

**Executive Director's Report
November 2019**

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Regionals (2020)

Preparations are underway for the Regionals 2020. The Annual Regional Coordinator meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2019.

The staff is looking at ways of expanding the Regional competitions in the Kootenays to include Selkirk College in Nelson in 2020.

Provincials (2020)

The Provincial competition will be held April 15, 2019. With the growth of competitions space is at a premium. To address space issues a building across the street (Airsides) will be rented for the day.

New plans are being drafted to identify ways SCBC could reconfigure space inside the Tradex for the 2020 Provincials to hold more booth space.

The Partner's Lunch will be moved to a space behind the medal presentation stage. This will free up more space for the competitions to expand.

Provincials (2021)

The Provincials 2021 will be held April 14, 2021 at the Tradex in Abbotsford.

Nationals 2020

Planning and preparations are underway for the 2020 Nationals to be held in Vancouver May 28 & 29, 2020 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Opening Ceremonies will be held on May 27 and the Closing Ceremonies will be held on May 30, 2020. Meetings with the BC Government, Skills Competence Canada and Skills Canada BC were held in Victoria on September 10, 2019 to discuss provincial support and engagement for the 2020 Nationals.

SCBC staff worked with Skills Canada to coordinate meetings and events for November 1, 2 and 5, 2019. These events and meetings were hosted by Skills Canada and are considered "kick off" events in the lead up to the Nationals 2020.

Quebec City 2021

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 a room. 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.)

AGM 2019

The AGM is scheduled for November 26, 2019, 6:00 – 6:45 PM at Science World in the theatre on the second floor.

Annual Gala

Planning and preparations are underway for the Annual Gala to be held on November 26, 2019, 7:00 – 7:30 PM at Science World. The Minister of Advanced Ed is preparing a special greeting by video that will be shown at the opening of the Gala program.

Sponsorship 2020

Business development initiatives are underway for sponsorship support in 2020. New sponsors are coming on board and existing sponsors are being encouraged to increase their sponsorship levels. Outreach to suppliers is underway to reduce cost for supplies and materials for the Provincials 2020.

Operations

The staff, accountant and IT Admin have been working together to create processes, technology solutions, communications plans, messaging, for the 2020 competition season for approving/paying bus/travel subsidies. The plan is to have newly created tools and planning in place well in advance of the start of the January to March (Regionals 2020) and April (Provincials 2020).

Alumni

SCBC connected with Minister's office to locate alumni for a Gov't of BC video feature. It's possible the video may be able to showcase Skills Canada BC's competitions as a pathway into apprenticeships, business ownership and skilled employment opportunities throughout the province.

BC Gov't & the ITA

SCBC's Director of Programs presented content about the Inspire! Program to the BCATTA quarterly meeting on September 26, 2019.

Ministry of Advanced Education representatives attended an Inspire Program session in Victoria on October 22, 2019.

The Ministry of Advanced Education recommended that SCBC reach out to the Ministry or Education to extend an invitation to see an Inspire presentation. The invitation was extended. A meeting to discuss in more detail has been set up for November 28 in Victoria. Long-term goal for this meeting is to obtain long-term funding for the Inspire Program.

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Skills Competence Canada has sent out drafts of the he 2020-2023 SCC Strategic Plan. Copies of these documents are available in the Skills Canada BC, Board webpage, November 26, 2019 link. <https://skillscanada.bc.ca/november-26-2019-board-meeting/>