

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS

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Notice is hereby given to the membership of the Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists that the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held Saturday, May 15th, 2010 at 1400hrs at the White Point Resort in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Members are reminded that they are not eligible to vote at the AGM if they are not paid members of the Association.

The following pages contain the Annual Reports of the Executive and the committees of the NSAMRT. Please bring your own copy of the Annual Report with you to the AGM. These reports are published so that the membership will have the opportunity to read and be prepared with questions and comments. This will save time at the AGM.

*Karren Fader, BHSc, RTNM, CRPA(R)*  
*President, NSAMRT*  
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### AGENDA

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#### **Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, May 15, 2010**

1. Call to order.
2. President's Welcome and approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from NSAMRT Fall Seminar Meeting, November 7, 2009, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
4. Approval of minutes from the NSAMRT Act and Regulations Special Meeting, February 18, 2010, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
5. Business arising from the previous minutes.
6. Annual reports
  - 6.1 President's report
  - 6.2 Director's report
  - 6.3 Treasurer and financial report
  - 6.4 Registrar's report
  - 6.5 Student Secretary's report
  - 6.6 Publications committee report
  - 6.7 Education committee report
  - 6.8 Refresher committee report
  - 6.9 Public Relations committee report
  - 6.10 Awards committee report
  - 6.11 Historian committee report
7. Election of Officers
  - 7.1 Director
  - 7.2 Executive council – 3 positions
8. New Business
  - 8.1 CAMRT motions
    1. Amendment to section 6.3.1 of the CAMRT Bylaws
    2. Deletion of section 12.6 of the CAMRT Bylaws
    3. Inclusion of ISRRRT Associate Membership fee in CAMRT member dues
9. 71<sup>st</sup> Annual NSAMRT Conference and AGM location
10. Adjournment

## NSAMRT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2009-2010

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### *Executive Council*

President – Karren Fader, BHSc, RTNM, CRPA(R) karren.fader@dal.ca  
Vice President – Vicki Sorhaindo, BSc, RTRvicki.sorhaindo@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Director – Carol-Anne Davis, RTT, ACT, DHSA, BSc carol-anne.davis@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Registrar – Paula Hodson, RTT paula.hodson@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Treasurer – Kelly Maloney, RTNM kmaloney@swndha.nshealth.ca  
Secretary – Melissa Morash, RTNM melissa.morash@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Member at Large – Christina Maillet, RTNM cmaillet@swndha.nshealth.ca  
Committee Liaison – vacant  
Past President – Lisa Bourne, BSc, RTT, ACT lisa.bourne@cdha.nshealth.ca

### *Committee Chairs*

Awards – vacant  
Continuing Education – Ryan Duggan, BHSc. RTRryan.duggan@dal.ca  
Publications – Vicki Sorhaindo, BSc, RTR vicki.sorhaindo@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Public Relations – Christine Baillie, RTT Christine.baillie@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Historian – Wayne LaRade, RTR wayne.larade@cdha.nshealth.ca  
Refresher Program – Cindy Murphy, BHSc, RTR, ACR cindy.murphy@dal.ca

## **NOMINATIONS TO THE NSAMRT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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Election of Officers to the Executive Council of the NSAMRT will take place at the 70<sup>th</sup> NSAMRT AGM, Liverpool, Nova Scotia on May 15, 2010. A quorum of not less than twenty members must be present to conduct business at the AGM.

The NSAMRT are seeking Nominations for Director and 3 Executive Council Positions on the NSAMRT Executive:

**Director** – Two Year Term

**3 Executive Council Positions** – Two Year Term

The NSAMRT invite the membership to submit nominations by email, phone or mail prior to the meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Kindly submit your nominees to:

**Paula Hodson**  
**Registrar**  
**434-6525 or toll free 1-866-788-6525**  
**paula.hodson@cdha.nshealth.ca**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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NSAMRT Members,

This year has been interesting and exciting.

One of my first experiences was to receive a letter from the Minister of Health, The Honorable Maureen MacDonald, recognizing MRT's extraordinary efforts during the isotope crisis. It acknowledged we took ownership of the health service we provide, ensuring our patients received the procedures they needed while maintaining quality care.

