

**Executive Director's Report
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Regionals (2019)

Skills Canada BC's 2019 Regional competitions were well attended. **In total, 3,083 Secondary and Post-Secondary students** competed in over 18 competitions throughout the province. This is an increase of 1,053 student competitors (**34.16% growth rate**) from the 2018.

Fifty percent of the 2019 Regional competitors were **Junior Skills Students** which have been identified as a key demographic for introducing the skilled trades and technology careers.

Provincial (2019)

The 25th Annual Skills Canada BC Provincial competition was held on April 17, 2019. **Minister Melanie Mark** attended both the Trade and Technology Conference for Women and the Partner's Luncheon. 658 competitors competed in 63 competition areas.

Nationals 2019

Preparations for the 2019 Nationals are well underway. All competitors are now registered and travel arrangements are in the process of being finalized.

Russia 2019

The Canadian finalists for the 2019 WorldSkills competition will be announced on May 30, 2019 in Halifax at the medal ceremonies. BC has 7 competitors who are competing for final spots on Team Canada. The WorldSkills finalists will be seated with Team BC when the winners are announced.

Sponsorship 2019

New 2019 sponsors include: BC Dental Association, Harbour Air, BCIB, Wolseley, Alpha Educational and Technical, Visual College of Art and Design. It is recommended that a sponsorship task force be created to review the SCBC sponsorship packages and partnership offerings after the Nationals 2019.

2020 Nationals

Bi-weekly discussions are being held to discuss funding for the 2020 Nationals. 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

Funding from the BC Gov't and the ITA \$150,000 (each) was received for the 2019 fiscal year. SCBC is hosting bi-weekly discussions with its provincial partners to secure a \$100,000 top up in funding from the Ministry and establish a \$250,000 per annum contribution from the BC Gov't for the years ahead.

Inspire Program

The Inspire Program is continuing to grow and build momentum with its identified target audience. The growth of Regional competition in 2019 (**a 34.16% growth rate from 2018**) can be linked to the Inspire Program performing strongly as a feeder program that promotes SCBC competitions, in schools, throughout the province. Discussions are ongoing with the **Inspire Task Force** on how best to update its curriculum. As well, ongoing discussions with possible and future sponsors/funders is also underway.

Ongoing Projects

New data collection and reporting tools are being created on an ongoing basis to help identify emerging trends and measure program efficiencies.

Russia

SCBC board members, Abigail Fulton and Kelly Betts has been invited to speak at the WorldSkills Conference in Kazan. SCBC Conference presentations will include:

- **Five inspirational stories that demonstrate that skills change lives"**
- **Thriving as global and local citizens**
- **Making work meaningful**
- **Cooperation practices to train agile skilled young people**