

President's Message - Mary Rafferty

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2020! I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy year. My name is Mary Rafferty and I have been elected President for the coming year. I am a mammography technologist in the Dr F.H.Wigmore Regional Hospital and I look forward to representing the SAMRT locally and nationally as we move forward with lots of changes in the year to come.

Firstly, thank you to outgoing President, Scott Mildenberger, who as a great leader helped keep things running smoothly along with the help of Debbie Schatz, our Executive Director and Registrar and our admin staff. A special word of thanks and good wishes goes to Ardis Monarchi.

Last year was a busy one again, with the governance / strategic planning committee wrapping up their work on the Strategic Plan for the next three years. This was a lot of work and a huge thank you to all those involved. The strategic plan will be used as a guide as we aim to fulfil our main role which is to protect the public through regulation of medical radiation technology in the province of Saskatchewan. Details of the plan is available on the SAMRT website.

Last year we also saw an increase in our licence fees, which was deemed necessary to cover costs of our website /database update and to maintain adequate legal and reserve funds.

Progress has been made towards the application for Regulation of Sonographers and we look forward to working with our colleagues in SADMS to move forward to the next step.

As mentioned above, one of the major projects to be tackled this year is the transition to a new website and database for the public and our members. Of course such a task is difficult to control and we would like to ask members to be patient as we transition. A lot of work has already been done, however due to circumstances beyond our control the implementation date has been delayed. We remain committed to providing members with a more responsive platform with enhanced features and will provide an update in the next newsletter.

Looking forward, our conference and AGM will be held in Regina on Saturday April 25th. More details are available in this newsletter. With record attendance in 2019, we hope to see you all there again this year!

In closing congratulations to new council member, Kaylyn Hagel. And also a big thank you to Bashir Jalloh who moves on after many years on council and a past president. Thank you to Damilola Fayed, our intern, for all her work so far.

Regards,

Mary Rafferty. DCR (R)Cert CT RTR CBID

2020 Annual General Meeting & Conference April 25th

The SAMRT AGM is scheduled for April 25th in conjunction with the joint educational conference with the Saskatchewan Association of Medical Imaging Managers (SAMIM) and the Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SADMS) at the Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Dr, Regina, SK S4S 7L3. Your committee is hard at work planning the agenda and booking speakers.

2020 SAMRT Council

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Meegan Russell
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SAMRT Council Nominations

The SAMRT has three vacancies on Council for a 3 year term effective January 2021-2023.

Please consider running for a position, or nomination another member. [Click here](#) for the nomination form. [Click here](#) for an informational sheet on the role and expectations of serving on Council. These documents are always available on the website under Member Resources.

Nominations close at noon on March 16, 2020.

Strategic Plan

The Governance Transition Committee is pleased to present the Strategic Plan for 2020 - 2022. Council approved the plan at the November 2019 Council meeting and it is available on the website under Member Resources. Council would like to acknowledge the committee for their significant efforts to develop the Strategic Plan. You can view a one page highlight of the strategic plan [here](#), or review it in detail at [this link](#).

Regulation of Sonographers

In December, the Ministry of Health notified the SAMRT and the SADMS that additional consultations and collaboration is needed with Saskatchewan sonographers before the application can be approved. The SAMRT Council will review the Ministry's feedback and consider the next steps at the March 2020 Council meeting.

Welcome to Meegan Russell

The SAMRT office has hired a temporary Administrative Assistant to help out while our regular employee, Ardis Monarchi is away. We are pleased to welcome Meegan and look forward to working with her over the next couple of months.

Awards

The Awards Committee has selected the recipients for two new awards. The winners of the **Clinical Practice Award** and the **Mentorship Award** will be announced at the AGM. Winners of the CAMRT Highest Grade will also be announced.

Life Member Award

The Awards Committee is also accepting nominations for the Life Member Award. Life membership is defined in the SAMRT Regulatory Bylaws, as a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of Medical Radiation Technology or to the Association. The SAMRT strives to award this membership at least every two years. Recipients of the Life Member Award are invited to present the Percy Hunt Honorary Lectureship at the meeting in which the award is presented.

Nominations are open to the membership as well as by consideration of the Awards Committee itself. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2020. [Click here](#) to access a nomination form. Submit your nomination form to the SAMRT Awards Committee in care of the SAMRT Office:

Email: debbieschatz@samrt.org

Fax: 306 543 6161

CAMRT 2020 (Ottawa) May 30-31, 2020

<https://www.camrt.ca/conferences-and-events/>

Mark your calendar for CAMRT 2020 held in Ottawa at the Brookstreet Hotel, May 30-31. The two days will be full of multi-modality education, social events and opportunities to network with like-minded MRTs from across the country. Who will be there? Medical radiation technologists specializing in radiological technology, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance imaging and radiation therapy. Stay tuned!

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 next two meetings are March 6 (Regina) and April 24 (Regina).

Continuing Education Resource:

The Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Program (SHIRP) is available to ALL registered Saskatchewan healthcare providers. You can access e-resources through the SHIRP website or through the SHA Online Library as a free resource. [Click here](#) for more information about what SHIRP has to offer, or visit their website at <https://shirp.usask.ca/home>.

Guest Article -

The SAMRT invites members to submit an article for the newsletter about your work, a research project or pilot you are participating in. 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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