MRT week started off with a professional education session. There was a record attendance and all agreed that the last minute change in venue was a positive outcome. The Education Chair has our support in maintaining that caliber of session for next year.

Over the last year I have been a member of the Medical Imaging Assistant (MIA) Steering Committee. Representatives from the Department of Health and the consulting firm came to the May 2009 NSAMRT Meeting to present the project and provide members with an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback. Since then I attended one meeting in November at which time the Committee was informed that the direction of the project had changed. There would be no recruitment and education of new people into the program. Instead it was decided to "promote transition of currently employed Technical Assistants (TA's) to the standardized and defined set of MIA competencies, in order to maximize efficiencies across the system". The TA's across the province will be surveyed and offered the MIA program.

I attended the Provincial Members Association (PMA) meeting hosted by the CAMRT in mid-November. Topics of discussion included: rebranding, volunteer recruitment, benefits of membership diversity, professional practice initiatives, MRT education and an informal info-sharing session that allowed each president to discuss common as well as unique issues relating to their province. There was a great deal of support from other PMA's with regards to forming a College. Those provinces already regulated offered words of advice while the unregulated provided encouragement hopeful to follow suit.

We have had a great move forward with the College. At a Special Meeting in February a motion was unanimously passed by the NSAMRT membership to join with NSSDMS to form a College. Since then The Act Steering Committee (TASC) and representatives from NSSDMS have met with the Department of Health (DoH) and our legal council Marjorie Hickey has written a letter to inform the government officially of our intentions. We are reviewing your feedback to consider revisions to the Act and Regulations which will be released in early May and allow another information sharing session at the AGM. We will take the Act and Regulations to the membership for a vote by mid June through a teleconferenced Special Meeting.

Lastly but most importantly I would encourage all MRT's to attend the AGC at White Point Beach Resort. It is a perfect location and I am looking forward to the South Shore hospitality. It has been several years since we have had an opportunity to come together to renew acquaintances, share what is happening around the province and celebrate our profession! See you there!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Karren Fader RTNM  
President NSAMRT*

## DIRECTORS REPORT

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I have been pleased and honored to represent the members of the NSAMRT at the national board of directors of the CAMRT for the past two and a half years, with the last year bringing many more learning experiences, challenges and successes. Many of the below updates are covered in more detail in the CAMRT Annual Report, but in summary it's been a fantastic and exciting year for CAMRT:

1. The board approved the budget for 2010, which included a deficit of \$59,508 for the year. This allowed for investment in a number of special projects that significantly advance our goals to ensure high practice standards, promote the profession and encourage professionalism in the practice of medical radiation technology:

- Development of Best Practice Guidelines
  - Continuum of Practice Symposium to examine the potential of advanced practice for radiological technologists, to be held in 2010.
  - Leadership Development Program to build the leadership pool for CAMRT and the provincial associations will be introduced in 2010.
  - Rebranding project is progressing well, on time and on budget.
  - Continuation and expansion of the Internationally Educated Medical Radiation Technologists (IEMRT) project
  - Improved IT On-line Development
  - Preceptor Guidelines Working Group
  - Inclusion and Diversity Initiative
  - Maintenance of Competence / Continuing Professional Education & Development Workgroup.
2. The board approved a revision to the reserves policy (the older policy was developed in 1999). As such the board approved that \$250,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Reserve Fund by December 31, 2009.
3. President-Elect process: 3 candidates put their name forward, on-line and mail in ballot voting to occur in April-May 2010 with elected president announced at the AGM in Quebec City.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Carol-Anne Davis, RT(T), AC(T), DHSA, BSc*

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## NSAMRT FALL SPECIAL MEETING

**November 7, 2009**  
**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

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### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 hours by K. Fader with ~50 members in attendance.

### **2.0 President's Welcome**

Karren Fader welcomed the membership to this meeting. The Executive Council was introduced with the exception of Paula Hodson (Registrar) and Jill Robinson (Member at Large) who were unable to attend. At this time Karren explained to the membership that due to not having a quorum in attendance at the AGM in May, the Annual Reports, minutes from previous meeting and election of officers would be dealt with at today's meeting.

