

## President's Message - Scott Mildenberger

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to summer! I know I'm a little early but I really enjoy summer in Saskatchewan. Long nights, beautiful lakes, amazing sunsets. I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy some downtime with your busy schedules.

Just a few updates on what we've been working on the last couple months. It's been a busy spring and it will be a busy fall, lots of fun stuff on the go:

- We had a very successful conference the beginning of May. I really enjoyed the speakers and I always enjoy networking with my fellow MRTs. I want to thank the conference committee for organizing such a great event. It was one the most attended conferences I've ever been to in Saskatchewan.
- Our council committees have been hard at work updating our terms of reference and making sure we're future focused. I see these committees moving forward and I'm extremely happy with the progress.
- Our governance transition committee/strategic planning committee is wrapping up our work. Our strategic plan is coming into focus for the next three years and I'm excited to share it with you once it is finished. Stay tuned.
- I'm pleased to announce Council has approved a new member database and website provider. Our old ones are very old and in much need of an update. It will be a while before you see the changes as they still need to be developed but we've taken the first steps!
- Council is still pursuing regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers. It's currently in the review process with the government so there is a long way to go yet and it could still get derailed. Council will make sure to keep you all updated as things progress.

If anyone has any questions about anything council is doing (or not doing) please don't hesitate to contact me. If I don't know I'll make sure to try and point you in the right direction.

With regards,  
Scott Mildenberger RTNM CTIC PET/CT

## 2019 Annual General Meeting and Education Conference - May 4, 2019

The SAMRT 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and education conference was held Saturday, May 4th in Saskatoon. The conference was a big success and had one of our best attendance levels ever.

[Click here](#) to view the draft 2019 AGM Minutes;

[Click here](#) to view the Life Member Awards Program;

[Click here](#) to view the Awards Recipients;

[Click here](#) to view the CAMRT update presented by Mark Given, Director Professional Practice; and

[Click here](#) to view conference highlights and photos.

### 2019 SAMRT Council

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Scott Mildenberger

**Vice President**  
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**Elected Council Members**  
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Bashir Jalloh  
Brenda Lock  
Katelyn New  
Nathan Rosenberg  
**Council Elect - Kaylyn Hagel**

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Alan Cannon  
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**CAMRT Director**  
Ada Bunko

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Patti Lewis

The 2020 Conference will be held in late April/ early May in Regina. Contact the office if you would like to join the committee, or if you would like to be a speaker.

## Council Election

There were three (3) Council vacancies this year. Call for nominations were sent out on January 15, 2019. There were six (6) nominations for a Council term effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022. Thank you to those that allowed their names to stand, and for those members that took the time to vote. Those that have been elected are:

1. Kaylyn Hagel
2. Scott Mildenerger (returning)
3. Katelyn New (returning)

Congratulations and welcome to the new and returning Council members.

Council elected Mary Rafferty as the 2020 President and Katelyn New as the 2020 Vice President at the May 3, 2019 Council meeting.

## Report from Ottawa Meetings - April 2019

President Scott and Executive Director Debbie attended three days of meetings in Ottawa in late April. The CAMRT Annual General Meeting and Governance Forum, the National Network and the Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (the Alliance).

Representatives from the provincial associations, provincial regulators and CAMRT meet to collaborate on areas of common interest and concerns. The CAMRT meetings included a full day of education sessions followed by a Celebration of Excellence Reception with awards and recognition.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the National Network members participated in a blanket exercise that teaches the history of indigenous peoples in Canada. Then, following a lengthy consultation process, the Network members formalized the updated Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding. [Click here](#) to view the official signing ceremony.

Karen Morrison, CAMRT presented the results of CAMRT's joint mental health survey with the CSMLS and Sonography Canada. The CAMRT will be releasing the results to MRTs in the coming months. Coinciding with the mental health survey results, our colleagues from Nova Scotia presented on Mental health/building resilience, i.e., what is needed for decision-making and support and prevention.

