

2021 SAMRT Council

President: Mary Rafferty

Vice President: Katelyn New

Past President:

Scott Mildenberger

Elected Members

Ariel Adamson

Finte Adem

Kaylyn Hagel

Michael McKechnie

Nathan Rosenberg

Appointed Public Representatives

Alan Cannon

Ryan Klassen

Eugene Paquin

CAMRT Director

Ada Bunko

Council Elect: Shane Timm

Staff

Executive Director/Registrar:

Debbie Schatz

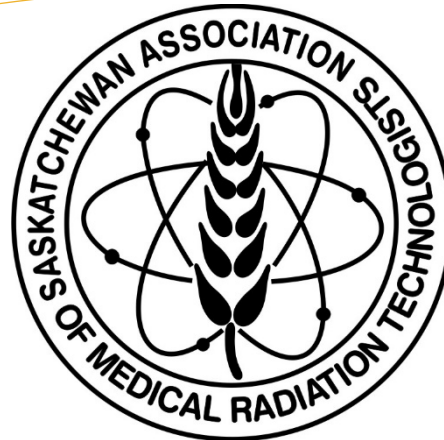
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President's Message – Mary Rafferty

Dear SAMRT members and fellow colleagues,

This is our last newsletter of 2021 and my last newsletter as President and sadly we are continuing to face a difficult time with the covid situation. On behalf of SAMRT council and committee members I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication during this second year. It has been an honor to serve as President, though a non-covid year would have been nice! I would especially like to thank Debbie Schatz for the dedication and expertise she brings to the work of the council and for making my job as President a lot easier.

SAMRT has been busy with many avenues of work and this newsletter hopes to bring you up to date on some of them. At our last virtual meeting on September 10th, a new and old President was elected! Scott Mildenberger takes on the role of President once again after an interim of two years which saw him remain on council. Katelyn Hagel was elected Vice-President. Congratulations to both. On the 11th of September the SAMRT held a second virtual AGM where three elected council members were announced. Finte Adem and Nathan Rosenberg were re-elected, and Shane Timm was newly elected. All positions take effect in January 2022.

The AGM included awards to the student with highest marks in each modality. Awards were also presented for Clinical Excellence, Mentorship, and Volunteers. We were also pleased to present a Life Member Award. You can read about the winners later in this report.

Member's renewal is coming up shortly, so it's a good time to check that you have all your education credits. The good news is that the fees remain the same as last year. Don't forget to visit the SAMRT website to read the 2020 annual report.

Work will continue with all the committees as we move forward into winter and some areas to be addressed are continued work identified in the Strategic Plan, more engagement in undergraduate education of MRTs, collaboration with sonographers to work towards their regulation, as well as many of the regular items such as community engagement and financial oversight.

MRT week is coming up in November and I hope you take some time to promote your profession, have some fun and show pride in your work! Don't forget to post your pictures to the SAMRT [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages. Finally, stay safe and keep those around you safe too. Best wishes,

Mary Rafferty

The SAMRT Annual General Meeting – September 11, 2021

Election Results for President, Vice-President and Council members were announced.

The SAMRT Annual General Meeting was held Saturday, September 11th. Attendance was excellent with 126 members participating.

President Mary Rafferty introduced the SAMRT staff, elected Council members and the Public Representatives. Melanie Hilkewich served as the AGM Parliamentarian.

It was announced that Scott Mildenerger was elected to serve as President and Kaylyn Hagel was acclaimed as Vice-President with terms beginning January 1, 2022. We also elected one new council member – Shane Timm, and reelected Finte Adem and Nathan Rosenberger to a 3-year term. Congratulations to our new and returning Council members.

Attendees were awarded 2 continuing education credits. The certificates were emailed to members in mid-October. If you attended and have not yet received your certificate, please contact the office to discuss.

SAMRT Awards 2021

RECOGNIZING MRT EXCELLENCE

The SAMRT is pleased to recognize MRTs demonstrating exceptional skills and patient care, as well as for achievements in areas of academics and service to our members.

Awards Chair, Scott Mildenerger, presented the awards.

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Left to Right: Highest Grade Student Award (1 of 3 recipients), Sabrina Waker; Image of Outgoing Council plaque, Clinical Excellence Award recipient – Maeghan Richard, and Mentorship Award recipient – Jennifer Layton.

The Academic Excellence Award recognizes the Saskatchewan students with the highest mark on the national certification exam. Congratulations to Tyra Saunders, Cassandra Tran and Sabrina Waker.

The Outgoing Volunteer Award - Brenda Lock was recognized for her service on Council from 2016 - 2020, including two terms as Vice-President in 2017 and 2018. We also recognized Richard Bender, Penny Burroughs and Lisa King's service on committees, with terms ending in 2020.

