

## 2021 SAMRT Council

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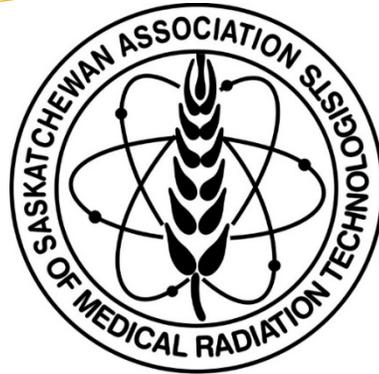
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## President's Message – Mary Rafferty

Dear SAMRT members and fellow colleagues,

Springtime has arrived and it is a very welcome sight after our long winter. The SAMRT held their first meeting of 2021 in February and your council and ED committees have been working on their tasks to carry on the business of regulation. Our work continues with virtual meetings and we look forward to meeting in person in the not- too- distant future.

The SAMRT is happy to know that many MRTs providing diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy care to COVID patients are now included in the first phase of vaccination. Members are anxiously awaiting their vaccinations and we hope that they will arrive soon. We would like to thank the CAMRT for their advocacy for MRTs in Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Health for listening to MRTs and thank you to those who made representation on their behalf. We know that the public will be even better served if all MRTs working in all areas of diagnostic medical Imaging and radiation therapy are vaccinated as soon as possible.

Looking forward to the rest of 2021, some of the work for the year ahead concerns:

- Review of the SAMRT governance policies, which we plan to review on a 3-yearly basis. These reviews will ensure that the policies are relevant and being followed appropriately. This is a large task, but a crucial one for council to ensure that we are complying with our mandates.

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- Engagement with Saskatchewan Polytechnic on updates to the education program for MRTs and to provide input.

- Resumption of the work of the Regulation of Medical Sonographers Committee has begun and will continue throughout the year.

- The SAMRT AGM will take place in September and further details will be announced in the next newsletter.

- We have three vacancies on council for 2022; members can nominate potential candidates for election. If you are interested in participating on council, reach out for further information and become an advocate for the public, by making sure our members are practicing safely and competently and within the law. This is a great way to learn about the SAMRT and become more involved in decision making which affects members and public alike.

- We also look forward to receiving nominations from SAMRT members for the Clinical Excellence, Mentorship and Life Member awards. These awards are a great way to recognize the work of your peers and colleagues.

The virtual CAMRT conference takes place on May 15th and May 16th and registrations are now open for the AGM and educational days. This is a good opportunity to earn some CE credits and there are lots of educational topics that will no doubt enhance your skills in medical imaging and radiation therapy.

Most of all stay safe. Best wishes,

Mary Rafferty, SAMRT President 2021

## SAMRT Awards – Call for Nominations

Due May 1

The SAMRT Awards Committee is accepting nominations in the following categories:

### Clinical Excellence Award

Recognizes an individual who participates in the development of new knowledge or research and provides respectful, efficient, effective, safe and ethical care and who promotes the profession by example of clinical excellence to others.

[Clinical Excellence](#)

### Mentorship Award

Recognizes an individual who directly participates in activities that promote education and development of medical radiological technology students, colleagues, and other health providers and who promotes the profession by being an excellent mentor to others.

[Mentorship](#)

### Life Member Award

Recognizes a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of Medical Radiation Technology or to the Association.

[Life Member](#)

# COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The SAMRT has three vacancies on Council for a 3-year term effective January 2022-2024. **Please consider running for a position, or nominate another member.**

The SAMRT Council is made up of:

3 government appointed representatives, and *8 elected MRT members*. Council members serve a three-year term, effective January 1.

**Nominations close at noon on May 1, 2021.**

The [Nomination form](#) is on the website under About > Member Resources

Find out more about the role and responsibilities here: [Council Information Brochure](#)

“Being a SAMRT council member has made me a better leader, given me the opportunity to make friends and contacts from all over the province and allowed me to broaden my knowledge of medical imaging and regulatory bodies.”

Scott Mildenerger, Chair, Nominating Committee, Past President



## The SAMRT 2021 AGM

Postponed to Fall 2021

Due to the continued restrictions and roll out of the covid vaccinations, the SAMRT Council voted at our December 11, 2020 meeting to postpone the 2021 AGM to September. The delay will allow us more time to consider whether to proceed with an in-person conference, or to hold a virtual AGM. We are also considering the possibility of adding in a small educational component to the AGM if we need to once again run it as a virtual meeting.

We will continue to monitor and discuss the options at our Council meetings.



Interested in working on the 2021 Conference Committee?

Contact the office:

[info@samrt.org](mailto:info@samrt.org)

# SAMRT Strategic Plan 2020-2021

## Year 1 Update

Completed on time or ahead of schedule:

1. Public Protection: Develop and implement an online complaints and reporting process.
2. Community Engagement: ensure easily accessible information is available on website to educate members, public and government about the SAMRT.
3. Community Engagement: Participate and provide input on government regulatory initiatives.

