

## President's Message - Melanie Hilkewich

Dear Colleagues:

As I write this, my term as SAMRT President is coming to a close. It is a time to reflect on the past year and all the good work that has been and is being done.

Let me first say what an honor and privilege it was for me to serve again as your SAMRT President. I am truly humbled to have had such a wonderful opportunity.

I would also like to tell you that your association is in good hands, both in your new Executive Director, Debbie Schatz, and in your current Council of dedicated peers and public representatives.

Even though we have been through a year of transition, work continues to be done. The annual registration renewal process is nearing completion, credentials have been reviewed, and an excellent joint conference and Annual General Meeting was enthusiastically attended by SAMRT members. We even had a successful election for two new Council members!

Your SAMRT Council continues the work of reviewing its financial position. [Click here to read full message.](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hilkewich RTR ACR CTIC FCAMRT

## CAMRT Leadership Development Institute

### Call for Applications

The CAMRT will host its annual Leadership Development Institute in Ottawa on June 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This 3-day event is designed to engage CAMRT members who have demonstrated, at an early stage in their careers, leadership potential and a commitment to advancement of the medical imaging or radiation therapy professions. This program's objective is to develop a new, vibrant and motivated volunteer base to draw on for future leadership needs of the CAMRT and its provincial partners, and at the same time, to provide young leaders with enhanced skills that will further their professional progress. A maximum of 10 participants will be accepted from this call for applications; and CAMRT will cover participants' travel and accommodation expenses.

Interested members who meet the eligibility criteria are invited to complete and submit the application form no later than 5 pm EDT, Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

For more information [click here](#)

## CAMRT Communities of Practice

Over the past year the CAMRT has been developing a virtual online community for CAMRT members. The purpose of this community is to provide MRTs with a space to communicate, share information and develop ideas while providing an interactive online collaborative experience for the users. Click on the link below for more information or to register.

### 2017 SAMRT Council

**President**  
Melanie Hilkewich

**Vice President**  
Brenda Lock

**Past President**  
Bashir Jalloh

**Elected Council Members**  
Peter Derrick  
Katelyn New Scott  
Mildenberger  
Nathan Rosenberg

**Incoming Council Members**  
Finte Adem  
Mary Rafferty

**Public Representatives**  
Alan Cannon  
Ryan Klassen  
Eugene Paquin

**CAMRT Director**  
Karen Davis

## Report from National Provincial Meeting

Executive Director Debbie Schatz and President Melanie Hilkewich attended National Provincial meetings in Ottawa on November 14 – 16, 2017. This meeting occurs twice a year and is a networking and education session for all provincial associations, regulators, and the CAMRT.

The education sessions included effective membership surveys and crisis plan communications. Other discussions included limited practice with a presentation from OAMRS on their work in remote areas to train local first nation persons in limited radiography and a brief presentation was made regarding Choosing Wisely Canada. This is a group aimed at using appropriate imaging doses, and for public awareness and physician awareness in dose risks and appropriate exam usage. A variety of other hands-on presentations and discussions were also completed.

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## Congratulations and thanks

The SAMRT would like to offer congratulations to Ada Bunko, the newly acclaimed CAMRT Director, Saskatchewan. Ada will assume this position for a 3 year term, starting July 1st 2018 - June 30th 2021.

Congratulations as well to our two incoming Council members: Finte Adem, RTR and Mary Rafferty, RTR. Finte and Mary's term begin January 1, 2018 and run three years through to December 31, 2020.

The SAMRT would like to acknowledge and give thanks to our out-going President Melanie Hilkewich who generously stepped in and steered us through this year of transition. Melanie's experience both locally with the SAMRT and nationally with the CAMRT was much appreciated, and we are grateful for her service.

Finally, we'd like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the 2017 Council as well as to our Committee members for their good work on behalf of the SAMRT. We rely on volunteers to fill Committee and Council roles in order to operate effectively and to ensure we meet our regulatory obligations to protect the public.

## MRT Week

The SAMRT Ownership Linkage Committee is pleased to once again sponsor the MRT Week Billboard to promote awareness of MRTs. The billboards were located in Saskatoon at approximately Idylwyld Drive N and 23rd Street and in Regina at approximately Ring Road South and Winnipeg Street. [Click here](#) to view the billboard.

## 2018 Annual General Meeting and Conference

The SAMRT 2018 Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held in Regina in mid-April. Watch for a save the date announcement and more details soon.

## Call for Committee Member Volunteers

We are currently seeking representation on several of our Committees. While it's not always easy to give up personal time, volunteering is a great way to learn something new, sharpen your skills, collaborate with others and contribute to your organization. Every MRT brings a unique perspective, skill set and experience to the table. The SAMRT offers a receptive and encouraging environment, with support from the SAMRT office staff. Committee members are eligible for five (5) Continuing Education Credits annually.

[Click here to complete the Expression of Interest Form](#)

## 2018 Renewal

License/membership renewals must be completed before December 31, 2017.

As in the previous year, 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 in the previous five years. The practice hour requirement for a member's secondary discipline also remains the same at 300 MRT practice hours in the previous five years.

Members must also have a minimum of 10 CE Credits, and carry professional liability insurance.

## Update on Application for Regulation of Sonographers

The provincial government has advised that they have deferred all 2017 applications for regulation. They have invited us to resubmit an application in the fall 2018 for consideration. Together with the Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SADMS), we will continue to work towards regulation of Saskatchewan DMS with the SAMRT.

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