

CAMRT Director Report

April 27-30, 2017 was the CAMRT Annual conference and AGM. It was held in Ottawa as a celebration of the organization's 75th anniversary. The educational sessions were, as always, highly informative. I know many members have been upset hearing this was the last CAMRT conference. The decision to change the conference format was made on the declining numbers attending the conference and the expense for the few that could make it. Instead, the focus is to use these resources to give more members more opportunities for education as well as connecting with our national association for the annual general meeting. CAMRT is very excited to already be collaborating with other professional associations such as CARO (Canadian Association of Radiation Oncologists), COMP (Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists), and CAR (Canadian Association of Radiologists) for combined national conferences next year. For more information please see the CAMRT website www.camrt.ca. There will be a webinar on Thursday June 8th at 10:00am SK time. Please go to the website to register.

CAMRT has also been very busy and involved in the future of accreditation of our educational programs since CMA divested itself from this. The Allied Health Programs Accreditation Working Group members have decided to accept, in principle, a proposal from a service provider. The CAMRT board of directors supported this decision. Agreements still need to be finalized and signed by all parties before details are released.

This spring we say goodbye to Elaine Dever who will be retiring from CAMRT as the Education Director. We welcome Carrie Bru who will be our new Director of Education. Carrie comes from Alberta. Please see the website for her bio.

CAMRT has developed a certification for Radiation Therapists for Advanced Practice and is working on doing the same for Medical Radiation Technologists in Medical Imaging. There are also four potential sites to pilot Advanced Practice roles in Medical Imaging.

This past meeting, the Board of Directors also confirmed the two highest priorities for advocacy as being Appropriateness and Advanced Practice. The Advocacy Committee will be meeting in June to work on the advocacy plan to present to the board this summer. One project they have been working on is a tool kit for CAMRT members to use when they are doing any government relation advocacy for the profession.

Sincerely submitted by

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