

**Executive Director's Report**  
**Michelle Skelly**

**Skills Canada Board Meeting,**  
**March 27, 2024**

**Regionals:**

- **Dates: February to April, 2024**
- Data: Jamie is compiling the numbers, don't have exact registrations yet. Some Regionals in April. Currently at 1800+ (not including some Regionals which ran in classroom so no registration). Gathering this data.
- Gathering some templates for Regional Coordinators to utilize.
- We attended some Regionals in person. Jamie Regional Coordinator for Peace Region.
- Goal is to alternate and attend the regions not reached this year and those that require more attention for next year.
- Will work on templates for data collection for next year as well.
- Follow up re promotions, media, testimonials from Regional Coordinators.

**Provincials:**

- **Date: April 17, 2024**
- Location: Tradex, Abbotsford
- Ongoing operations/logistics organization extremely busy now – Tradex, Global, Galactic, West Coast Electrical etc.
- Site visits in Feb, Volunteer meeting/lunch on April 3 at Tradex.
- Ongoing team meetings
- **30<sup>th</sup> Annual** – promoting on all collateral, presentations.
- School/Spectator Bus Subsidies started and have now reached 60 applications.
- 20 buses also expected from local schools – SD34
- Working on Partner's Luncheon now
- Exhibitors/booths and sponsorship in process now
- Discussion with Business Development Committee for Board members to invite their contacts (potential sponsors) to visit Provincials
- Discussed with Business Development Committee that Board members would volunteer "as needed" vs a defined role as important to network and participate in Partner's Luncheon
- Sent out email with regards to hotel bookings for Board if needed
- Please fill in the registration link to those attending Partnership Luncheon
- Competitors just in process of being registered now, spring break slows this down

### Nationals:

- **Dates: May 29 to June 1 (competition dates are May 30 and 31).**
- **Location:** Quebec City
- Status of the 2025 Skills Canada National Competition – Regina Saskatchewan, not Ottawa as originally suggested. May 29 and 30 are competition dates.
- Nationals just sent out hotels list for Regina 2025. Still working on securing a hotel for TeamBC.

### WorldSkills:

- **Dates: September 10 to 15, 2024**
- Location: Lyon, France
- Delegate packages just sent by Skills Canada and will be reviewed. Payment due by May.
- Ongoing check-ins with Zachary and Angie, BC World Skills competitors
- Shoshawna did a site visit at Eric Hamber to touch base with trainer and expert and Angie. Progress going really well.
- Zachary training in China. Working for BCIT.

### Sponsorship:

- Business Development Committee met Wednesday, March 20
- **Sponsorship is currently at \$220,000 (have exceeded goal of \$200,000)**
- Continued follow up with existing and potential new sponsors still in the pipeline but will wrap up soon.
- Elite sponsor, WorkSafeBC, but wants to be named “Safety sponsor”
- See shared documents for update on sponsorship details.

### Government:

- **Ministry of Future Skills and Training** – met with Adam Skulski February 28. Suggests follow up for any potential funding would not be until after election in October. Next meeting with Adam is April 3, 2024.
- Sent invitation and Provincials details to new Minister, Lisa Beare, with Ministry of Post-Secondary and Future Skills. Local riding which is good. Minister’s office responded last week the Minister is tied up in the morning but may be able to attend Provincials.
- Provided updated report on funding allocation and details to Ministry on March 25, 2024
- **Ministry of Education** – Ongoing follow up and final report completed March 19.
  - Delivered virtual workshop ProD presentations Province Wide January and February.
  - Met with Daniel Tones in January for a mid-cycle check in and update.

- Followed up with Daniel re Jonathan Heerema potentially attending Provincials partnership luncheon.
- Met for final review with Jacqueline O'Callaghan Tues, March 25
- **Skilled Trades BC** – Met with Maureen Phung regarding next 3 year funding agreement.
  - Worked with Kate Pelletier on Proposal to Skilled Trades BC. Submitted early March.
  - Met with Maureen again March to discuss funding proposal.
  - We are on track with the ask however STBC did not get intended funds from Ministry of Post-Secondary and Future Skills so uncertain how this will affect our funding
  - We are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year for funding from a 3-year funding cycle/agreement. Ends March 31, 2024
  - Sending March deliverable/report to STBC this week. \$40,000
  - STBC will speak at Partner's Luncheon. Coordinating this.
- **Government of Canada – ESDC funding**– Mona and I are preparing and submitting ongoing quarterly reporting to Skills Canada.

#### **Skills Canada Operations Meetings:**

- Virtual and in Person Ops Meetings are ongoing.
- Next in person Operations meetings are June in Halifax.
- Skills Canada discussed the member organizations bring programming or competition staff as well. This is to be confirmed.

#### **Website:**

- Worked on specific section: Educator Guide- Funded through Ministry of Education Program
- <https://skillscanada.bc.ca/educators-guide/>
- Ongoing updates
- Better platform, faster, updates easier

#### **Programs:**

- Delivered the Inspire presentations to remote regions as per the Ministry of Education agreement.
- Delivered Women in Trades Conference (Peace Region, Dawson Creek) in conjunction with Skilled Trades BC
- Delivered two Pro D Day workshops per the Ministry of Education agreement.
- Skills for Success - Beading Kits. Provided by Skills Canada. Will be working on program and distribution for this.

### **Alumni:**

- Rosa Donaire Champagne (National Alumni Rep) will attend Provincials this year. – Can help with Awards Ceremony. 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term.
- Shoshawna continuing check-ins with Zachary and Angie, World Skills Competitors.
- Have been compiling testimonials (for various reports and website).

### **Trades Advisory Committee:**

- **South Fraser Trades Advisory Committee** meeting March 7, 2024
- Surrey, Langley, Richmond, Delta school districts.
- Provided educators with Provincials details.

### **Other Events:**

- Shoshawna and I attended Auto Show March 20 and 22 with Skilled Trades BC – Women in Trades section/booth at show.
- Suggested by New Car Dealer's Association and Skilled Trades BC.
- Purpose was to get an idea if worthwhile for involvement next year.
- Still waiting to hear from Blair Qualey re NCDA sponsorship for SkillsBC.