

President's Message - Scott Mildenberger

Dear colleagues and friends,

It's been a busy spring for the SAMRT. A few things that Council has been working on this spring are:

- We had a SAMRT Council Meeting in April where we elected Mary Rafferty as the SAMRT Vice-President for 2019 and re-elected myself as President.
- Two council members were elected to council from 2019-2022. Nathan Rosenberg will be returning and we welcome his knowledge as he has been on council previously. We have a new council member as well, Ariel Adamson. A new face on council always adds a fresh perspective to things.
- A joint conference with the Saskatchewan Association of Medical Imaging Managers (SAMIM) and the Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SADMS) was held in April. I attended the conference and I was very impressed with the speakers and with the opportunity to network with my fellow technologists. It was a great success!
- The SAMRT Annual General Meeting was held at the conference as well.
- Debbie and I attended National Network Meetings in May at Ottawa. It was a great chance to sit down with fellow regulators and associations to see what the different provinces are doing.

As summer approaches I hope everyone will get a chance to take some time off to enjoy with family and friends. I love when I can spend some time with my wife and children; my kids are growing up much too fast. As always, if you have any questions or concerns with anything council is doing, I encourage you to please bring it to my attention.

With regards,

Scott Mildenberger RTNM CTIC PET/CT

2018 Spring Conference & AGM

The SAMRT held a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Spring Conference in Regina. The meetings were well attended, and a great variety of speakers provided ample opportunity to earn continuing education credits. The SAMRT is pleased to offer this annual one day education forum as a service to our members.

[Click here](#) to view the draft minutes from the 2018 AGM.

[Click here](#) for highlights of the conference.

The 2019 conference will be in Saskatoon. Please contact the office if you would like to be a presenter, or if you are interested in working on the conference committee.

Student Award Winners:

The 2017 highest CAMRT exam marks in Saskatchewan on the previous year's certification examinations in their discipline were announced and celebrated with gift cards and certificates of recognition:

2018 SAMRT Council

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Scott
Mildenberger

Vice President
Brenda Lock

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Melanie
Hilkewich

Elected Council Members
Finte Adem
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Bashir Jalloh
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Mary Rafferty
Nathan
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Eugene Paquin

CAMRT Director
Karen Davis

SAMRT Staff
Debbie Schatz -
Executive
Director/
Registrar
Ardis Monarchi -
Administrative
Assistant
Patti Lewis -
Deputy Registrar

Magnetic Resonance Imaging - **Kelly Procyszyn**

Nuclear Medicine - **Brittany Kozun**

Radiological Technology - **Jaylene Strueby**

Radiation Therapy - There were no Saskatchewan students in 2017.

CAMRT Celebration of Excellence

At the CAMRT National Governance Forum in May we celebrated Awards of Excellence including a few won by SAMRT members. Congratulations to the following individuals:

Dr. Petrie Memorial Award: **Melanie Hilkewich, RTR, ACR, CTIC, FCAMRT**

The Award of Excellence - Radiological Technology: **Jaylene Strueby, RTR**

Board Recognition: **Karen Davis, RTT**

Finally, although she is not from Saskatchewan, she has certainly impacted many Saskatchewan MRTs in her career, and we'd like to acknowledge her here.

Dr. Marshall Mallet Lamp of Knowledge Award: **Laurie Walline, RTNM.**

[Click here](#) to view photos and read about the awards.

Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal Award

We are proud to acknowledge **Eugene Paquin, SAMRT Public Representative**, who was recently awarded the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal Award. On March 22, 2018, Lieutenant Governor W. Thomas Molloy announced the recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. The medals were presented to 10 of the province's most dedicated volunteers at a ceremony during National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, 2018. "The men and women who receive the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal are an example to us all," Molloy said. "Through their generosity of spirit, they are making Saskatchewan a better place. I congratulate all of the 2017 recipients on receiving this honour as some of Saskatchewan's best volunteers."

[Click here](#) to read about the award and the contributions Eugene has made.

Report from National Provincial Meeting

May 2018

President Scott and Executive Director Debbie attended the national/provincial meetings at Ottawa. The meeting coincided with the CAMRT Annual General Meeting and Governance Forum. Representatives from the provincial associations, provincial regulators and CAMRT meet to collaborate on areas of common interest and concerns. This year included a CAMRT-facilitated strategic planning session surrounding wider societal trends affecting the MRT profession, health care developments, changes in professional practice and CAMRT's value proposition to members. There was also a one day GameChangers in Medical Radiation Technology education symposium.

