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Council

Chair: Maeghan Richard

Vice-Chair: Kaylyn Grummett

Past Chair:Scott Mildenberger

Elected Members:

Karla Hiatt Jessica McLean Katelyn New Luke Pelletier Stacey Reid

Appointed Public Representatives:

Alan Cannon Karen Messer-Engel Eugene Paquin

CAMRT Director:Janelle Hordos

Staff

Executive Director/Registrar:Debbie Schatz

Manager, Communications & Competency Assurance: Dianne Walker

Manager, Professional Practice & Conduct:
Jo-Anne Uhersky

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Chair's Message

Spring is upon us once again! Personally, I love the extra bit of sunshine every day and eagerly await the warmer temperatures. This change of season often brings feelings of renewal and excitement for fresh things to come.

It is hard to believe that I have been in the president/chair role for over a year now. Going into this role, I knew it would be a challenge, but one that I was ready to embrace. Stepping outside your comfort zone can often lead to the greatest rewards. I appreciate the different perspectives, wisdom and experience shared by our council during meetings. Additionally, our staff members Debbie and Dianne have been incredibly supportive and always ready to answer any questions I have. We are truly fortunate as a college to have them on board.

Looking ahead, our next big challenge will be working on the CMRIPS Strategic Plan. This plan will shape the college's focus for the next 3 years and will involve input from our stakeholders.

I have already learned so much in this role and continue to learn. Ongoing learning and engagement in our professions is a truly rewarding experience. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your professional body college, please reach out! There are committees you can join to get started, and it is a great way to get your feet wet before you make the leap to putting your name forward to be on council. Being involved provides so many opportunities for professional development, networking with other disciplines, and building leadership skills- all while ensuring the integrity of our professions and the safety of the public. Representation from both urban and rural communities, as well as all disciplines, is essential. And with that, I look forward to hearing some fresh perspectives this season!

Respectfully submitted by,
Maeghan Richard RTT, BMRSc, HBComm
CMRIPS Chair



Annual AGM (Virtual) June 21, 2025

Mark your calendar and watch your in-box for details about how to register to attend!

Newsletter

Refresh

Hot off the presses! The CMRIPS newsletter has undergone a transformation. As part of our new corporate identity, it was time for the newsletter to take on a refreshed look too!

The name of the CMRIPS newsletter, In Focus, has been thoughtfully chosen. It is intended to reflect the precise and focused work that MRIPs perform on a daily basis.

We hope that you appreciate this new look!

Highest CAMRT Exam Marks

The following Saskatchewan graduates received the highest mark at the January 2025 sitting of the CAMRT National Exams

Radiological Technology: Marshall Doti

Nuclear Medicine: Katie Swanston

Magnetic Resonance: Shannon Ivy

No Saskatchewan graduate wrote the Radiation Therapy exam in January 2025.

CAMRT-SK Provincial Manager

CAMRT is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mandy Kasper as the new Provincial Manager for CAMRT-SK!

Professionally, Mandy has served as a Radiation Therapist at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre since 2009 and holds a Bachelor of Kinesiology with Honours degree from the University of Regina. Mandy is well experienced in advocacy work and is a member of the Patient Voice advisory board for the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

Her main niche with the CMA has been timely access to diagnostics for patients to include advocacy for recruitment and retention of MRTs.

The CAMRT is incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to work with Mandy. Those of you who know her will agree that her passion for the profession, expertise, personal experience, professionalism, and enthusiasm for amplifying the voices of MRTs in Saskatchewan, and across the country, are the perfect attributes for success in this new role.

Mandy is located just outside Regina, Saskatchewan and will be connected to the CAMRT office through technology and organizational supports.

Mandy officially jumped into this new role as of February 11, 2025 and can be reached at mkasper@camrt.ca



Council Nominations

A call for nominations was sent to all CMRIPS members in February.
Nominations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. An update on filling Council vacancies will be provided at the Annual General Meeting, which is planned for Saturday, June 21, 2025.
Please note, this year's AGM will be conducted virtually. Detailed information about how to register, including login information, will be sent to members closer to the AGM date.

Mandy Kasper CAMRT-SK Provincial Manager



Did You Know

Following the 2024 licensing period for diagnostic medical sonographers (DMS), CMRIPS is pleased to have 272 new DMS members. Welcome to the College!





Sylvia LaPointe, organizational development consultant, continues to facilitate the annual CAMRT Leadership Development Institute (LDI) in Ottawa, Ontario.

The LDI is a rigorous and inspiring 3-day learning opportunity intended to equip medical radiation technologists and imaging professionals with the necessary skills required of effective leadership.

This sponsored event offers guidance on how to communicate and collaborate effectively to encourage productive outcomes where everyone feels valued and empowered. Not only are you equipped with skills, tools and resources after attending the LDI, but your also provided with an opportunity to connect with MRTs with similar professional goals.

In November 2024, CMRIPS granted me this incredible opportunity and sponsored my attendance. I am very grateful for the experience, and I left not only feeling inspired but also motivated and invigorated. I encourage my fellow medical radiation technologists and imaging professionals to consider applying for the next event in 2025.

- Submitted by Stacey Reid

Annual Audit

The annual audit was sent out to 10% of the membership on March 1, 2025 with a deadline for submission of April 11, 2025. Audit submissions will be reviewed for completeness and the Continuing Competence Committee will meet to address any audit files that have been flagged for review. Following the committee meeting, audited members can expect to receive email notification of either passing the audit or steps to be completed in order to satisfy the audit requirements.

CMRIPS Staffing Announcement

The CMRIPS is pleased to announce the recruitment of Jo-Anne Uhersky into the role of Manager, Professional Practice and Conduct.

Professionally Jo-Anne has served as a Radiation Therapist for 34 years. During her career Jo-Anne has built a diverse and unique skill set which she hopes will benefit this new role. She will largely be responsible for managing relationships with membership and stakeholders relating to professional practice and complaints, the research and development of policies related to professional practice, responding to inquiries pertaining to scope and standards of practice, and overseeing the professional conduct committee.

Jo-Anne can be reached at 306-525-9678 or via email at managerppc@CRMIPS.org.



