

Item 6.2 – Skill Olympics National Committee (SONC) meeting of 4 February 2000

1. Following confirmation of the changes of name of the international competition to the World Skills Competition and the International Vocational Training Organisation (IVTO) to World Skills, it was agreed that the name of the committee would be changed to World Skills National Committee (WSNC).
2. Much of the meeting was concerned with discussing the draft report on the 35th World Skills Competition, determining future action following from it and proposing amendments and additions. These have been incorporated into Paper 2 of this agenda for discussion under item 6.1.
3. In order to learn more from Montreal competitors which will help in the preparation of future competitors, a survey of selected competitors is being conducted by an independent consultant. Laurie Croft, a former technical expert, will visit 13 competitors in a survey which incorporates points of particular note from the draft report.
4. It was noted that, in addition to those official trades in which there was a UK entry in Montreal, competitors for CNC Turning and Welding are likely to be nominated for Seoul. Of the demonstration trades, future UK interest is expected in Graphic Design, Confectioner/Pastry Cook, Beauty Care and IT PC & Network Support. UK interest has also been shown in two proposed trades, Electronic Security and Afro Ladies' Hairdressing. An Australian proposal for a new trade, Integrated Manufacturing Challenge, is being studied for consideration for the future. It would involve a team of four to six competitors and would encompass many of the present engineering manufacturing skills.
5. In discussion on plans for the preparation of the team for the 2001 World Skill Competition it was agreed that the format and scheduling of review meetings for technical experts should be revised. It is likely that there will be an initial briefing for all new experts and their mentors rather than a conference for all experts and that experts will be required for an extra day at the team briefing. It is hoped that with the continued support of the Brathay Hall Trust, an outdoor team-building weekend can again take place but the programme for this would be more closely co-ordinated with that for the team briefing.
6. The Board is invited to receive and comment on a report on the meeting of 4 February 2000.

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 a number of reasons 1. This is a youth event / experts rather than competition
 consistent of a widening age gap, there is
 2. The two weeks of the camp is extremely exhausting - felt but hopefully more success
 3. 10 years, 5 camp time to enable s.o. else to have a go, to lead the team; Nothing sudden
 Possible successors under discussion. Suggestions? Nothing sudden