### **3.0 Election of Officers**

The positions available are President and 2 other Executive positions unless President is filled by a current Executive member at which point 3 Executive positions will be available. Karen Aucoin wrote down Karren Fader as a candidate for the President position (as submitted previously) then proceeded to call for nominations from the floor. After calling three times for nominations, Karren Fader was acclaimed into the role of President. At this point Karen Aucoin explained that there are 3 Executive positions available for 2 year terms. She proceeds to write down Kelly Maloney, Melissa Morash and Christina Maillet (as submitted previously) and then called for nominations from the floor. After calling three times, Kelly, Melissa and Christina were acclaimed into the Executive.

### **4.0 Review of Minutes**

A motion was made by Brian Martell to approve the minutes on mass, and this motion was seconded by Julie Avery.

### **5.0 Annual Reports**

#### **5.1 President's Report**

No questions

#### **5.2 Director's Report**

No questions

#### **5.3 Treasure and Financial Report**

B. Martell asked: How much was brought in for the formation of the college? Where is that money being kept?

K. Maloney replied: As outlined on page 12 under Projected Income, we brought in ~\$13475.00 for the formation of the college.

B. Martell asked: When is Karen done (as registrar) and have we budgeted a time of overlap for her and the new registrar?

K. Maloney replied: No we have not allocated a budget for this transition period.

K. Fader: This overlap will be reflected in the next financial budget.

B. Martell: How much of an overlap was there and was it enough?

K. Aucoin: There was one month of overlap, during which time we managed to cover a lot of ground. There have been on-going e-mails as questions come up and I am okay with that.

**5.4 Registrar's Report**

No questions

**5.5 Student Secretary**

No questions

**5.6 Publications committee Report**

No questions

**5.7 Education committee Report**

No questions

**5.8 Refresher committee Report**

No questions

**5.9 Public Relations committee report**

No questions

**5.10 Awards committee report**

Not included in report's book, but photocopies were available to the membership at the AGM. No questions

**5.11 Historian committee report**

H. Mercier – Where is data being stored?

M. Morash – Currently in my apartment

H. Mercier – When the college is operational will the data be stored in the office so members can access the archives?

B. Martell – With the formation of the college we will be renting "store frontage" from Pathfinders. I'm not sure that we will be able to store anything there, or that membership would have access to anything that was stored there.

H. Mercier – Could we think about possibly making the archives accessible to the membership in some way?

At this time, K. Fader called for a vote on the acceptance of the reports. The vote passed unanimously.

**6.0 Business Arising from previous minutes**

May 22/08 AGM minutes

Website

We were under the impression that our domain name would expire in December however on further exploration it was found to actually have expired in April which may account for some of our website issues. We have just recently switched webmasters due to our previous webmaster not being very prompt with our requests. We have been guaranteed by our new webmaster that any changes submitted to the website will be updated within 2 days. We have secured the NSAMRT.ca domain and the website is now operational. The membership login is not yet working, but the new webmaster is currently working on it.

B. Martell – what are the costs of the website?

V. Sorhaindo – Domain registration – \$10 for 2 years, Hosting site – \$155 per year  
Webmaster – \$150 per month, \$1800 per year

B. Martell – When I was speaking to Pathfinders about being our store front for the college, they offer 3 different website packages which we may want to consider due to costs.

R. Duggan – What is the maximum storage size for the website?

V. Sorhaindo – Not exactly sure, but do know we have the Executive website and was told it would be more than adequate for our needs. If you have any questions regarding the website please do not hesitate to contact me!

Fall Special Meeting

\$25 dues increase

A separate money market fund was opened with the money brought in by the dues increase.

This amounted to ~\$13475 which will be spent on the formation of the college. To date ~\$8000 has been spent on legal fees.

**MIA**

Karren Fader explained that there does not appear to be any further developments with this program as there has been no further communication with her.

R. Sharp – What is the reason for the program stalling?

K. Fader – Not sure

B. Martell – There were many phases of the project. Once the Nova Scotia Community College was awarded the contract for the education component the project seemed to stall. Other provinces have been looking at the outline of this program, thus we may see it used by other provinces.

