# In Focus

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#### Council

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### Chair's Message

Sunshine, warmth, longer days... summer has arrived! I hope you can take some time to enjoy the weather and some fun summer activities.

Since our last newsletter, the council has been busy. In addition to our regular meetings, we held our strategic planning session and are grateful that many of our stakeholders were able to join us and help us forge our strategic priorities for the next three years. We had thoughtful discussions on the future direction of the College. Stay tuned for when we release our next strategic plan! Also, I would like to thank the members who responded to our survey and shared your thoughts on what you feel is important.

As we look towards implementing our new goals, our council is actively recruiting new council members. If you have been thinking about putting your name forward, please complete the application or reach out to a council member if you'd like a little more information. You just may be the next piece to our puzzle!

Wishing you all a relaxing summer!

Respectfully submitted by,

Maeghan Richard RTT, BMRSc, HBComm CMRIPS Chair



Annual AGM (Virtual)
Postponed until September, 2025

Watch for information on the new date coming soon!

#### SonoCon 2025 Save the Date!

This year's conference will be held from October 3-5, 2025 in Ottawa-Gatineau, QC.

CMRIPS will be in attendance to serve as ambassadors and provide information on the College and share our ongoing work to meet our mandate of public protection.

Click here for more information on SonoCon 2025.

Stop by the CMRIPS booth and say hello!

#### **Congratulations!**

CMRIPS would like to congratulate all the graduates who successfully challenged either the CAMRT national certification exam or the Sonography Canada national certification exams in May.



#### Thank You

CMRIPS would like to thank and acknowledge both Shane Timm and Finte Adem as out-going council members in 2024.

Shane served on council for three years from 2022 to 2024, with one of those years serving as Vice-Chair and as the chairperson for the Audit & Finance Committee. Shane was presented with a recognition gift at the June council meeting in Saskatoon.

Finte Adem served on council beginning in 2018 and resigned in the spring of 2024. Throughout his time on council, he served on numerous committees and provided an important voice at the table.

Finte Adem with his council recognition gift.





## Life Member Nestor Shinkewski

CMRIPS received the sad news that one of our life members has passed.

Nestor Shinkewski passed away on April 29, 2025 at the age of 83 years.

He left a lasting impression on many MRTs who worked with him over the years. He was a Welch lecturer and received both the CMRIPS and CAMRT life member awards.

He was the first in Canada to obtain his advanced certification ACR.

Nestor is also the namesake of the SAMIM Leadership Award. He was the chairman on many committees over his career and was also the chairman of the 1990 CAMRT conference in Saskatoon.



Maeghan Richard presenting Shane Timm with his council recognition gift

CMRIPS is legally required to maintain a public registry of the membership. Members must appear in the registry by their <u>legal</u> name. If you need to update your member record, Name Change requests can be managed through the member portal.



#### Strategic Planning Workshop

A one-day planning session led by an external facilitator was held on June 7, 2025 in Saskatoon.

Participants included members of the CMRIPS Council, staff of CMRIPS, key stakeholders and partners including representatives from Sonography Canada, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and the Saskatchewan Medical Imaging Managers.

The strategic planning process was supported by a Planning Committee made up of members from Council, who, in advance of the planning session, undertook preparatory work as well as leading the small group sessions throughout the day.

In addition, the results of the member survey sent out in advance of the strategic planning session helped to form some of the important framework for the new plan. Break-out sessions and small group work helped narrow down the focus for the next three-year cycle which will run from 2026-2028.