Lastly, the National Network representatives from across Canada met. The meeting is interactive and provides an opportunity to exchange ideas and find solutions for MRT-related topics. We participated in the on-going work to update the Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding documents to ensure they remain current and reflective of our needs and goals. There was also an education session on Policy Development, and a presentation by Laura Zychla, CSMLS about Mental Health at Work.

Report from CAMRT Director Karen Davis

This is my last report as CAMRT Director. It's been a great six and a half years being able to serve Saskatchewan as the representative on the CAMRT Board of Directors. It has been more of a gift than I think most people realize. I have gained new friendships through colleagues that I have met being on the Board. I have gained invaluable knowledge in strategic planning, association governance and association finance. Most importantly, though, I have gained invaluable knowledge and understanding in what all our disciplines do as we work together to ensure that our patients have the best care in the world. I have always thought I was fortunate to discover our profession and become an MRT, but being able to work with such dedicated individuals has given me even more pride in our profession. It is a gift to be able to network with our colleagues across Canada, from small centres to large and to see that we all work at the same gold standard no matter the work place.

I have been able to watch the CAMRT grow – maybe not in numbers but in our presence as the experts of Medical Radiation Technology. I have had the privilege of being on the Advocacy Advisory Committee for the CAMRT as the Director Liaison and now as the Chair. I have seen the great work our association has done in its government relations plans including a Hill Day where all CAMRT Directors, along with senior staff met with MPs and cabinet ministers to introduce ourselves as a profession along with our initiative on advance practice and why MRTs should be doing this role.

The CAMRT is gaining more recognition and influence nationally and internationally through our involvement and leadership with organizations like the ISRRT, HEAL, SNMMI, World Congress of Nuclear Medicine, Choosing Wisely Canada, CADTH, and national medical associations such as CAR, CARO and COMP (with whom we are hosting national meetings). The CAMRT took a leadership role in getting new accreditation in place for all of our educational programs when the CMA stepped down from this role.

One of the big changes that was not popular was the CAMRT going away from our annual general conference. This change meant that we participated with many national and provincial organizations and were able to reach many more of our members for the same money we would have spent on a national conference. This year, we also had a Members Forum – a day of education for all who could attend Ottawa during our meetings. The day was named GameChangers in Medical Radiation Technology and those involved got to listen to, and be inspired by, those at the forefront of advancements, disruptions and evolutions affecting our practice. The Speakers included Curtis Pastorius, Canadian Additive Manufacturing Solutions Applications of 3-D Printing in Medical Radiation Technology and Diagnostic Imaging; Drs. Daniel La Russa and Justin Sutherland, The Ottawa Hospital Virtual Reality in Medicine and Radiology; Brad Pichette, Canadian Cannabis Clinics Medical Cannabis: Legalization, Legislation, and Navigation; Dr. Frank Rybicki, The Ottawa Hospital Next Generation Technology for Radiology; and then at the end of the day, a panel discussion titled Emerging Technologies - The ethical and risk implications of new and emerging technologies on MRT practice, moderated by CAMRT's CEO Francois Couillard. It featured a variety of learned perspectives on this topic. All these sessions were taped and are available on the CAMRT website.

So, as I step off the CAMRT Board, I want to welcome your new representative, Ada Bunko. Ada is an MRT that specializes in Radiation Therapy and works at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre. She has an adorable son (Connor) and a very supportive husband (Justin). I have known Ada since she was a student at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre, and was impressed by her passion for our profession at such an early stage in her career. She has just finished doing her Masters in Radiation Therapy which stands as testimony to her dedication and ongoing passion for our profession. She will do an amazing job on the CAMRT Board and will help push our profession forward.

Have your say...

The SAMRT invites you to participate in our on-line stakeholder survey. Council is developing a sustainable operation, investment and risk management business model for the association. Your input is vital to the success of the process, and responses are collected anonymously via Survey Monkey. Your input will inform the SAMRT council in Strategic Planning for the coming three-year cycle, as well as development of important financial policies relating to license fees and reserve funds. To participate click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDV3XJY>

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