R. Sharp – Why is project off rails?

B. Martell – Rather the status of the project!

K. Fader – I will continue to pursue this.

Julie Avery motioned to approve all business arising from the previous minutes and Judy Amadio seconded.

**7. Other Business**

Karren presented Shelly Johnston with a certificate of appreciation for her work on the Executive Board as she has decided not to return next year.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 with Carol-Anne Davis bringing forth the motion.**

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Shelly Johnston BHS RTT*  
*Secretary NSAMRT*

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**NSAMRT SPECIAL MEETING**  
**February 18, 2010**

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In Attendance both NSAMRT and NSSDMS members:

Amherst – 2 members

Bridgewater – No members

Kentville – No members

Sydney – 2 members

Windsor – 3 members

Antigonish: No members

Halifax: approx. 35 members

New Glasgow – 3 members

Truro – 1 member

Yarmouth – 5 members

**Presentation to former NSAMRT President Lisa Bourne:**

K. Fader – I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the time, energy and effort it takes to be president. Lisa gave us 4 years of commitment and dedication. Please come up and accept this gift from the NSAMRT membership. Thank you.

*Lisa Bourne accepts award.*

K. Fader – This meeting will consist of a few aspects. First we will have a presentation from Marjorie Hickey who is the legal advisor for both the NSAMRT and the NSSDMS in the formation of the college. There will be a short question period followed by the NSSDMS being asked to leave so the NSAMRT can vote on whether or not to include ultrasound in the formation of the college.

**Presentation by Marjorie Hickey**  
**Overview of Proposed New Act and Regulations**

***Question Period:***

Question Halifax – You said the vote in June will be on the final product and then it will go to government. If the government makes changes will it come back to the membership again?

Answer M. Hickey – Yes it will come back to the members but not for approval, it would be for information only. The government has the final say in what goes into the Act. They can change things right up to the day it goes to the legislation. Due to the time frame of all of this it is impossible to bring it back to the members every time.

B. Martell – Having said that if for instance one of the big changes we want to make is eliminating the 25 bed rule. If the government says no to this we could pull the plug at that point.

M. Hickey – Yes, if significant changes are made we could pull the plug.

Question Halifax – For us to include ultrasound would there be more complications and an increased risk of litigation?

M. Hickey – In regards to litigation, I have difficulty seeing how this would cause that. It does not typically happen.

Question Halifax – It is my understanding that the expenses would increase due to having to have a fund for litigation.

M. Hickey – No, we need a reserve fund not a litigation fund.

B. Martell – We knew we needed a reserve fund prior to ultrasound getting involved. We need three different funds, operational, reserve and association like activities.

Halifax – So there is no difference either way.

B. Martell – No difference.

M. Hickey – To answer the other part of your question both sides still have complications but we are working to sort through these. We feel it will be easy to solve all of these complications within the time lines.

Question Sydney – What types of exemptions are you considering for x-ray techs to work without being licensed?

Answer M. Hickey – Ones who are currently practicing but will not be able to get a license?

Sydney – Yes

M. Hickey – We have made some agreements that they could do this for their current employer but once that employment was terminated that would be it.

Question Windsor – Is becoming a college a done deal? If ultrasound does not go forward will we still go ahead?

M. Hickey – The vote for the formation of the college has already taken place.

B. Martell – In 2007 in Yarmouth, the NSAMRT voted to go ahead with the formation of a college. At the 2008 AGM it was voted that TASC would stay together until the college was formed.

Question Yarmouth – What is the estimated dues increase?

Answer B. Martell – Based on the meetings with pathfinders, who would provide the college with a store front where members and the public could lodge complaints, the dues would be between \$400-450 annually. This does not include the CAMRT portion. However the college can not mandate that you need CAMRT. Your liability insurance could be through your employer.

Question Yarmouth – How do you build a reserve fund?

Answer B. Martell – With that license fee 60,000 a year would go towards the reserve fund. In 4 years we would have \$ 250, 000

Question New Glasgow – If you are working casual will you have to pay full dues?

Answer B. Martell – There will only be one category for licensing; the dues will be the same.

Are the same amount of education credits required as well?

