

## President's Message - Bashir Jalloh

Greetings to all my MRT colleagues. As this long exciting summer season comes to an end so does my second and final year as president of the SAMRT come to an end. I have personally enjoyed my time as president of the SAMRT. It has been an amazing journey for me to have been part of all the challenges and achievements of this organization over the past 6 years. I am honored and humbled to have been the first African-Canadian to hold this position. Although we may not always speak of it, there are still many milestones and achievements that are being reached by all minorities. I am thankful that the SAMRT was open to an individual from my humble background to ascend to such an integral position in its leadership. [Click here to read the entire message.](#)

## Continuing Competence Committee

The Continuing Competence Committee met in May to review the 2016 audit submissions and to review the CE Guidelines, Audit Expectations and to discuss any questions or concerns that were raised at the AGM.

### Sonography education

The committee discussed whether or not sonography education should count towards medical radiation technology education credits. After careful consideration, the committee decided to accept sonography credits provided that they can be linked to the MRT discipline.

### Carrying over credits

The committee considered whether or not members should be allowed to carry over credits and decided that the focus should be on continuous improvement. Carrying over of credits isolates to a specific topic and doesn't allow for well-rounded education. The committee feels that the 10 credit requirement is reasonable and decided to leave the policy as is – members cannot carry over credits.

### Education material greater than 3 years old

The committee considered whether or not education material that is greater than 3 years old is relevant and whether it should be acceptable for CE credits. The decision was made to leave the policy as is. Continuing Education material must be less than 3 years old.

### Continuing Education Program

The committee discussed incorporating a self-reflection piece into the continuing competence program in the future. The committee will do research over the next year to explore options.

## Continuing Education Resources

### 2016 SAMRT Council

**President**  
Bashir Jalloh

**Vice President**  
Peter Derrick

**Past President**  
Vacant

### **Elected Council Members**

Allison Adair  
Katelyn New  
Nathan Rosenberg  
Donna Schommer

### **Appointed Council Members**

Scott Mildenberger  
Brenda Lock

### **Public Representatives**

Bonnie Caven  
Bruce Richards  
Ryan Klassen

**CAMRT Director**  
Karen Davis

[Click here to view the new and improved Continuing Education Guidelines Brochure.](#)

The Committee developed a template that can be used in your employment facility for documenting Rounds. [Click here to view the Rounds Template.](#)

## 2017 Renewal Update

It is almost that time of year again! Dues renewals will open on Thursday, October 13 and members will receive a link to access the renewal application.

### What is new for the upcoming renewal?

In order to be eligible for a full practice license, members must have practiced a minimum of 1200 MRT practice hours in their primary discipline. The practice hour requirement for a member's secondary discipline remains the same at 300 MRT practice hours in the previous five years.

[Click here to view the Renewal FAQ to help answer any questions that you may have.](#)

## Council Vacancies

Members received an eblast in August with the notification that two members of Council had resigned and that the current elected Council members were looking for individuals interested in being appointed to Council until the next AGM. The SAMRT is pleased to announce that the following members have been appointed to Council until March 24, 2017.

Member	Discipline
Brenda Lock	RTR
Scott Mildenberger	RTNM

The SAMRT extends its sincere appreciation to all those who expressed interest in becoming involved on Council.

## SAVE THE DATE - 2017 Spring Conference

The 2017 Annual General Meeting and Conference is scheduled for March 24 - 25 in North Battleford at the Dekker Centre. More information will be available soon.

## Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

On January 27, 2016 the SAMRT received notice that effective February 1, 2018, CMA will no longer be providing accreditation services in Canada.

An Allied Health Program Accreditation Working Group has been formed that consists of participants from the professions of Medical Radiation Technology, Physician Assistants, Clinical Perfusion, Ophthalmic Medical Personnel, Paramedics, Sonographers, and Orthoptic.

The Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologist Regulators of Canada (AMRTRC) and the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) are members of the “Allied Health Program Accreditation Working Group”. AMRTRC and the CAMRT are committed to working together on all issues regarding the future of accreditation.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released and is available on the SAMRT website to assist with the search of finding a new accrediting body for Health Educational Programs. The goal of the Allied Health Program Accreditation Working Group is to establish a process of transition by the end of this year.

## **MRT Week November 6 - November 12.**

In honour of MRT Week, the SAMRT Ownership Linkage Committee is pleased to announce that a billboard will be displayed between Regina and Saskatoon near Davidson that showcases the profession of Medical Radiation Technology. SAMRT members were given the opportunity to submit a design for the billboard. The winner with the overall best billboard design is Peter Derrick! The Ownership Linkage Committee would like to thank all members who took the time to submit a design. To view the selected billboard design, [click here](#).

**CONTEST TIME!** The SAMRT would like to challenge its 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 Saturday November 12. The winner will receive a pizza party for their department. Submit pictures to [info@samrt.org](mailto:info@samrt.org).

## **Winner of the Draw to attend the CAMRT Conference**

SAMRT members were given the opportunity to enter their name into a random draw to attend the CAMRT Conference in Nova Scotia. Calvin Yury was the lucky winner. To share in Calvin's experience, [please click here](#).

## **About the CAMRT Foundation**

The CAMRT Foundation exists to support its members and the advancement of the profession. As such, the Foundation:

- Promotes pride in the profession and within our ranks.
- Helps members keep abreast of new and emerging technologies.
- Advocates lifelong learning.
- Promotes excellence in patient care.

The CAMRT Foundation was incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a charitable organization on January 29, 1987. While it is a separate entity from the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT), the Foundation complements and enhances the educational activities of the professional association and its members.

The foundation is governed by a Board of Directors, and supported by members

who serve as a liaison for the Foundation in every province. [Click here for an update on the CAMRT Foundation.](#)

## 2016 Award Winners

The following Awards were handed out at the 2016 Spring Conference:

Jo-Anne Couture - 5 years serving on Council (2010 - 2015)

**Student Awards** - 2015 highest CAMRT exam marks in Saskatchewan

Radiation Therapy – Shaylin Eger

Nuclear Medicine – Megan MacPherson

Radiography – Kennedy Conquergood

Magnetic Resonance Imaging – Coral Stenger

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