

President's Message - Scott Mildenberger

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to 2019! I hope everyone had a good holiday in December. They say January and February can be hard on the psyche, especially in cold Saskatchewan. I know I'm not immune to this. In my role at the PET/CT department in Saskatoon, January can be a trying time. Referring doctors are back from holidays and want their scans done immediately. Researchers seem to come out of the woodwork as well wanting precious time on the scanner. Please remember to stay mentally healthy and ask for help if you need it.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let all SAMRT members know that there will be an increase in SAMRT dues for the 2020 work year. Currently we pay \$355 for the year which will be increasing to \$425 in 2020. This is a \$70 increase that has been approved by council. I wanted to let everyone know sooner rather than later so if you need time to save the extra \$70, you can do so.

The SAMRT doesn't take increasing dues lightly. We know the cost of everything is going up and we understand no one wants to pay more. Our Executive Director has done an in-depth risk assessment of our financial situation over the last year and based on that report we had no other option but to increase dues. We haven't had an increase in 7 years and to ensure we can continue to meet our regulatory obligations and the level of services we currently offer, we need to increase revenue. When we look at other regulators across Saskatchewan and Canada, our dues, with the increase, are in line or lower than most. My wife is a pharmacist and she pays \$1,050 to her regulator for example.

We need to increase our legal fund as well. The number of complaints against members has been increasing. This isn't just a SAMRT issue, in talking to other regulators this is a trend both provincially and nationally. Our legal fund is much smaller than other regulators and this could leave us liable if something major happened.

We also need to update our member database and website. Our current digital presence is very old and not sustainable. We're finding it so old that even the web support people struggle to fix it, and any issues with it are becoming costly.

As always I am available to discuss council decisions and welcome feedback.

With regards,
Scott Mildenberger RTNM CTIC PET/CT

2019 Annual General Meeting - May 4, 2019

The SAMRT 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference will be held in Saskatoon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 90 22 St E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3X6.

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This is your opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what the SAMRT is working on. The AGM will include committee reports, the audited financial statements and will close with the presentation of a Life Membership to Debbie Lundy.

Your attendance at the AGM is requested. Members earn 1 continuing education credit and are eligible to win a door prize.

Council Vacancies - Call for Nominations

The SAMRT Council has three vacancies for the term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. *Nominations are open until March 16, 2019.* New council members are provided with an orientation and observe at council meetings throughout 2019. Please consider running for Council, or nominate someone you know.

[Link to SAMRT Council Member Brochure](#)

[Link to Nomination Form](#)

2019 Education Conference - May 4, 2019

Together with the SADMS and SAMIM, the SAMRT is pleased to present a one-day education conference in conjunction with the SAMRT AGM in Saskatoon.

Your 2019 Conference Committee is hard at work selecting excellent presentations on a wide range of topics. The conference will feature independent education content for SADMS and SAMRT/SAMIM in different rooms for the morning session. Following the AGM, we will join together for lunch and joint education sessions in the afternoon.

Registration is once again a very reasonable \$50.00 for members which includes meals, nutritional breaks and beverages.

Planning for a social event Friday May 3, 2019 is underway. Details to follow.

You will be notified when the online registration is open. The preliminary program is [available here](#).

Humboldt Bronco Tragedy Award Winners

The SAMRT is pleased to announce the recipients of the Humboldt Broncos Tragedy Award. This one-time award was created and sponsored by the Radiology Society of Saskatchewan to recognize the exemplary, compassionate, timely and excellent care provided to those individuals involved in caring for the injured from the Humboldt Broncos bus accident in April 2018.

The SAMRT Awards Committee was tasked with developing the award requirements and for evaluating the nominations to select the winners. Nominations were accepted for an individual or a team that showed exceptional leadership in difficult or trauma situations, and the winners were selected in December and received their awards early in 2019.

Congratulations to the winners - all recipients were part of a team nomination and the winners are as follows:

\$250.00 Nipawin Hospital Medical Imaging:

Cathy Chabot, Dave Steeg, Emanuel Osei-Boadi and Glenda Moffat

\$250.00 Tisdale Hospital Medical Imaging:

Sonia Flamand and Louanna Quiring

\$500.00 Royal University Hospital (RUH) Medical Imaging team including CT and MRI teams

Respectfully submitted,
SAMRT Awards Committee

Workplace Violence and Aggression #IWillReport

The Saskatchewan Association for Safe Workplaces in Health (SASWH) in partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and other system partners released a campaign earlier in 2018 to raise awareness that violence and aggression in healthcare workplaces should not be considered normal for any healthcare worker, patient, family member or member of the public.

Workplace health and safety is a priority for all.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE: "I WILL REPORT"

GOAL: The primary goal of this campaign is to increase reporting of incidents of violence and aggression in healthcare sector in the Province of Saskatchewan. Senior leaders and front line workers are key levers for change where reporting is encouraged and solutions can be easily identified to bring about safer workplaces for both patients and staff.

[Click here](#) to read the entire "I WILL REPORT" campaign.

Click on the link to view the campaign:

https://youtu.be/Ji_bEXUZ3SA

Annual Member Audit

The SAMRT recognizes that advancing technology and increasing responsibility requires technologists to continually update their knowledge and skills. Continuing education ensures professional competence and prevents professional obsolescence. Ten percent (10%) of the membership is audited on an annual basis to provide verification of their credits as declared on their renewal.

Continuing education is mandatory for maintaining membership/licensure with the SAMRT. Each MRT has a duty to attend, track, and report CE activity *regardless of employment or registration status*. A minimum of 10 Medical Radiation Technology credits per year are required. Dues years, rather than calendar years, will be used for credit accumulation December 1 - November 30.

Members are also required to verify that they have worked the minimum amount of medical radiation technology practice hours, and to provide proof of Professional Liability Insurance.

The Annual Audit occurs in the first quarter; randomly selected members will be notified via email and provided with detailed instructions.

CAMRT Survey

The CAMRT is currently working on revisions to the national entry-level competency profiles for all four MRT practice areas. Competency profiles define the necessary practice requirements for MRTs at entry-level for safe, effective and ethical patient care. It also provides a foundation for the curriculum of accredited MRT education programs in Canada. The revised version of the competency profile will be modeled on the CanMEDS educational framework.¹

In February the CAMRT will be reaching out to full-practice members for feedback on the draft profile. Your input is crucial to ensuring the competency profile meets current and future practice needs. Please watch your inbox in the coming weeks for the survey.

The CAMRT extends sincere thanks in advance for your valuable contribution to the development of the next generation of the National Competency Profile for MRTs.

1. Frank JR, Snell L, Sherbino J, editors. *CanMEDS 2015 Physician Competency Framework*. Ottawa: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; 2015

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