B. Martell – Yes, you still need the same amount of credits.

How are we supposed to get the credits?

B. Martell – The draft document outlines this, online material, journal articles lunch and learns etc. If you have any further questions please direct them to Karren via email.

Question Truro – If the college is sued as an entity who pays?

Answer M. Hickey – It would be very rare that the college would be sued. It would have to be shown that the college acted in bad faith. This has never happen in NS. It would be the college who would have to pay out of their funds not the members or members of the committees.

So you said if you are not in the college you can not use the name registered technologist. What if someone is a registered technologist in New Brunswick and is a member of the CAMRT. Can they practice in Nova Scotia without being part of the college?

M. Hickey – With protection of practice they need to be licensed in Nova Scotia to practice in Nova Scotia.

Question Yarmouth – Where are the continuing education credits included?

M. Hickey – The bylaws

No further questions

K. Fader provides thank you to M. Hickey for presentation

NSDDMS members are asked to leave.

V. Sorhaindo puts forth motion – “The membership of the NSAMRT agrees to collaborate with NSSDMS for the purpose of forming a College that will include the health professions of both groups.”

K. Grandy firsts the motion. K. Maloney seconds motion.

K. Fader opens the motion up for discussion.

P. Daniels – How big of body is Ultrasound?

K.Fader – 90

J. Avery – Will they share costs already incurred?

B. Martell – Yes, they already have.

P. Hodson – Has new name been discussed

B. Martell – This will come later.

**Vote**

Cape Breton – 2 members present, 2 for the motion  
Amherst – 3 members present, 3 for the motion  
Kentville – no members present  
Bridgewater – no members present  
Truro – no members present  
Windsor – 3 members present, 3 for the motion  
Antigonish – no members present  
New Glasgow – 2 members present, 2 for the motion  
Yarmouth – 6 members present, 6 for the motion  
Halifax – 32 members, 32 for the motion

K. Fader – Motion carried 48/48

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Melissa Morash**  
*Secretary NSAMRT*

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**AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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At the AGM in Halifax in May 2009, the following awards were presented:

Brian Martell	Margaret Blandford Award	\$150
Carol-Anne Davis	Technical Essay Award	\$300
Jennifer Parsons	Presidents Bursary	\$500
Darlene Given	Presidents Bursary	\$500

Congratulations to all winners. We encourage all members to submit papers or presentations to the awards chair (TBA) for consideration. Notification of the award submissions is sent to all members in with their dues notice in the Fall.

The awards committee is seeking a NSAMRT member to act as chairperson of the committee. If you are interested, please submit your name to any member of the executive council.

*Respectively Submitted,*  
**NSAMRT Executive Council**

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**Ryan Duggan- Chair**  
**Anita MacDonald- Nuclear Medicine**  
**Cheryl Anderson- Radiation Therapy**  
**Brittany Sinclair- Radiological Technology**

2009 saw a record turnout for the Fall Education Seminar that helped kick off MRT week with 87 participants attending the half-day event. Cape Breton Regional Hospital (CBRH) typically holds a similar education seminar every year in sync with the one in Halifax but did not do so this year. The seminar in Halifax was originally scheduled in the Bethune Building, VG Site, but this changed two days before the seminar was to take place. Capital Health had suspended all “public meetings” as a measure of protecting the health authority from the spread of the H1N1 virus. Through the diligent work of the NSAMRT Executive Council and the Education Committee, a new venue was secured and the seminar was successfully conducted.

The Lunch and Learn program witnessed a dip in the number of requests received this year over last. Lunch and Learns serve as a great opportunity to increase personal and professional development within a department. A campaign to raise the awareness of this program will be conducted in the late spring.

Goals for 2010 include:

- Increase awareness and use of Lunch and Learn Program
- Develop Continuing Education Section of NSAMRT website
- Increase attendance of Annual Education Seminar
- Reestablish Education Seminar at CBRH

Currently there is no MRI representative on the Education Committee. If any MRI Technologist is interested in joining the committee please e-mail Ryan Duggan.

