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Congratulations to the 2016 SAMRT Executive:

President - Bashir Jalloh

Vice-President - Peter Derrick

Presidents Message - Bashir Jalloh

Greetings from the SAMRT Council. I hope everyone had a long exciting summer season. I am very happy to report that the SAMRT Council and Staff has also been exceptionally busy over the summer. We have been working on several projects and initiatives to enhance the capacity of our professional Association/College.

[Click here for the full report](#)

Dues Renewal

You can renew your registration online starting October 13, 2015. You will be emailed the morning of October 13 notifying you that renewals are open and instructions on how to proceed. You can also login to the SAMRT member portal by visiting the website www.samrt.org and click "member login". For more information on the dues renewal process, [click here](#).

Ownership Linkage

Thank you to all those who handed out surveys to the public and to those who participated in the focus groups at the SAMRT Spring Conference. Our committee met September 16th 2015 to discuss the results and formulate a plan for the remainder of 2015 and 2016.

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FAQ's

The SAMRT has developed FAQ's to assist the membership. For access to the FAQ's, click on the following links:

[Professional Liability Insurance](#)

[Renewal Facts](#)

[Member Audits](#)

SAMRT CT Position Statement

The SAMRT is forming a working group to review the current SAMRT CT Position Statement. For comments or more information, please email the Executive Director chelseawilker@samrt.org.

SAMRT Fee Bylaws

The SAMRT Fee Bylaws were approved by Council on September 18, 2015. To view the [2015 SAMRT Fee Bylaws](#) [click here](#). Note that the fees have not changed.

Looking for Volunteers

The SAMRT is looking for three volunteers, one RTT, one RTMR and one RTNM, to sit on the Continuing Competence Committee for a three year term (January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018). To view the committee's terms of reference, [click here](#). If you are interested in volunteering on the committee, please email the SAMRT office at info@samrt.org

Benefit to Membership

As a benefit to membership, the Saskatchewan Hotel Group is offering a preferred guest rate for SAMRT members. Hotels included are: Hotel Saskatchewan, Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa, Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre, and the Wingate by Wyndham.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Regulation of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

The SAMRT/SADMS Regulation of Sonography Advisory Committee submitted the Application to Government on September 30, 2015 for the Regulation of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers in Saskatchewan.

Standards/Scope of Practice Project

In 2014, the SAMRT began working on the development of a Scope/Standards of Practice document which was listed as a high priority in the Strategic Plan. Dianne Parker-Taillon consulting was hired to assist the SAMRT in the completion of this project. On September 18, 2015, the SAMRT Council approved the Scope/Standards of Practice.

The project included the following steps:

1. Review of the literature related to the development of scopes/standards of practice and available information about scope/standards of practice within the profession and for comparable organizations within Saskatchewan;
2. Development of a background document to summarize the literature/document review and to inform development of the SAMRT Scope/Standards of Practice, including a proposed framework for the Standards of Practice.;
3. Development of Draft 1 of the Scope/Standards of Practice;
4. Facilitation of a face-to-face meeting with the Standards/Scope of Practice Review Advisory Committee (SPRAC) to review Draft 1 of the Scope/Standards of Practice and develop Draft 2 of the document;
5. Validation of Draft 2 of the Scope/Standards of Practice using an electronic survey to consult with SAMRT members; and
6. Development of a final Scope/Standards of Practice and report based on final stakeholder review.

On September 18, 2015 SAMRT Council approved the Scope and Standards of Practice. To view the Scope and Standards of Practice [click here](#). Please contact the SAMRT Office to request a hard copy.

2016 Spring Conference

The 2016 Spring Conference will be held in Moose Jaw,

Saskatchewan at the Heritage Inn on April 8th & 9th. If you, or someone that you know is interested in doing a presentation at the conference, please contact the SAMRT office at (306) 525-9678 or info@samrt.org.

Continuing Competence Committee

The Continuing Competence Committee had their annual meeting in May to review the 2014 audit submissions. All audit submissions were approved however five members received approval with recommendations for future audits. During the Continuing Competence Meeting, the committee reviewed the Continuing Education Credit Program Guidelines and Audit Expectations, Continuing Education Record, and discussed inquires/recommendations from the SAMRT membership. The Continuing Education Audit Expectations brochure has been slightly modified for clarification. [Click here for access to this brochure.](#)

A summary of meeting discussion regarding member inquiries/recommendations:

- Privacy education is acceptable but should get pre-approved by the SAMRT office first.
- A member inquired about whether or not CAMRT course credits could be carried over to the next renewal year due to the fact they are so much work. The committee decided to leave the policy the same, members cannot carry over credits.
- The membership asked if CPR recertification's could count towards credits. The committee discussed this however decided to only allow first time CPR courses as credits.
- Sonography education will count towards MRT specific credits after DMS' become self-regulated with the SAMRT.
- Electronic audit submissions are acceptable.
- A list of CE opportunities are available on the SAMRT website under Professional Development.
- Changed the word "description" on the Continuing Education Record to "title".

Do you need CE credits? The CAMRT has designed a series of webinars to provide insight and education to practicing MRTs on topics of clinical and professional interest, the series is designed to deliver member value as well as easily accessible education credits for distance learners. Click on the

following link for more information:

<http://www.camrt.ca/events/practice-insights-a-camrt-webinar-series/>

Survey of the Public

You will recall that the SAMRT Council conducted a survey to determine the level of satisfaction that the public has in regards to medical radiation technologists safe and ethical practice. The SAMRT received 121 responses, with over a 90% satisfaction rate. To view a summary of the responses [click here.](#)

MRT Week November 8, 2015 – November 14, 2015

MRT week is fast approaching! The SAMRT would like to challenge it's members to a contest to see who can set up the best MRT display at their place of employment during MRT week. The deadline to submit pictures of the display is Friday November 14, at 4:00 p.m. The winner will receive a pizza party for their department. Submit pictures to info@samrt.org.

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