021 competition year. These include:

- Alumni/Mentorship (programs, profiles, engagement)
- Website (rebuild digital platform, registration systems, database, CRM and online waivers).
- Project Management (implement online project management software to organize/streamline competition planning, bring forward dates, budgets, item lists for each competition area, timelines, accountability).
- Sponsorship (build out supply partners, in-kind sponsors, new partnerships and nurture existing sponsorship relationships).
- Photos Library (catalogue videos, photos, online accessibility and access).
- Dropbox (review/organize).
- Newsletters (alumni/partner features)
- Pan Canadian Comms Team administered by National office. Work with MO's to build united social media/communications strategy across the country.
- Research new marketing opportunities including key conferences and trade shows.
- Storage Room (go through storage room again, boxes, supplies and catalogue and organize).
- Finish Regional Banner project.
- Redesign/source new pop up banners.
- ITA (Women in Trades initiative planning Sept rollout (working group participation).
- Gala follow up.
- Review competition rules and strengthen working relations with tech chairs, judges and volunteer.
- Other, as identified.