*Regards,*  
**Ryan Duggan BHSc, RTR MHI (c)**  
*Continuing Education Committee Chair*  
**Ryan.Duggan@dal.ca**

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## HISTORIAN REPORT

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In January, I took over the role of chair of the Historian Committee from Melissa Morash. Thank you to Melissa for starting to put some projects forward. I received two large boxes of images covering many years at our NSAMRT AGM's. The images are to be scanned and are to be uploaded to the NSAMRT website for all members to view. I am also collecting images from other contacts across the province.

If any members have questions or would like some images included, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Respectively Submitted,*  
**Wayne LaRade, BHSc, DHSA, RTR**  
**Wayne.larade@cdha.nshealth.ca**

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## NSAMRT PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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**Chair: Christine Baillie**

### ***Activities in 2009:***

#### *Purchased Advertising*

- A print advertisement for MRT week ran in province-wide Saturday edition of the Chronicle Herald (November 7, 2009).
- A Holiday Greeting ran for two weeks over the holidays on the TV Guide station for Mainland and Cape Breton (December 19, 2009 – January 1, 2010 inclusive).
- A print advertisement is planned to run following CAMRT certification results in June, 2010 to congratulate graduates and increase our visibility as a regulated and educated profession.

#### *Other Activities*

- MRT week banners were hung by local members and a larger banner was displayed on the Halifax Infirmary parkade on Robie Street.
- Press releases and public service announcements were sent to community papers and radio stations.
- A letter to the editor was published in the Chronicle Herald, recognizing the contribution of Nuclear Medicine Technologists in the handling of the isotope shortage.

Thank you to all members who assisted in our 2009 Public Relations Activities.

### ***Primary objectives for 2010/2011:***

*Continue to promote the profession to the general public and increase year-round promotion. Improve interprofessional awareness of the roles, skills, and training of MRTs among other health professionals with whom we collaborate (MDs, RNs, etc.)*

- One goal is to develop a more personalized message for press releases to put a “local face” on MRT promotions. Associating ourselves with current new stories and relevant awareness campaigns is one method of helping the general public make the connection between who we are and what we mean to them.
- In addition, we will continue with the Holiday Greeting and add other paid advertisements at some other point during the year to maintain our visibility beyond MRT week and the holiday season.

*Align the NSAMRT campaign with the upcoming CAMRT Rebranding Strategy*

- The CAMRT is developing a new “Brand” for the profession, based on research findings (from members, other health professionals, and the general public). Publicity for our profession will use the strength of this brand to promote the unique value of the MRT professions.
- Materials from the CAMRT are likely to be available to assist with our local promotion

*Update MRT week materials that are displayed in hospitals throughout the province.*

- Through distribution of additional posters and other promotional visual displays.

If members have ideas or information for promoting the NSAMRT, or would like to join the committee, please contact Christine Baillie at christine.baillie@cdha.nshealth.ca.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Baillie BSc, RT(T)*

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## NSAMRT REFRESHER PROGRAM

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A summary of the NSAMRT Refresher Program activity is presented below:

Discipline	Summary of candidates
Radiological Technology	1 – in progress
Nuclear Medicine Technology	—

The radiological technology program has been updated and revised to reflect current practice.

The nuclear medicine technology program is not currently in demand; there has not been a candidate since 2006. To ensure currency of this program, it will not be revised until needed.

I would like once again to thank the NSAMRT Executive and my colleagues at the QEII/ Dalhousie School of Health Sciences for their continued support and assistance regarding program administration and delivery.

For those interested, information on the Refresher Program is available on the NSAMRT website. If there are program specific questions, contact the Refresher Program Chairperson.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Murphy BHSc, RTR, ACR*

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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2009 was a busy year as Publications Chair. Some modifications were made in 2009 with the newsletters and annual report. There were two publications of the newsletter, April and September. The executive council decided to amalgamate the spring newsletter with the annual report so the NSAMRT could take advantage of one mail-out to the members. The annual report was revamped in style and production and with the conjoined mail-out, saved the NSAMRT approximately \$1000.00. This cost saving will continue with this year's newsletter and annual report.

