

President's Message - Scott Mildenberger

Dear Colleagues,

Even though I will still be the SAMRT president until the end of December, this will be my last president's message to you. I know the SAMRT will be in good hands with Mary Rafferty taking over in January. I have really enjoyed being in this role but I know I didn't do it without a lot of help. If you will indulge me, I'd like to take a few minutes and thank some of the people who have helped me these last two years.

Thank you to Debbie Schatz, our wonderful Executive Director and Registrar. Debbie is an incredibly organized, smart and conscientious person who facilitated everything I did in this role. I often get to take credit for some hard work Debbie has done and she made it look easy being the president.

Thank you to the SAMRT Council for electing me to be president. I appreciate the confidence you showed in me and I hope I always reflected you positively in all the opportunities I had to represent you.

Thank you to my management team for helping me take on this large role. Karen Sundby, my fellow Nuclear Medicine Supervisor, had to juggle staff to allow me to go to meetings. Christine Dawson, my Manager, and Shane Timm, my Director, allowed me to be away from work for all my various duties. Without their support, I would not have been able to do this.

Thank you to my PET/CT staff for covering for me when I was away and understanding that sometimes I was distracted as I had many things on my mind. I'd like to especially thank Lindsay Hemingson for filling in for me when I was at meetings. You always do a great job Lindsay.

Thank you to my wife Lindsay. Lindsay is so, so smart. I love being able to have someone in my corner who I can bounce ideas off of. I can get fairly passionate and can be a little blunt so I always run things past her before moving forward to temper that passion with reason and to take the edge off my bluntness. She's funny, caring and a beautiful person, inside and out.

Lastly I'd like to thank the SAMRT members for electing me to Council and allowing me to serve you. It has been my pleasure and I look forward to being on Council for another three years to continue this journey.

Thanks again!

Scott Mildenberger RTNM CTIC PET/CT

2019 Renewal Process

The 2019 Renewal period will open on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Members will receive a link via email to access the renewal application. You will also be able to login to the SAMRT members portal by visiting the website www.samrt.org and clicking on the member login to access the renewal link.

To be eligible for a full practice licence, members must:

- (1.) Have practiced a minimum of 1200 MRT practice hours in their primary discipline in the previous five years or 300 MRT practice hours in the previous five years for a member's secondary discipline;
- (2.) Have a minimum of 10 CE Credits; and
- (3.) Hold professional liability insurance.

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These three components are mandatory as stipulated in the SAMRT Regulatory Bylaws (sections 13, 17 and 18). Members are required to make a declaration that they meet the terms. Please ensure you carefully read and understand the declarations as it is fraudulent to make a false claim.

You can review the [Renewal Information](#) and [Professional Liability Insurance](#) (PLI) FAQs here.

If you are taking a leave of absence in the upcoming year, you must still complete the licence renewal process and notify the SAMRT office of your intended leave. The [Notice of Resignation](#) form is found on the website under Member Resources.

The new licence fees will be in effect for the renewal period. [Click here](#) to review the new rates.

Annual Review of the Standards and Scope of Practice and Code of Ethics

The SAMRT encourages all MRT members to review the [Scope and Standards of Practice](#) and the [Code of Ethics](#) on an annual basis. These documents are always available on the website under Member Resources.

Strategic Plan Update

The Governance Transition Committee continues to make good progress with finalizing the Strategic Plan for 2020 - 2022. Council reviewed a draft version of the plan at the September 2019 Council meeting. The final version is expected to be approved at the November Council meeting. It will be available on the SAMRT website in December.

Regulation of Sonographers

In the fall of 2018, the SAMRT and the SADMS applied to the Ministry of Health to regulate sonographers. Throughout the spring and summer, the SAMRT worked with the Ministry of Health to facilitate wide ranging consultation with MRTs, sonographers, members of the public, employers (public and private) and other government ministries and regulatory bodies both provincially and across Canada.

The consultation has closed, but you can still review information about the regulation in the links below:

[FAQ](#)

[Draft Side by Side of proposed amendments to the SAMRT Act](#)

[Additional information](#)

In July, two information sessions were held for sonographers. [View the presentation.](#)

We expect to hear back from the Ministry of Health in September to learn if the application is moving forward for debate in the fall session of the legislature.

