

Executive Director's Report

March 5, 2021

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Online Meeting

Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training

SCBC met with the new Minister of Advanced Education & Skills Training (Hon. Anne Kang) on February 18, 2021 to discuss funding, the upcoming competition year, in-school programming, women in trades conferences and online challenges. Minister Kang approved SCBC's funding for 2021 (\$250,000) and asked that SCBC send out an email to its list conveying the Minister's enthusiasm for the work that SCBC is doing around the province.

Online Challenges

Skills Canada BC's Online Challenges continue to grow in popularity and are now incorporating aspects of Regional and Provincial competition scope documents. Doing so gives SCBC the opportunity to introduce competition scope documents to a wider audience that likely has never considered competing in a Skills Canada BC Regional or Provincial competition before.

- **Video Challenge Winner (Grade 8)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0-E-xMhjel>

- **Video Challenge Winner (Grade 11)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dRdoVJ6UXc>

Inspire Program

The South Island Partnership has booked 90 – 110 Inspire presentations and has delivered the bulk of these booked sessions. Delivery of the Inspire Program varies 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/>

Competitions 2021 - Video Footage Collection

Skills Canada BC has been working with its TV & Video Production Tech Chairs to create online tools so that video footage from its Regionals and Provincials 2021 can be upload it to central link. Going forward the plan will be to use this footage to create "highlights" videos for both the Regionals and Provincials 2021 competitions. Click here to review video upload process: <https://skillscanada.bc.ca/2021-regionals-and-provincial-video-footage/>

Regionals 2021

SCBC staff continue to meet regularly with its Regional Coordinators to facilitate dialogue on how to host Regional competitions in a changing landscape. The new online robotics challenge hosted out of Vancouver SD already has 400 students registered as well as 50 observers. (Observers have paid \$25 each to register to watch this competition). The newly expanded robotics challenge is being rolled out to SD's throughout the province. Additionally, new models of offering the Regionals in classroom cohorts are being planned for the 2021 competition year.

Junior Skills 2021

Two new instructional videos (below) demonstrate to educators who they can host Jr. Skills Wind Turbine and Gravity Vehicle competitions. These videos are on SCBC's new Youtube Channel.

- **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
- **Junior Skills Promo Video**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rslurFjBRaU&t=9s>

Women in Trades Conference (February 12, 2021)

On February 12, 2021, the Northern Peace Region hosted its first of two Women in Trades conferences for 2021 online. Classrooms from Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Chetwyn and Dawson Creek participated via zoom while the instructor, located in Dawson Creek, walked the students through a hands on activity that required the participants to build a Steam Punk Lamp. Fifty-five students participated in this event.

The second Women in Trades Conference will be held in March for a school located in Tumbler Ridge and will be walked through a similar hands on activity.

Provincials 2021

SCBC hosted its first Provincial competition on February 11, 2021, in Maple Ridge. This crane competition was hosted by the IUOE in Maple Ridge. SCBC staff were able to attend (safely and observing strict covid-19 protocols.)

SCBC's Provincial 2021 competition schedule is very flexible on dates/times/locations so that it can accommodate all Provincial Tech Chairs who are interested in hosting a competition. Traditionally, SCBC's Provincial competitions are mid-April. In 2021 SCBC's Provincials will be held February to May.

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 October 12- 17, 2022.

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>