As publications chair and VP of the Executive, I also took on a role of updating the NSAMRT website. Along with a very diligent and speedy webmaster, we were able to reformat and contribute to updated information on the website. We are always looking for updated and current information. Please continue to logon to [www.nsamrt.ca](http://www.nsamrt.ca)

Again, information for the newsletters is always needed. Please send any information or articles at any time.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Vicki Sorhaindo, B.Sc., RTR*  
*Vicki.sorhaindo@cdha.nshealth.ca*

## STUDENT SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT

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There are **72 students** registered in the QEII/Dalhousie Health Sciences Degree Program:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year
Radiological Technology	13	11	15	9
Nuclear Medicine	8	8	3	5

There are 5 students registered in the Radiation Therapy program at the Michener Institute in Ontario:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
Radiation Therapy	1	2	2

### **CAMRT Certification Examinations 2009**

#### January 13, 2009

One Radiological Technology candidate challenged the exam unsuccessfully.  
One Magnetic Resonance candidate challenged the exam successfully.

#### May 12, 2009

Seventeen Radiological Technology candidates challenged the exam. Fifteen were successful.  
Two Nuclear Medicine candidates challenged the exam. Both were successful.  
Two Magnetic Resonance candidates challenged the exam, both were successful.

#### September 15, 2009

Six Radiation Therapy candidates challenged the exam. All were successful.

*Congratulations To All Successful Candidates!!!!*

**All students currently registered with the NSAMRT also have CAMRT membership free of charge.**

*Paula Hodson, RTT*  
*Student Secretary, NSAMRT*

## REGISTRARS ANNUAL REPORT

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As of March 25th, 2010 the Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists had a total of 567members.

<b>Active Members</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>Lifetime Members</b>	<b>5</b>

There is one lifetime member of the NSAMRT who is also a lifetime member of the CAMRT.

The active membership sorted by discipline is as follows:

<b>RTR.....</b>	<b>379</b>
<b>RTT.....</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>RTNM.....</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>RTMR.....</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>ACR.....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>ACT.....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ACNM.....</b>	<b>1</b>

There is an increase of 23 active members from last year's total membership of 539. There are also four members who have resigned due to maternity/medical leave who will be rejoining later in the year. This is different from past years when the members would have retained their membership throughout leave. Members who failed to renew their license and have neither transferred nor resigned were removed from active status with the CAMRT and NSAMRT. Lapsed members have no liability insurance and must apply for reinstatement in order to return to active status. **The reinstatement fee is currently \$75.00 in addition to dues owing.**

**PRACTICING AS A MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGIST WHILE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CAMRT AND NSAMRT IS IN VIOLATION OF PROVINCIAL LAW AND IS SUBJECT TO PENALTY OR PROSECUTION UNDER THE MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS ACT CITED AS R.S.N.S., 1967 CHAPTER 180.**

If you are not working in your field at the time of dues renewal, please resign your membership by January 1st or contact the Registrar for advisement.

I would like to remind all members to notify the Registrar of any change of address, name, retirement or transfers to other provinces to ensure the mailing list is up to date and you receive your correspondence from the CAMRT and NSAMRT.

Members who have not filled in their CIHI information will be contacted to do so.

*Thank You  
Paula Hodson, RTT  
Registrar, NSAMRT*

## NSAMRT FINANCIAL REPORT

The following statements summarize the NSAMRT's financial status for the year **2009/2010**.

### Income Statement 2009 – 20010

Opening Balance March 1, 2009	\$ 98,422.10
Income (Dues)	+\$175,656.40
Expenditures (CAMRT dues, NSAMRT operations College Fund)	<u>-\$173,748.25</u>
Closing Balance February 26, 2010	\$100,330.25
Income	\$175,656.40
Expenditures (\$108,697.00;\$51,576.25;\$13,475.00)	<u>-\$173,748.25</u>
Revenue over Expenses	+\$ 1,908.15
Dues Revenue	\$175,656.40
CAMRT Portion-	<u>\$108,697.00</u>
NSAMRT Portion	\$ 66,959.40
Operating Expenses	<u>-\$ 51,576.25</u>
	\$ 15,383.15
College Fund Contributions	<u>-\$ 13,475.00</u>
Revenue over Expenses	+\$ 1,908.15

