

Executive Director's Report
May 29, 2020
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Online Meeting

Home-Based Challenges/Competitions

During this COVID-19 crisis, Skills Canada BC began hosting a series of challenges that students can do from home. [#SkillsAtHome Digital Challenge Series](#). The first at-home challenge was launched on April 24, 2020. These at-home challenges have become popular with students, parents, educators as well as industry and government partners. “Official Sponsors and Judges” for these at-home competitions have been SCBC Alumni and Partners. Sponsorship of these at-home challenges could possibly expand to industry partners who could pay a fee to SCBC to sponsor individual challenges.

Inspire Program (Home-Based Learning – Live Online or Recorded Presentations)

The Inspire Program has been converted into an “Open Source Learning Tool” that students and educators can begin using right away. <https://skillscanada.bc.ca/open-source-learning/> Additionally, SCBC is using analytic software to continue to track access and usage of these online learning materials.

Regionals & Provincials 2021

If SCBC needs to continue to observe social distancing regulations it will need to look at new ways it can deliver its Regional and Provincial 2021 competitions. This may include moving the Provincial 2021 competition out of the Tradex and into smaller venues. Many MOs are already delivering their provincial/territorial competitions inside partner Secondary/Post-Secondary schools. If SCBC moves its Provincials 2020 into partner schools, it could reduce operating costs and create new sponsorship opportunities vis-a-vie live streaming and expanded audience reach and engagement.

Nationals 2022

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

- Vancouver 2022
- Winnipeg 2023
- Ontario in 2024

AGM Dates

SCBC has received additional funds from ESDC to conduct two audits - an audit for year-end December 31, 2019 and year-end August 31, 2020.

Online Interviews (Alumni & Partner Series)

SCBC is scheduling a series of online interviews that can be recorded and distributed in its Newsletters. Subjects that will be covered in these online interviews will include: Job Opportunities, Alumni Series, Women in Trades and Technology Careers and others.

Virtual Competitions/Programming Committee

The MOs have formed a committee to review the work of its partners in delivering virtual competitions and at-home challenges.

PanCanadian Communications Team

Skills Canada BC is participating in weekly online meetings with the other Member Organizations to plan and execute communications strategies to leverage social media activities and share information about at-home challenges.

IT Administration

SCBC recently moved its website onto a larger, Canadian-based server and has updated its website content.