

## 2023 SAMRT Council

**President:** Scott Mildenberger

**Vice President:** Michael  
McKechnie

**Past President:** Mary Rafferty

### Elected Members

Finte Adem

Kaylyn Grummett

Katelyn New

Shane Timm

Maeghan Richard

### Appointed Public

#### Representatives

Alan Cannon

Ryan Klassen

Eugene Paquin

### CAMRT Director

Ada Bunko

## Staff

Executive Director/Registrar:

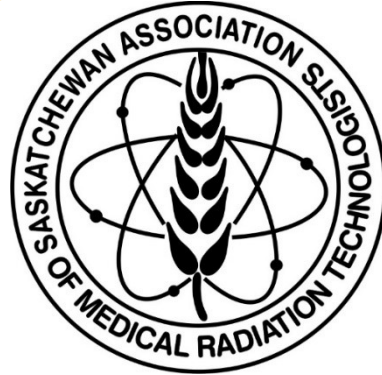
Debbie Schatz

Manager, Communications &

Competency Assessment:

Dianne Walker

## Regulatory Body



## President's Message – Scott Mildenberger

Dear Colleagues,

As I am coming into the second year for my term as President of the SAMRT, I am very excited for some of the projects that we have under way. Keep reading the newsletter for more details but our jurisprudence project is coming to fruition, the regulation of sonographers is moving along, and we are finally going to have an in-person conference in Regina. It has been a while and I look forward to mingling with my fellow technologists that I have not seen for a few years.

I need to ask something of you now, the membership of the SAMRT. We have many committees that do vital work for the SAMRT, and we cannot function without them. If you've ever been interested in learning something new committees are an excellent way to do that.

We have put out calls for people to volunteer the past year and have not had many people put their name forward. Please consider giving some of your time to the SAMRT, it is a great way to grow as an MRT. I started on some committees before I was on council and now, I am the President. You never know where these things can take you.

If you have any questions about the projects we are working on or if you want more information, please reach out to me and I would be happy to help.

[president@SAMRT.org](mailto:president@SAMRT.org)

Respectfully submitted by,  
Scott Mildenberger, RTNM CTIC  
PET/CT,  
SAMRT President

this issue

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**Watch your in-box for details coming soon  
about the in-person spring AGM and education  
conference on May 27, 2023!**

## ANNUAL AUDIT

The annual member audit will occur in April 2023. If you have been selected, you will receive an email indicating that the following three items must be provided:

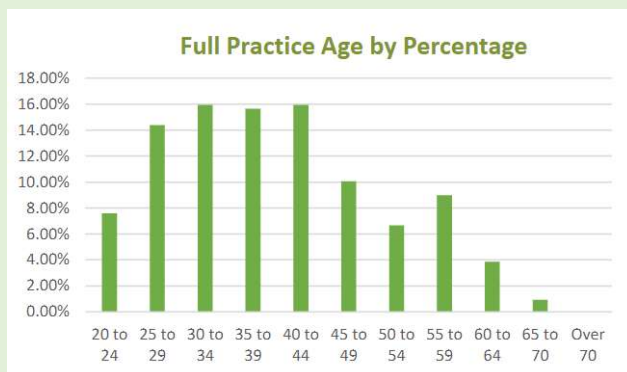
- ✓ Professional practice hours
  - A minimum of 1200 MRT practice hours in primary discipline and 300 practice hours in any additional discipline in the previous 5 years;
- ✓ Have a minimum of 10 CE Credits; and
- ✓ Hold professional liability insurance.

Proof of the above must be uploaded to the portal by the deadline identified in the email. You will be notified if there are any issues with your submission. Members will only receive confirmation of passing the audit after the Continuing Education Committee has met, expected to occur in May.

## ANNUAL REPORT

We are very close to publishing the 2022 Annual Report. Please take the time to read the report as it contains some great information as well as reports from each of the SAMRT committees. Also included in the report you will find some very interesting statistical information.

## DID YOU KNOW?



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 27, 2023

Conexus Arts Centre

0730 – 1630



## JURISPRUDENCE PROGRAM

- **WHO** All new SAMRT applicants
- **WHAT** Modules with multiple choice quiz at the end of each module
- **WHERE** Via a SAMRT provided access link
- **WHEN** Target date June 2023 but may be adjusted to ensure go-live success
- **WHY** Technologists know their role as a regulated health practitioner to ensure patient safety and public protection

## DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHERS

Amendments to *The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006* to regulate sonographers was folded into Bill 120 and is expected to continue through to committee, a third reading in the legislature, and receiving Royal assent, possibly as soon as the Spring session. It will not be immediately proclaimed for SAMRT to ensure there is appropriate time to prepare to regulate a fifth discipline – the Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

## PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Saskatchewan Government announced health care training expansion through the Health Human Resources Action Plan focusing on **Recruit, Train, Incentivize** and **Retain**. It covers 18 health occupations with a total expansion of 550 new training seats with most of the seats available by fall 2023. [What does this mean for your profession?](#)

- ❖ Medical Radiation Technologists seats will be expanded from **20 to 40**.
- ❖ Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist seats will be expanded from **2 to 14**.
- ❖ Diagnostic Medical Sonographer seats will be expanded from **24 to 40**.

## NEW SAMRT MEMBER

The SAMRT has hired a new team member. Dianne Walker has been recruited into the Manager, Communications and Competency Assurance role on a part-time basis. She will largely be responsible for generating the annual report, newsletter, minutes of council meetings, and miscellaneous correspondence as well as leading both the annual audit process and the new jurisprudence project and serving in the capacity of Deputy Registrar when required.

Dianne can be reached at 306-525-9678 or via email at [managercca@samrt.org](mailto:managercca@samrt.org).

***Thank you to those who nominated members for SAMRT Awards. Award recipients will be announced at the in-person spring AGM in Regina.***

## STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic plan has been finalized and approved by Council for 2023-2025. SAMRT and Council has three key objectives:

- Government, the public, health professionals and medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals, are aware of and value the professions.
- The SAMRT supports the need for an increase of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in Saskatchewan.
- An effective, integrated regulatory regime exists for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals, including sonographers.

To read the full Strategic Plan for 2023-2025, go to the SAMRT website and search under Public, Reports & News.



Watch future newsletters for updates on the work that is taking place to ensure the strategic goals are achieved.