## Year 2 Goals

1. Public Protection: Continued work on regulation of sonography.
2. Capacity of College: Continued work on information technology to support our regulatory, operational and strategic goals - ongoing development and improvement of member database and website.
3. Community Engagement: Strengthen partnership and collaboration with educational institutions.

2020	2021	2022
Completed	In Progress	In Development



## SHA CALL TO BECOME INVOLVED - WORKERS WANTED – COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY IS SEEKING INDIVIDUALS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE. READ MORE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES ON THEIR [WEBSITE](#).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING IN A COVID-19 VACCINATION RELATED CAPACITY OR IN A GENERAL COVID-19 RESPONSE CAPACITY, PLEASE COMPLETE [THE COVID-19 APPLICATION SURVEY](#).

## Annual Member Audit

The SAMRT recognizes that advancing technology and increasing responsibility requires technologists to continually update their knowledge and skills. Continuing education ensures professional competence and prevents professional obsolescence. Ten percent (10%) of the membership is audited on an annual basis to provide verification of their credits as declared on their renewal.

Continuing education is mandatory for maintaining membership/licensure with the SAMRT. Each MRT has a duty to attend, track, and report CE activity regardless of employment or registration status. A minimum of 10 Medical Radiation Technology credits per year are required. Dues years, rather than calendar years, will be used for credit accumulation December 1 – November 30.

Members are also required to verify that they have worked the minimum amount of medical radiation technology practice hours, and to provide proof of Professional Liability Insurance.

The Annual Audit is currently underway and members have been notified about the requirements, due date and instructions for submission. More information about the continuing education program is available on our website: Legislation and Policies => [Continued Competence Program](#) .

Public Protection	Capacity of College	Community Engagement	Professional Practice
<p>Our number one priority is protection of the public.</p> <p>On-going improvements in this 3-year cycle include an improved complaints and discipline process with easier access and greater transparency.</p> <p>The SAMRT will also continue to ensure a fair and transparent entry to practice of all medical imaging and radiation MRTs and continue to facilitate the regulation of sonographers through legislation.</p>	<p>Significant resources will focus on ensuring that our information technology systems and content meet regulatory, operational and strategic requirements through the upgrading of our member database and website.</p> <p>By 2020, both systems will be operational and functioning.</p>	<p>Continue to foster relationships and collaborate with our key partners and stakeholders both within Saskatchewan and across Canada. This includes educational institutions, members of the public, government and employers.</p> <p>Annually, the SAMRT will meet with the MRT educational institutes and the Ministry of Health to provide relevant information.</p>	<p>Ensure the continued competence of MRTs is validated through tracking and auditing of continuing education with the ability to upload supporting documents.</p> <p>As well, in this 3-year cycle, the SAMRT will develop and implement a jurisprudence program to ensure members understand the role of self-regulation and the responsibilities that go with it.</p>

# CAMRT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## A message from Saskatchewan Polytechnic



The Tammy Brown Memorial Trust was created to recognize the contribution Tammy made to the Medical Radiologic Technologist Program as an instructor at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, a volunteer and employee of the Canadian Association of Medical Radiologic Technologists (CAMRT), as well as an employee in the field of Medical Imaging. Tammy's dedication, innovation, positivity, and leadership inspired her students, colleagues, family, and friends. We invite you to help us celebrate and honour Tammy's life, and in her memory create an award and legacy that will touch the lives of Saskatchewan Polytechnic Medical Radiologic Technologist students for many years to come.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic donations link:  
<https://alumni.saskpolytech.ca/donation-form>  
Please be sure to select "other" and specify "Tammy Brown Memorial Trust Fund".

Thank you for helping to honour Tammy's memory  
in this special way

## The National Conference for MRTs

**A PROGRAM SO STRONG, NOT EVEN A PANDEMIC WILL PREVENT US FROM DELIVERING IT TO YOU**

Join us virtually for two full days of education, discussion and networking at CAMRT 2021, the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists' national conference for MRTs

### MRT-specific Education

- 35+ education sessions across all modalities
- Up to 12 Category A credits
- Hot topics: AI, self-care, resiliency, unconscious bias, advocacy
- MRT stories from the pandemic

### Networking

- Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony, May 15th
- CAMRT's 79th AGM, May 16th
- Connect with MRTs and sponsors
- Silent auction

**Early-bird, starting at:**  
\$199 full conference | \$125 daily pass

**Students**  
\$50 full conference pass

#CAMRT2021  
[www.camrt.ca/CAMRT2021](http://www.camrt.ca/CAMRT2021)

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## CAMRT 2021 - Virtual

May 15 and 16, 2021

Conference Site and Registration: [www.camrt.ca/camrt2021](http://www.camrt.ca/camrt2021)

Program: <https://www.camrt.ca/camrt2021-program/>

Pricing starts at \$199 for members, \$275 for non-members and \$50 for students.

## Invitation to submit photos:

The SAMRT is seeking MRT photos for future use in newsletters, annual reports or on our social media channels. Please ensure that submissions do not include any identifiable patients, and that others in the photo are identified and have approved sharing the image. Submit your photos to the office or on our social media accounts.

Please look for SAMRT on Instagram and Facebook and follow or like us.

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