The Clinical Excellence Award acknowledges an individual who provides exemplary direct care to patients in medical radiation technology. They provide respectful, efficient, effective, safe, and ethical care, participates in the development of new knowledge or research, and promotes the profession by example of clinical excellence to others. Congratulations Maeghan Richard.

The Mentorship Award acknowledges an individual who directly participates in activities that promote education and development of medical radiological technology students, colleagues, and other health professionals. They also promote the profession by being an excellent mentor to others. Congratulations Jennifer Layton.

Life Member Award – Ralph Hoffman



Ralph started his career in 1980 when he graduated from the Medical Radiation Technology Program at Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences. I'm sure that he didn't know it then, but Ralph was about to start a 36 year journey that would not only positively mold and impact the very direction of Medical Imaging services in Saskatchewan, but also positively mold and impact the lives of those around him.

Ralph has served as a technologist, a teacher, a mentor, a hospital designer, an organizational leader whose contributions are still reflected in our system today and for years to come. Ralph's passion for quality, safety, and continuous improvement was contagious, and it was a value he expected and groomed in those around him.

As an MRT, Ralph embodies all the qualities we aspire to in this profession. Ralph has had a number of roles in his career including clinical instructor, quality assurance technologist, Manager and Director of Medical Imaging. Ralph also was a leader in the planning, designing, and building of Saskatoon City Hospital.

Ralph was always an advocate for patient and family centered care. To those fortunate enough to work with him and know him... he is a colleague, a teacher, a mentor, a champion, and a friend.

Ralph has been a great mentor to many as they have advanced in their careers. He was always available to all Medical Imaging staff for both personal and professional advice, guidance and support, and his years of experience lend to his calm demeanor and wise words. Ralph has been a member and served with the SAMRT for years on multiple conference, discipline, credentials, and executive director selection committees. He helped organize many conferences and events, and has always promoted his profession and the SAMRT. He has been awarded the SAMRT President's Award and SAMRT Leadership Award.

Throughout his career, Ralph's wealth of knowledge and his willingness to share his learnings with others played a direct role in the betterment of all that have had the privilege of working alongside him. Ralph's wealth of knowledge has benefited generations of technologists, managers, directors, ED's, VP's, educators, and patients and families through educating and promoting continuous improvement in our field. His contributions are still reflected in our system today across the entire province and will continue for years to come.

We congratulate and thank you for your service Ralph.



Celebrating MRT Week Nov. 7 - 13

As MRT week is fast approaching the CEC has been busy arranging plans for awareness and engagement. Once again, this year the committee has signed a contract with Pattison Outdoor Media to display our MRT billboards in multiple Saskatchewan cities. For the first time we are going to have a presence in the city of North Battleford which we are really excited about.

Thanks to all members who attended our virtual AGM this September. You will be receiving a special gift in the mail, SAMRT badge backers displaying our associations colours. Please wear these badge backers with pride during MRT week for a chance to be involved in social media contests. Follow our social media pages for MRT week contest details. We look forward to seeing our members wearing their badge backers in-front of their modalities showing passion towards their profession.

SAMRT Education Session – September 11, 2021

The SAMRT was pleased to partner with CAMRT to offer a brief education session following the SAMRT AGM. Registrants viewed two sessions 1) The Advocay Within, Nicole Jenkins, and 2) Identity Matters: Affirming care for LGBTQ2S+ patients Dr. Amanda Bolderson.

We would like to thank the CAMRT for their support in providing the speakers, hosting the webinar platform, managing registration and providing both a moderator and technical support. There were 86 attendees.

If you are interested in learning more about these sessions, both are available free to CAMRT members. For more indepth learning there is a four-part series on LGBTQ2Q + education as well as a quick self study course on Enhancing Communication Through Cultural Humility. [Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists | Professional Development \(camrt.ca\)](#)



2022 Renewal Information

The renewal period will open on October 15, 2021.

1. To be eligible for a full practice licence, members must:
 - ✓ Have practiced a minimum of 1200 MRT practice hours in their primary discipline or 300 MRT practice hours in an additional discipline in the previous 5 years;
 - ✓ Have a minimum of 10 CE Credits; and
 - ✓ Hold professional liability insurance.
2. Members must declare these 3 requirements, and review the character declarations. **Please read these questions carefully as you make your declarations.**
3. If you are taking a leave of absence, leaving the province or retiring, you must still complete the renewal process to resign in good standing.

Late fees take effect Dec. 1

Technical Support is available for members. Click on the icon to request assistance.

Tech Support

Annual Review

Scope and Standards of Practice and

Code of Ethics

The SAMRT encourages all MRT members to review these two important policies annually at renewal time.

These documents are on the website under Legislation and Policies and linked in this article.



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