



**Executive Director's Report
March 18, 2022**

1. Nationals 2022

Planning is well under way for the Nationals 2022. Skills BC board members that will be attending and will require a hotel room are encouraged to use the registration link below to book in at the Marriott where a block of rooms are reserved for Skills BC.

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50222452>

Ongoing meetings with sponsors and partners are occurring throughout March and into April.

Many discussions have taken place among the MO's to figure out how to host the Nationals 2022 with the best covid safety protocols. The National Office has hired a consulting firm to draft an extensive document to lay out how the Nationals 2022 will be hosted to ensure the best safety protocols are executed. At this time, the Nationals 2022 will likely not host Try-a-Trade activities as they are challenged with covid safety protocols and finding individuals who could staff Try-a-Trade activities.

2. 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

3. Shanghai 2022

WorldSkills 2022 is planned for Shanghai (October 12- 17, 2022) although given the ongoing pandemic and China's zero-tolerance covid policies, Shanghai 2022 may not be possible for Team Canada to attend.

4. Team Canada Qualifying Event

Still going ahead although if Shanghai 2022 isn't possible for Team Canada to attend other international competitions will be sought out that the Team Canada members would be able to attend.

5. Regionals 2022

The Regionals 2022 have been well attended despite a slow start to the year with the ongoing pandemic. Three regions have decided to not host Regionals 2022 competitions. To accommodate the disrupted 2022 school year, Skills BC extended the Regional competition into April so that two more Regional competitions could be hosted.

6. Provincials 2022

Skills Canada BC is planning for another exciting Provincials competition season. Please click here to see the Provincials 2022 competition schedule.

<https://skillscanada.bc.ca/2022-provincial-competitions-schedule/>

7. Provincials 2023

Skills Canada BC is working with the new Tradex administration and hopes to book April 19, 2023, as the date for the 2023 Provincials. The Skills BC team has been in touch with Sylvia Perry who has expressed an interest in continuing her great work of coordinating the volunteers at the Tradex for Skills Canada BC in 2023!

8. Inspire Program

Skills Canada BC is working with an organization called SkillPlan to possibly fund an Inspire pilot project for June 2022. If the pilot is successful, then it is possible that SkillPlan may be able to fund the Inspire Program for the 2022/23 school year

9. AEST

Rishi Sharma has offered to appear at the May 13, 2022, to discuss the Ministry of Advanced Education's funding streams and possible avenues that Skills BC could pursue for ongoing funding opportunities within the Ministry.

10. Campus Support (Private Post-Secondary Institution)

Campus Support would like to work with Skills BC to lobby the Minister of Advanced Education to have a day designated as "Vocation Day". The Ministry of Advanced Education is amenable to having a conversation about this. It is possible that a designated "Vocation Day" could be a day that set during "November Apprenticeship Recognition Month".