The final day of meetings wrapped up with the Alliance meeting. The Alliance is a group of provincial regulators, addressing and evolving medical radiation and imaging technologist regulation and regulatory issues to enhance safe, competent, and ethical care for Canadians. This meeting included updates on various ongoing projects, including Labour and Mobility Exams, Internationally Educated MRT assessment framework, and a discussion about the Harry Cayton Report on Inquiry into the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia. This long awaited report provides recommendations to the BC government for the wider reform of the framework for health professional regulation in British Columbia. For regulatory bodies across Canada there is

much to be learned from this report, and other provinces are paying close attention.

## Report from CAMRT Director Ada Bunko

The AGM was held in Ottawa April 27<sup>th</sup> and was streamed to members who were not able to make it but wanted to participate. Overall, it was a great success, with active questions and participation from the members. We hope to keep the online streaming option open to all members across Canada.

The CAMRT is proud to have assisted in the development of the five Choosing Wisely Recommendations earlier this year – a result from the collaborative partnership with Choosing Wisely Canada. These recommendations can guide MRTs in reducing procedures that are inappropriate or unnecessary to a patient. More information can be found at <https://choosingwiselycanada.org/medical-radiation-technology/>.

Another milestone for the CAMRT is the inclusion of our national journal – the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences (JMIRS) – into the MEDLINE database. This has been the result of years of work from both the CAMRT as well as the JMIRS editorial board. The addition of our journal allows the medical imaging and radiation therapy communities to be raised to a new profile and a certain prestige in the eyes of the world. Congratulations to the JMIRS board!

The Competency Profiles for each of our disciplines has been under review and is now in its final validation process. If you participated in the feedback and review process, the CAMRT thanks you for your hand in its development. We are striving to maintain these profiles and keep them up to date with new and emerging technologies.

Continuing education is also evolving within the CAMRT. Cost effective webinar series and virtual were added to our contingent of quick self-studies, full-length courses, and certificate programs. Please visit [www.camrt.ca/professional-development/](http://www.camrt.ca/professional-development/) for a comprehensive list.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ada Bunko  
CAMRT Director, Saskatchewan

## SAMRT Council Meetings - An Invitation

Ever wonder what goes on at the SAMRT Council meetings? Did you know that members are able to attend?

Council meetings are open to the public for all governance related matters. Where matters deal with policy related to litigation and personnel issues, Council will be in camera. There may be occasions during the open session that the President makes the determination to discuss a particular issue in camera, which means only Council members can be present for that portion of the meeting. The President will announce his/her intention.

Agendas will be available the Monday prior to each Council Meeting; however, **seating is limited**. If you would like to attend the Open Session of Council please email the office at [info@samrt.org](mailto:info@samrt.org) and we will be pleased to advise you of availability of seating. No right is extended to observers to actively participate in meetings and no recording devices or cameras are permitted

without the permission of the President.

The SAMRT meets four times annually, alternating between Regina and Saskatoon. The next two meetings are Friday September 6th (Regina) and November 29th (Saskatoon).

## Changes to the SAMRT Bylaws

In May, members received an e-blast notification for amendments to the SAMRT Regulatory, Administrative and Fees Bylaws.

Changes include amendments to the licence categories including the addition of a Retired Membership and amendment of Restricted Licence to Graduate Licence.

### Graduate practice licence

14(1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, an initial graduate practice licence or a renewal of a graduate practice licence is available to a person who:

(a) has completed the prescribed education program within the three years prior to the application for the licence; and

(b) meets the requirements for registration as a student member pursuant to clause 9(1)(b) or (c).

Graduate practice licence members must work under direct supervision. The definition of direct supervision can be [viewed here](#).

The fee schedule has also been updated and will be reflected in the licence renewal for 2020. [Click here](#) to review the schedule on line.

The Act and Bylaws are available on the SAMRT website, or you may contact the office to request a printed copy.

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