Celebrating MRT Week

MRT Week is celebrated annually the first week in November (in 2019 the dates are November 3 to 9). Please watch your emails for more details about how SAMRT will acknowledge MRT week. For more information about the National Celebration of MRT Week, please visit the [CAMRT website](#). Note the deadline to order materials from CAMRT is September 30th.

Awards Nominations

The Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for **2 new awards**. The awards give recognition to MRTs who deliver exceptional healthcare or outstanding mentorship to others, and celebrates those healthcare professionals who have made a difference to the profession through leadership, patient care, promotion of the profession and more.

1. Clinical Practice Award

This award recognizes an active member who has practiced for at least 3 years. This individual provides exemplary direct care to patients in medical radiation technology while also providing respectful, efficient, effective, safe and ethical care. As a clinical expert, they participate in the development of new knowledge or research and promote the profession by example of clinical excellence to others.

2. Mentorship Award

This award recognizes an active member who promotes the profession by being an excellent mentor to others. This individual directly participates in activities that promote education and development of medical radiological technology students, colleagues, and other healthcare providers.

Please consider nominating a worthy recipient. More details and the nomination forms are available in the member portal under "Awards" or by clicking on the nomination forms below:

[1. Clinical Excellence Nomination form.](#)

[2. Mentorship Award Nomination form.](#)

Nominations will be accepted from the general membership *including students*. Submit your nomination form to the SAMRT Awards Committee in care of the SAMRT Office:

Email: debbieschatz@samrt.org

Fax: 306 543 6161

Deadline for nominations is October 11, 2019.

The awards will be presented at the SAMRT 2020 Annual General Meeting in Regina.

CAMRT Call for Nominations for the Annual Honorary Awards

The CAMRT Awards Program was established to highlight the expertise and professionalism of CAMRT members and students. The CAMRT is proud to recognize individuals who have contributed to their profession and association.

We all know colleagues who have been significantly dedicated and involved in professional activities, advocating and promoting the profession to students, peers, patients, other healthcare professionals and the public.

Now is the time for you to honor those colleagues and submit their name for nominations to the following awards.

- 2021 Welch Memorial Lecturer
- Life or Honorary Life Member Award
- Dr. Marshall Mallett "Lamp of Knowledge" Award
- Early Professional Achievement Award
- Steward of the Profession Award
- Grassroots Advocacy Award
- Outstanding Service Award

Deadline for receipt of CAMRT Honorary Award nominations is January 15th, 2020.

Descriptions of these awards, together with online nomination forms, can be found on the CAMRT website (MRT Profession – Professional Recognition).

<http://www.camrt.ca/mrt-profession/professional-recognition/honorary-awards/>

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 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 final meeting of 2019 is on Friday, November 29th in Saskatoon.

Changes to the SAMRT Website and Member Database

In November 2018, Council approved the replacement of the existing member website and database. A request for proposal was sent out and, following an in-depth analysis, Council selected Thentia as our new provider. Over the summer months, the office has been involved with the development of the new system which has a target implementation date of February 1, 2020. We look forward to providing members with enhanced features and a more responsive platform for mobile devices.

Continuing Competence Committee:

The Continuing Competence Committee (CEC) met in June 2019 to review audit submissions for the December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018 period and to review the Continuing Education (CE) Guidelines and Audit Expectations.

The CE Education and Audit Guidelines have been refreshed and are available for member access. Please ensure you review the information and select the latest forms for tracking your education credits.

1. [Rounds Template](#)
2. [SAMRT CE Guidelines & Audit Expectations](#)
3. [SAMRT CE Credit Record](#)
4. [Continuing Education Certificate Template](#)
5. [Continuing Education & Audit FAQs](#)
6. [Professional Liability FAQs](#)

Guest Article - Christa Berquist

The SAMRT invited member Christa Berquist to submit an article for the newsletter about her work with the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health (CADTH). In this article she explains that MRTs can request information on clinical topics. Please [click here](#) to view the full article.

If you are interested in submitting an article of interest to MRTs, please contact the office at info@samrt.org or Toll free 1-844-807-2678.

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