

**Minutes**  
**Skills Canada & Skills BC**  
**Nationals 2022 Planning Committee**  
**December 9, 2021**  
**10:30 – 11:15 AM**  
**By Zoom**

**Present:** Karine Dupuis, Gail Vent, Luc Morin, Mona Barakat, Patrick LeClair.

**Staff:** Jamie Maxwell, Michelle Skelly, Elaine Allan, Mona Soleimani.

**VIP Reception – Opening Ceremonies (May 25, 2022)**

The former VIP reception held prior to the start of the Opening Ceremonies will now be called a “networking reception”. Skills Canada and Skills BC discussed partnering to host this event. The National Office is happy to work with Skills BC on this event and include some of Skills BC’s partners. But, given pandemic restriction the National Office will need to keep close track of the numbers of confirmed attendees. The maximum number allowed would be 200 – 225.

At this time the Vancouver Convention Centre won’t allow mix and mingle style events but will facilitate high top table rounds with a maximum of 6 people per table. Participants can put on masks and move from table to table if they choose to while attending the Networking Reception.

**Closing Ceremonies**

Currently the National Office is working with its production team to design a safe way to bring the provincial/territorial teams into the Closing Ceremonies. The winners of the National Secondary Virtual 2022 competitions will be announced during the Closing Ceremonies.

**Partner’s Breakfast (May 28, 2022)**

Reserved for delegates and partners, each year Skills Canada hosts a breakfast event prior to the start of the Closing Ceremonies. Skills Canada and Skills BC discussed partnering on this event. Skills Canada is happy to work with Skills BC and include some of Skills BC’s partners at this event. Confirmed participants will be closely watched due to pandemic restrictions.

**Skills BC Breakfast - Morning of the Opening Ceremonies (May 25, 2022)**

Skills BC plans to host a competitor breakfast on May 25, 2022, (the morning of the Opening Ceremonies). During the breakfast, Skills BC hands out backpacks with competitor information, and provides instructions for transporting tools/equipment.

**Skills BC “Pizza Night” (May 26, 2022)**

The Skills BC board could host its annual Pizza Night event with competitors and partners on May 26, 2021. In Halifax (2019) and Edmonton (2018) Skills BC hosted a competitor, parent and NTC “Pizza Nights” on the first night of the competition which were very popular. Skills BC could host a “Pizza Night” on May 26, 2022? If so, could it involve VCC Culinary Arts and Baking programs?

### **Skills BC Board & Hosting the National Board**

The National Office reminded Skills BC that the events where the National board members have been feted by the host province/territory have taken place during the National AGMs in September and not during the National competitions in May. The National Office recommended asking the Skills BC National Rep to ask National Board members if they would be interested in attending a special National Board event during the Nationals 2022 competitions.

**Action: John Haller to ask National Board if there is an appetite for Skills BC to host a special event (for example, wine tasting reception, boat cruise, etc.) during the Nationals 2022.**

### **Team Receptions**

Prior to the start of the Opening Ceremonies the individual provincial/territorial receptions will be held prior to the teams being led into the hall. These receptions are scheduled to be held outside in the space between the Vancouver Convention Centre and Cactus Club to facilitate provincial COVID safety plans.

### **Hall E & First Floor**

Given that the secondary competitions will now be virtual the National Office has released the second floor and will only be renting out Hall E (entire basement of the Vancouver Convention Centre) and the first floor.

### **Vaccination Status**

At this time the Vancouver Convention Centre requires all visitors to produce vaccine passports when showing up to attend events inside the venue. Gail is working with the production company to create a process for checking vaccine passports in case the Vancouver Convention Centre decides not take on this responsibility in May 2022.

### **Outreach**

Skills Canada will continue to feed information to Skills BC about the Nationals 2022 competition for distribution.

### **School Bus Registrations**

School bus registrations will be open mid-January on the Skills Canada website. Skills Canada is reworking their budget to see if they can increase the \$300 bus subsidy allotment and provide TOC costs to encourage as many students as possible to attend the Nationals 2022 as possible.

### **Student Spectators**

Skills Canada is planning to host 2,000 student spectators per day. There is a limit of 5,000 people that are currently allowed at one time in Exhibit Hall E.

### **AEST**

Ministry of Advanced Education has agreed to provide financial support to the National office for the Nationals 2022 and will therefore be recognized as an official sponsor and have speaking opportunities.