

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

**Skills Canada Board Meeting,**  
**May 15, 2024**

**Regionals:**

- Dates: February to April, 2024
- Data: 1800+ (not including some Regionals which ran in classroom so no registration).

**Provincials:**

- April 17, 2024 at Tradex, Abbotsford
- Busy tying up loose ends, payments, subsidies etc.
- 60 competitions
- 500 competitors, increased from 300 competitors last year
- Estimated over 4000 spectators, suggest doubled from last year
- Over 60 school buses registered
- Debriefed with Tradex and the team
- More ideas have been discussed with Tradex for next year.
- Have booked a date with Tradex for Provincials for next year – April 15, 2025

**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 sent out hotels list for Regina 2025. Secured a hotel for Team BC. Royale Hotel Regina.
- Currently in the midst of Registration for competitors and delegates and sorting out agenda and logistics, hotel bookings etc.
- Zoom meeting additions have been successful

**WorldSkills:**

- Dates: September 10 to 15, 2024 - Lyon, France
- Ongoing check-ins with Zachary Van Boeyen, Industrial Control and Angie Zhang, Fashion Technology, BC World Skills competitors
- Zachary was training in China. Working for BCIT.
- Visited Angie at Regionals in April Eric Hamber Secondary for a check-in. Angie also trained at Provincials space.

- Skills Canada updated in Operations meeting regarding the potential for WorldSkills 2028 being hosted in Toronto, Ontario
- Competing against Japan for this opportunity.
- World Skills organization representatives visited Toronto recently and apparently were impressed with the potential for Toronto.
- The group will determine if Canada can apply for a bid. This will be determined by the WorldSkills Board by May 11.

### **Sponsorship:**

- Business Development Committee met Wednesday, March 20
- **Sponsorship completed at \$237,500 - exceeded goal of \$200,000.**
- Starting a potential sponsorship follow up list for 2025
- Business Development Meeting on June 12, 2024.
- Will work on new sponsorship guide after Nationals and Ops meetings.

### **Government:**

- **Ministry of Future Skills and Training**
  - Met with our liaison Adam Skulsky, May 7. Next meeting with Adam is June 11, 2024.
  - Things at a bit of a standstill now with elections coming up.
  - New Minister, Lisa Beare, with Ministry of Post-Secondary and Future Skills attended the Partnership Luncheon. Dennis provided a tour. Minister impressed with Provincials.
  - Provided updated report on funding allocation and details to Ministry on March 25, 2024. Gov was pleased with report.
  - Adam noted that nothing required from us at this point. All reports are up to date.
- **Ministry of Education –**
  - Jonathan Heerema attended Provincials partnership luncheon as Daniel Tones not available to attend.
  - Met for final review with Jacqueline O’Callaghan Tues, March 25
  - Final project is to add Educator Guide to Ministry of Education website. Just completing this.
  - Jacqueline to advise me if any future RFP’s come up.
- **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. Final billing cycle/invoice is June 30.
- Currently working on two deliverable reports for STBC due May 15 and June 1.
- Still waiting to hear back from Maureen. Maureen mentioned at Provincials hoping to get back to us soon.
- Shelley Gray, CEO spoke at Partner's Luncheon
- Meeting with Skilled Trades BC Apprenticeship Advisor in June regarding potential Women in Trades workshop.
  
- **Government of Canada – ESDC funding through Skills Canada**
  - Mona and I are preparing and submitting ongoing quarterly reporting to Skills Canada. Next quarterly report is due July 15.
  - Renewal coming up with Skills Canada. More details to follow as we find out more information from Skills Canada.

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

- Virtual and in Person Ops Meetings are ongoing.
- Virtual meeting May 9. Mainly Nationals updates.
- Next in person Operations meetings is in June in Halifax.
- Skills Canada discussed the member organizations bring programming or competition staff as well to one of the Operations meetings. Not confirmed yet.

#### **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. Working on distributing this after Nationals.
- Meeting with Skilled Trades BC Apprenticeship Advisor in June regarding potential Women in Trades workshop.

#### **Conferences:**

- CES (Career Education Society Conference). Filled in application forms for exhibitor attendance in November 2024.

- BCTEA (BC Technology Education Association Conference). Follow up regarding dates and attendance for this as well in October in Chilliwack.

#### **Alumni:**

- Rosa Donaire Champagne (National Alumni Rep) attended and helped at Provincials this year. Will be attending Nationals through the Skills Canada office.
- Alumni handed out the medals at Provincials.
- Shoshawna continuing check-ins with Zachary and Angie, World Skills Competitors.
- We are compiling testimonials (for various reports and website).

#### **Trades Advisory Committee:**

- **South Fraser Trades Advisory Committee** meeting will be May 30, 2024.
- Surrey, Langley, Richmond, Delta school districts.

#### **Website:**

- Ongoing updates
- Better platform, faster, updates easier