

**Executive Director's Report
September 22, 2020
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Online Meeting**

Home-Based Challenges/Competitions

During the pandemic, Skills Canada BC has been hosting a series of “At Home Challenges” that have become very popular with students, parents and teachers. These “At Home Challenges” will continue into the fall and winter schedule. [#SkillsAtHome Digital Challenge Series.](#)

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

New videos being produced by SCBC Alumni for the Inspire Program's [Open Source Learning Portal](#). This new video and learning content are being uploaded to the Skills Canada BC website on an ongoing basis.

Regionals 2021

Two online meetings were held with the Regional Coordinators in June 2020 to touch base and begin discussing how best to host the Regionals 2021. Next zoom meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2021, 12:00 – 1:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83727835211?pwd=dTR5c1lNaXhIQlMyU3Z5Z3VTalpwZz09>

Provincials 2021

The Provincial 2021 Planning Committee met twice in June 2020 to begin discussions on how best to host the Provincials 2021 incorporating social distancing measures and maintaining safety. Due to social distancing requirements it has been decided that SCBC will not be able to use the Tradex for the Provincials 2021. At this time, hosting the competitions in various post-secondary locations and union schools around the province is being discussed. The Provincial 2021 competitions may be held on Saturdays and/or alternate days when regular classes may not be in session. (TBC).

Nationals 2022

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

- Vancouver 2022
- Winnipeg 2023
- Ontario in 2024

Audit 2019 & 2020

Audit 2019 has been completed. The 2019 audit went very smoothly given the high standard of bookkeeping throughout 2019. ESDC will pay for both the 2019 and 2020 audits and the respective income tax filings. The 2019 audited financial statements have been uploaded to the September 22, 2020 board meeting week. Audit 2020 will be start mid-October 2020.

AGM Dates

Skills Canada BC's AGM and/or Annual Gala has been scheduled for November 24, 2020. Science World has agreed to hold the deposit that Skills Canada BC paid to it for the November 24, 2020 event. Going forward, should Skills Canada BC reschedule its AGM on November 24, 2020 to be a zoom call/meeting, possibly starting at 12:00 PM?

Special Meeting

Does the board wish to hold a Special Meeting to approve the 2019 audited financial statements?

Online Interviews (Alumni & Partner Series)

Skills Canada BC is recording alumni and partner videos for release on its new YouTube Channel and for the Inspire's "Open Source Learning Tool" webpage.

Virtual Competitions/Programming Committee

Skills Canada BC is planning to host a live, virtual "Alumni Baking Challenge" at the end of September or beginning of October. This competition will allow for the testing of four live streaming platforms including Skills Canada BC's - YouTube Channel, Instagram, Facebook accounts as well the "Circles" livestreaming software developed by SCBC's technology alumnus, Marshall Lu.

PanCanadian Communications Team

Skills Canada BC has been participating in regular zoom calls with the Member Organizations to coordinate communications activities for alumni and special events.

IT Administration

SCBC recently moved its website to a larger, Canadian-based server. This move should provide more stability and expansion capacity.

Insurance Claim (Halifax 2019)

A former BC Hairdressing competitor has filed a Notice of Claim for an alleged injury incurred during the National 2019 competition in Halifax. As the plaintiff is pursuing damages against SCBC and SCC, and others, the insurance company has hired a law firm to manage the file. SCBC was served a copy of the Notice of Claim by registered mail, November 2019. Since then, the lawyer representing SCBC's insurance company, Krishan Das of the Whiting Law Corp, has been in contact with the Executive Director to discuss its preparations for a discovery process likely to be scheduled for the fall 2021.