



**Executive Director's Report
October 28, 2021**

1. ITA

Skills BC will be receiving \$105,000 (x 3 years) from the ITA to be applied to its competitions in 2022. The ITA has invited Skills BC to apply for additional funding for items not covered in the aforementioned 3-year agreement.

Skills BC is working with the ITA to identify additional sources of funding it can apply for to support additional marketing and promotional activities in the lead up to it hosting the Nationals 2022 in Vancouver (May 25 – 28, 2022).

2. Skills for Success Funding

Skills BC will be receiving \$50,000 (x 2 years)

- Inspire Program \$25,000 x 2 years
- Online Challenges (\$25,000 per year x 2 years)

This funding is to be allocated to update the former “Essential Skills” materials used by Skills BC in the aforementioned programs. Funding applied to the Inspire Program can be used to pay facilitators in addition to tool and material updates.

3. Inspire Program

The Inspire Program vis-a-vie SIP will be receiving \$15,000 in sponsorship dollars to host Inspire presentations. SCBC will administer the program and SIP will Skills BC will be able to support the Inspire Program vis-a-vie In-kind donations of Kidder Kits (500 wind turbine and 500 bird house kits) in 2021/22. These In-kind contribution of supplies and administrative support is valued at \$25,000.

4. AEST (Nationals 2022 – Additional Funding)

Skills BC is working with AEST to identify additional sources of funding it can apply for to support additional marketing and promotional activities in the lead up to it hosting the Nationals 2022 in Vancouver (May 25 – 28, 2022).

5. AEST – November Apprenticeship Recognition Month

Skills BC is developing a schedule of activities to help AEST celebrate November Apprenticeship Recognition Month.

6. SCBC - Nationals 2022 Planning Committee

The first meeting of the Nationals 2022 Planning Committee was postponed until after the National Board had a chance to meet in October 2022.

7. Social Media Accounts

In August 2021, Skills BC’s Instagram account reached 1,006 followers on Instagram. This means that Skills BC will be able to reach bigger audiences for its YouTube channel,

Online Challenges, and all the trades and technology information that it shares in the digital space.

8. Nationals 2022

The National Office is having regular meetings with the Member Organizations to make decisions about the Nationals 2022. So far, it has been decided that the Nationals 2022 Secondary competitions will be held virtually. Planning is underway for the Nationals 2022 Post-Secondary in-person competitions at the Convention Centre.

9. Nationals 2022, 2023 & 2024

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

- Vancouver 2022
- Winnipeg 2023
- Toronto 2024

10. Team Canada Qualifying Event

The National Office sent out a survey to the Member Organizations to gauge interest in various options for the Team Canada Selection event. Last week a survey was sent to the Member Organizations and a meeting was held to discuss the results. Still no firm decisions on how the Team Canada Selection Event will roll out.

11. Shanghai 2022

WorldSkills 2022 is planned for Shanghai (October 12- 17, 2022). The National Office plans to make a final decision in place about sending Team Canada to compete in Shanghai by December 2021.

12. Alumni & Partner Series

Skills Canada BC has been working with its Alumni and partners to create video content for its Inspire Program, YouTube Channel, social media feeds and newsletters. These videos tell inspiring stories about SCBC's Alumni and their journeys into the skilled trades and technology fields. New videos (below) were scheduled for release throughout the Summer of 2021.

Refrigeration Alumni - Interview with Larry Nohr

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-ALmEdyzS4&t=9s>

Skills Canada BC Graphic Design Alumni 2019 – Joseph Thoong

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

Cameron Jones Alumni Interview - Flashback Friday Series
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1D4wmII-B4&t=24s>

13. Upcoming WorldSkills 2021, 2022, 2023 Events

WorldSkills International - Hackathon 2021

Skills BC sent out an invitation from WorldSkills International to its list for those interested to apply for the United Nation's sponsored [Learning and Knowledge Development Facility](#) (LKDF) Forum 2021 Hackathon, scheduled for September 23 & 24, 2021.

WorldSkills America (WSA Virtual) Guatemala (2021)

The dates for the competition(s) will be between September 27 to October 2, 2021. Exact dates for each skill (TBA).

Skills for Guatemala 2021

Mechanical Engineering CAD
Web Technologies
Graphic Design Technology
3D Digital Game Art

Skills BC unfortunately, doesn't have any competitors that would qualify for the Guatemala (2021) Virtuals on September 27 to October 2, 2021.

EuroSkills 2021 – Graz, Austria (September 2021)

<https://worldskillseurope.org/index.php/media/news/euroskills-graz-rescheduled-september-2021>
(scheduled too early for Team Canada to attend)

WorldSkills Europe 2023 – St. Petersburg, Russia (Rescheduled to 2023)

<https://worldskillseurope.org/index.php/media/news/euroskills-st-petersburg-2022-rescheduled-2023>
(Might be an option)

WorldSkills Americas (New competition date to reschedule “WorldSkills America 2020” coming soon)

<http://wsa.al.senai.br/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WorldSkillsAmericas/> (Facebook site – updated regularly)
(New competition date in the planning)

Abilympics – Moscow May 23 – 29, 2022

<https://abilympics.org.au/>

(Scheduling conflict with Nationals 2022 in Vancouver)

14. Team Canada Expert Selection - Skill 18 Electrical Installations

SCBC submitted a letter of recommendation for Jason Taylor (WJETS) to become the next Team Canada Expert – Skills 18 Electrical Installations. Interviews for this position will commence early September 2021.

Mobile Robotics at the SCNC 2022 and WorldSkills 2022

The National Office proposed the creation of a Team Canada selection category at the SCNC 2022. The Member Organizations rejected this initiative as it would cost thousands of dollars for most provinces and territories to retool educators with the software and tools they would need to participate in the proposed competition. Based on this feedback the National Office has decided not to pursue creating a National Mobile Robotics team for WorldSkills 2022.

15. Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement training for board and volunteers.

British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA) hosts a “Builder’s Code” program where employers in the construction industry sign on to upload respective worksites. Builders Code employers who have signed on to program.

<https://www.builderscode.ca/recognition/awards-2020/>

- Skills BC could sign on as a supporter of the “Builder’s Code” then promote this action vis-a-vie an eblast, social media and upload to website.
- Skills BC could hire Builder’s Code trainer to provide a training over zoom to board and volunteers.

Diversity/Inclusion App

British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA) hosts a “Crew Training app” that Skills BC could share with its network. It has an employer dashboard that Skills BC could use to monitor adoption if we were to use it for an Online Challenge.

<https://www.builderscode.ca/training/crew/>

Diversity & inclusion Training

British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA) provides inclusivity and diversity training that would likely be a better fit for SCBC’s board and volunteers rather than a generic corporate "sensitivity training" because the BCCA training reviews roles in industry partners. Diane Jolicouer (Trainer) Builder’s Code Advisor can provide options

for SCBC training session(s) she could facilitate for possibly over zoom for board and volunteers. The ITA is a co-funder of “Builder’s Code”. BC Builder’s Code – [click here](#) to learn more. (Uploaded to SCBC website August 2021.)

Be More than a Bystander (Resource/introduction for diversity and respect)

Be More Than a Bystander – Anti-bullying – [click here](#) to learn more. (Uploaded to the SCBC website August 2021.)