### College Fund

2009 Contribution in October, 2009	\$ 13,475.00
2010 Contribution in February, 2010	+\$ 13,925.00
Total Contributions to College Account	\$ 27,400.00
Legal fees as of February 26, 2010	<u>-\$ 14,503.05</u>
Total Amount in College Fund as of Feb. 26, 2010	\$ 12,896.05

### CIBC Wood Gundy Investments

February 27, 2009	\$16,971.34
February 26, 2010	<u>\$22,324.41</u>
Return on Investments	+\$5353.07 =23.98%

### Projected Income Statement 2010/2011

Opening Balance March 1, 2010	\$100,330.25
Income (Dues)*	\$ 58,485.00
College Portion of Dues	-\$ 13,925.00
Expected Expenditures	<u>-\$ 42,470.00</u>
Expenses over Revenue	+\$2,090.00

\*Income based on projected active member dues only (MRT's and students) and does not include investment income, which is stated separately.

Annual audit conducted by Myles T. Sweeney Accountants.

If there are any questions regarding this report e-mail at: [KMaloney@swndha.nshealth.ca](mailto:KMaloney@swndha.nshealth.ca)

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Maloney, R.T.N.M.*

**NSAMRT 2010/11 BUDGET**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Budget 09/10</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 10/11</u>	
Registrar Honorarium	4620.00	5775.00	4620.00	
President's Honorarium	1300.00	1300.00	1300.00	
Office	4100.00	5763.95*	5500.00	
Website	2500.00	2548.38	2000.00	
Exec. To AGM	1000.00	230.17	2500.00	
Del. To CAMRT	1500.00	1745.90	2100.00	
Grant to Host AGM	1000.00	2000.00	2000.00	
Executive Council	1000.00	2049.10	2000.00	
<b><u>PUBLICATIONS</u></b>				
Annual report	2500.00	1812.49	2100.00	
Newsletter & FYI	3000.00	3106.50	3400.00	
<b><u>COMMITTEES</u></b>				
Publications	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Public Relations	2500.00	2192.20	3000.00	
Education	2000.00	3328.94	3500.00	
Historian	300.00	0.00	600.00	
Exam Invigilators	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Refresher	1950.00	0.00	1950.00	(400 + 1550, if updates needed)
Awards	100.00	0.00	0.00	(no chair to AGM in 2010)
TASC	To be absorbed by executive council or college fund			
<b><u>AWARDS</u></b>				
Technical Awards	900.00	450.00	1000.00	(150 is Margaret Blanford Award)
President's Bursary	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	
Executive Council Bursary	450.00	0.00	450.00	
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>				
Post Diploma Bursary	500.00	0.00	0.00	(Dorothy Archibald Award paid directly to Dalhousie)
Audit	1500.00	1412.50	1500.00	
Legal fees	10,000.00	14,503.05**	0.00	(\$25/member set aside in College Fund)
Bank fees	200.00	247.72	250.00	
General	1000.00	1066.19	1000.00	
CAMRT Liability Ins.	600.00	544.15	600.00	
NSAMRT Registration with CAMRT	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	
	<b>46,020.00</b>	<b>51,576.25</b>	<b>42,970.00</b>	
		<b>(38,101.25)</b>		
<b><u>COLLEGE FUND</u></b>				
Legal fees	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	
TASC Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>+1500.00</u>	
	0.00	0.00	16000.00	

\* There were a number of extra expenses this year due to the change in registrar. Also a bill for \$1260.00 from Timeless was not budgeted for last year. The new registrar ordered extra supplies, to save money buying in bulk, which will not be spent this year.

\*\*The College Fund, which was set up after the budget was proposed for 2009/10, was 13,475.00. This was put toward the 14,503.05 spent on legal fees for 09/10. The actual budget funds spent are therefore **\$38,101.25**.

The College Fund for 2010/11 is \$13,925.00 - 1028.05 (14503.05-13475.00) = **\$12,896.95**

Our expected Revenue is:

**\$44,560.00 (557 members x \$80.00) - \$42,970.00 (proposed budget) = \$1,590.00(extra)**

This excess should allow us to absorb TASC Expenses.