

President's Message - Melanie Hilkewich

Dear Colleagues:

It was so very good to see you all at the Education Day and Annual General Meeting recently held in Saskatoon. First of all, I would like to offer a HUGE thank you to all the organizers of the conference. It was also good to partner with our peers at Saskatchewan Association for Medical Imaging Managers as well as Saskatchewan Association of Medical Diagnostic Sonographers. And I thank all of you that made the effort to attend and participate in the business of your association.

I also want to thank each of the candidates that let their name stand for the Council positions this year. It was very exciting to have an election! And, on the same train of thought, I would really like to thank all the members that participated in the voting process. If you were considering letting your name stand but just didn't get it done – don't worry! We will be calling again in 2018 for nominations. There are also some vacancies on various committees. It is so important to keep new faces and new ideas coming to the Council table to help the SAMRT move forward.

At this time I also need to say thank you to those who have served SAMRT so well. Firstly, at the end of the calendar year Karen Davis will no longer be our director to the CAMRT. Karen has served very well in that role for two full terms. She has also served on SAMRT Council and is a Past President of the SAMRT. Her contributions have helped make fundamental changes in the capacity of SAMRT as a regulator. Thank you so very much, Karen!

I also need to thank our Council members Katelyn New and Bashir Jalloh who will be completing their terms this year, although both have allowed their names to stand in the election for another term. Your commitment to your association is a display of great leadership and professionalism at its finest. Thank you!

We also have changes amongst the public representatives that sit on Council. I would like to thank Bonnie Caven and Bruce Richards. I welcome our new public representatives Eugene Paquin and Alan Cannon. We are also very pleased to have some continuance in that Ryan Klassen has agreed to serve a second term. The public representatives really do contribute to SAMRT in a meaningful way as they ensure we are serving the public. This is key to our mandate as a regulator.

SAMRT will be continuing to work on a governance review to move SAMRT to a modified Carver model. This ensures a meaningful balance between authority of the Executive Director and Council while maintaining a policy-based approach.

SAMRT is also working towards another submission for sonography regulation in Saskatchewan. This is more encouraging lately as such processes have recently been successful in other provinces.

I conclude with an invitation to all of you to keep aware and active in the SAMRT. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the SAMRT office if you have any questions or comments.

New Public Representatives

The SAMRT welcomes two new Public Representatives appointed effective July 24 2017 for a three year term. A brief introduction appears below:

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

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

CAMRT Director
Karen Davis

Alan Cannon

Alan brings a wealth of experience in areas including Emergency Services with Weyerhaeuser, and in various roles with Suncor Inc. Fire Department, including Shift Emergency Services Coordinator, Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Officer. He also served with the City of Yorkton Fire Department as Deputy Fire Chief, Lieutenant and Fire Fighter.

Alan currently makes his home in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He enjoys hockey, golf and motorcycles. He is also active with volunteering in the following areas:

- Lead Instructor and Operations Captain with the Buckland Volunteer Fire and Rescue for thirteen years
- Secretary of the Prince Albert Crime Stoppers Board of Directors for fifteen years
- Public Representative with the Saskatchewan College of Podiatrists for 6 years

Please welcome Alan as our government appointed Public Representative.

Eugene Paquin

Eugene was born in Prince Albert and spent his youth on a farm near Cudworth, Saskatchewan. He attended Aden Bowman Collegiate, Saskatoon, and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan. Eugene's career in education includes that of a teacher, Principal, Superintendent, Assistant Director and Director of Education, Regional Consultant with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, and Program Supervisor and Consultant with the Prince Albert Grand Council. As well, his background includes work as a Realtor, Customs Officer and CEO of a non-profit organization. Eugene continues his involvement in human resources activities by consulting in the areas of recruitment and retention, board development and organizational development/assessment/audits, behavioral ethics, strategic planning and proposal development.

Eugene is active in his Parish through various ministries and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Eugene volunteers in his community through numerous charities and activities on boards including the MS Society of Canada, the Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists, the Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists, Holy Spirit Parish Council, City of Saskatoon Board of Revision, and provincial and national constituency boards. Eugene participated as a member of the Citizens Consultation Team responsible for the development of the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy. He was part of the MS Advisory Panel recommending capacity improvements to service delivery and clinical care for persons living with MS in Saskatchewan. He continues his government relations and advocacy role with the MS Society of Canada, Saskatchewan Division as Chair of the Government Relations Committee, as a Core Member with Barrier Free Saskatchewan, Accessible Canada, Careers Canada, and with other health charities and industry partners.

Eugene and his wife, Debby, have four children and they make their home in Saskatoon.

Please welcome Eugene as our government appointed Public Representative.

Annual General Meeting and Conference

The SMART 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference was held on Saturday, September 9th in Saskatoon. The joint conference with Saskatchewan Association of Medical Imaging Managers (SAMIM) and Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SADMS) was a great success. The joint approach allowed for increased attendance, and a variety of speakers, including a key note address by Greg Johnson - Tornado Hunters.

At the SAMRT AGM, it was announced that Scott Mildenberger was acclaimed by Council to serve as the SAMRT President for 2018 and Brenda Lock was acclaimed as the Vice-President for 2018. The following members were elected for a three year term effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020:

Member	Discipline
Finte Adem	MPH, RTR
Bashir Jalloh	MPH, BSc, RTM (N)
Brenda Lock	RTR, CIR
Scott Mildenberger	RTM (N), CTIC, PET/CT
Katelyn New	RTR
Mary Rafferty	DCR (D), Cert CT, RTR, CBID

Thank you to the candidates who allowed their names to stand and to the members who took the time to cast their votes!

The 2017 Draft AGM Minutes will be posted on the website mid-November.

The **2018 AGM** schedule will revert back to the normal spring timeframe. It will be held in **Regina**. Watch for a date and further details soon. We will also be seeking Conference Committee volunteers.

Accreditation Canada

Accreditation Canada (AC) has been selected to replace the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) as the accreditation service provider effective February 1, 2018.

The Allied Health Program Accreditation Working Group has been working on the terms of agreement since October 2016. The program description, agreement, and the terms and conditions were reviewed and approved by Council over the summer. The program, referred to as EQual™ Canada, has pledged to deliver an accreditation process that is efficient and responsive to all stakeholders.

Continuing Competence Committee

The Continuing Competence Committee met in August 2017 to review the audit submissions for 2016, to review the CE Guidelines and Audit Expectations and to review any questions and concerns raised by members.

New for 2018 is that Directed Reading CE Credits will be discontinued; however, this activity will be accepted for 2017 CE Credits.

The Continuing Competence Committee encourages everyone to be familiar with the submission requirements to ensure members have the necessary documents should they be randomly selected for audit. The format and standards are outlined in the Continuing Education Credit Guidelines. To view the guidelines [click here](#).

2018 Renewal

Renewals will open on Friday October 13, 2017 and members will receive a link via email to access the renewal application.

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.

[Click here](#) to review the Renewal FAQ to help answer any questions you may have.

Update on Application for Regulation of Sonographers

In September, the SAMRT, together with the Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SADMS), submitted an application to the government to allow DMS to be regulated under the SAMRT. The advisory committee is encouraged by the recent government approval in Alberta and Ontario for sonographers to be self-regulated under the MRT colleges in these two provinces.

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