



**Executive Director's Report
April 19, 2023**

1. Nationals 2023

Preparations are underway for the Nationals 2023 in Winnipeg. May 25 & 26, 2023.

Skills Canada BC has contracted with the Holiday Inn & Suites, to block off rooms for staff and competitors. This hotel is 1.3 kms to the RBC Convention Centre that will be hosting the Nationals 2023.

2. Nationals 2023 & 2024

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

- Winnipeg 2023
- Toronto 2024

3. Regionals 2023

Skills BC completed its Regionals 2023 competitions on April 1, 2023. In total the Regionals 2023 had 1,771 competitors. Competitor numbers are lower than in 2019 and 2020 in the organization's first post-pandemic 2023 competition season. If Skills BC is to grow its regional competitor numbers in the years ahead it will require more funding from its government partners. The Ministry of Education will be issuing RFPs for funding at the end of April or beginning of May. Skills BC should put together an RFP for funding for its Regionals. At this time only Skilled Trades BC (formerly the ITA) contributes to Skills BC's regional competitions with a \$105,000 contribution.

<https://skillscanada.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Regionals-Report-2023-1.pdf>

4. Provincials 2023

Planning is well underway for the Provincials 2023. There is much excitement and anticipation about having the Provincials 2023 return to the Tradex on April 19, 2023. Competitor numbers in 2023 will be about half (250 – 300) compared to what they were in 2019 (650).

5. Inspire Program

The Inspire Program is being delivered in the South Island in partnership with the South Island Partnership. New programming is being developed for the different grade and learning levels. Skills BC should apply for multi-year funding (3-5 years) in the next RFP round expected to be out at the end of April, beginning of May 2023.

6. Skills for Success (Videos)

Skills Canada BC completed 11 new Skills for Success informational videos to promote the new nine skills for success tools and SCBC's Online Inspire Program.

7. Skills for Success (e-Workbooks)

Skills Canada BC created new Skills for Success e-workbooks for its Inspire Program.