



**Executive Director's Report
November 25, 2022**

1. Travel Agent

SCBC is exploring working with a travel agent, Corporate Traveller for airfare for the Nationals and possibly Provincials 2023. Working with this travel company may allow SCBC to lower costs and administration time when processing paperwork and filings for the Nationals 2023.

2. Nationals 2023 (Winnipeg)

The Nationals 2023 will be held in Winnipeg, May 25 & 26, 2023 in Winnipeg. Skills BC has booked hotel rooms at the Holiday Inn & Suites downtown Winnipeg. The hotel is approximately 1 km from the competition site.

3. WorldSkills 2022

As the big WorldSkills 2022 competition in Shanghai, China smaller WorldSkills 2022 competitions were held around the world. Skills Canada BC has two competitors who will be competed in WorldSkills 2022, one in Leonberg, Germany and one in Brampton, Ontario. Neither placed in the medals but felt they benefitted from the WorldSkills 2022 competition experience.

CNC Turning

Gold China 760 points

BC Competitor Maxwell Melling (656 points 19/20 placement)

<https://worldskills2022se.com/skills/cnc-turning/>

Industrial Mechanics

Gold Japan 727

BC Competitor - Dusty Cathcart (593 points 9/9 placement)

https://results.worldskills.org/results?base_skill=740

4. Regionals 2023

Planning for the Regionals 2023 is underway. New Regional Coordinators are up being put into place and the first Regional Coordinator's meeting will be held in the coming weeks. Regular monthly meetings are held on zoom with the Skills BC team. Connections were made in-person November 21 & 22, 2022, in Vancouver at the CES Conference.

5. Provincials 2023

The Tradex has been booked for April 19, 2023, to host Skills BC's Provincial 2023 competition. A site tour of the Tradex was held with long-standing volunteer coordinator Sylvia Peary on November 9, 2022.

6. AEST

The Board President and Executive Director met with Parliamentary Secretary, Andrew Mercier (October 28, 2022) to discuss funding for Skills BC. In follow up to this meeting a "Funding Report 2022/23" was written and submitted to PS Mercier's staff. The purpose of this report was to show what the other Member Organizations were receiving in terms of support from their provincial partners and what outcomes/results they were providing for this funding.

7. Inspire Program

Skills BC is working with the South Island Partnership to deliver the Inspire Program to SD in the South Island.

8. Internship Placement – SCBC Alumni

Sonia Khurana Skills BC Alumni (Gold Medalist Halifax 2019) will be joining Skills BC, January to April 2023, for an internship placement. Sonia has created many Skills BC videos and has served on the BC rep on the National Alumni Committee. Sonia is a student at Metropolitan University in Toronto and will be graduating with a degree in Media Studies at the end of April 2023.

9. Website Upgrade/Update

Skills Canada BC website went down for a couple days at the end of August. This operating glitch signals that it's time for a website upgrade and redesign. The website upgrade will entail going through all existing content, increasing the website's capacity to host content in the backend, and a refreshed redesign (aka "new skin"). This work will start mid-September and is scheduled to be completed by mid-November 2022.