

ANNUAL REPORT



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**THE 72ND ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA
ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL
RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS**

Notice is hereby given to the membership of the Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists that the 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 1400hrs at the Westin Hotel in Halifax, 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. There will be limited number of printed copies at the annual meeting. The report is available in electronic format on the NSAMRT website and will be available electronically at the annual meeting.

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AGENDA

**Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists
72nd Annual General Meeting, April 28, 2012**

1. Call to order.
2. President's Welcome and approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from the NSAMRT 71st AGM, April 30, 2011, Baddeck, Nova Scotia.
4. Approval of minutes from NSAMRT Fall Seminar Meeting, November 6, 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. New Business
8. 73rd Annual NSAMRT Conference and AGM location
9. Adjournment

NSAMRT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2011-2012

Executive Council

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Continuing Education- Ryan Duggan, BHSc. RTR, MHIryan.duggan@dal.ca
Publications- Elise LeBlanc BHSc, RTR elise.leblanc@cdha.nshealth.ca
Public Relations- Christine Baillie, RTT Christine.baillie@cdha.nshealth.ca
Historian- vacant
Refresher Program- Cindy Murphy, BHSc, RTR, ACR cindy.murphy@dal.ca

NOMINATIONS TO THE NSAMRT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The NSAMRT are seeking Nominations for 3 Executive Council Positions on the NSAMRT Executive at the 72nd Annual NSAMRT AGM:

3 Executive Council Positions- Two Year Term

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

Kindly submit your nominees to:

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President, NSAMRT
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NSAMRT PRESIDENTS REPORT 2011/12

Each spring I look forward to the Annual General Conference and last year was no exception as I anticipated Cape Breton hospitality and a lobster dinner! The Inverary Resort in Baddeck was a great backdrop for a diverse and interesting education program and as always the dinner and dance at the golf club was excellent. One highlight of particular note was the luncheon with Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Mayann Francis. Hosting an AGC requires hard work and dedication of an entire committee so I would like to say a heartfelt “Thank-you” to the organizers for your commitment. These events are what bring us together as a community and association.

Another important function in the year is the Fall Education Seminar and Meeting, which provides discipline specific as well as broader learning opportunities. This year’s session was well attended and the audience was captivated by the keynote speaker. He was engaging and left us all with something to reflect on regarding the impact we have as MRT’s on patients in our care. Thank- you to the Education Committee for organizing such a thought provoking talk.

In the past year the Nova Scotia Regulated Health Professions Network met several times to discuss topics of common interest and share advancements in regulation. While the Network has existed in an informal and collaborative environment and is appreciated for that position, it has been determined that in moving forward a formal relationship should exist. A legislated body gives credibility and strength to a unified voice on health profession related issues. This formal arrangement would be a legislative Statute that would include all health professions eligible and agreeing to belong. To that end each of the members has been asked to state their position. The NSAMRT Executive supports the position and has agreed to be a part of the Network as it moves forward.

The Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada met twice in 2011/12. The Alliance was pleased that our incorporation was approved by the government in the fall of 2011. The next step in the process is to review the bylaws that were originally drafted to ensure they adhere to the new Incorporations Act. This work will be done at the next meeting in June. We are fortunate to be a part of this organization as there is a clear separation of roles and responsibilities between regulators and the CAMRT at the national level.

With respect to regulation we have not moved forward provincially. Regrettably, the College did not make it on the list for the spring session of the legislature. There were no specific reasons for the delay, only that the government needs to do more investigation on our proposal and that the Department of Health and Wellness is experiencing a significant workload. Be assured that The Act and Steering Committee (TASC) has completed all that has been asked and is prepared should notification be given. It is quite common for the process to take significant time and it is important not to become disheartened. Sitting at the Network and Alliance tables has provided support from those that have gone through the process before NSAMRT and the key message is perseverance.

The Executive continues to work on your behalf in many areas. Areas often dealing with correspondence, operational issues or decisions to support an initiatives. One such activity is my involvement in a working group funded by the Health Care Human Resource Sector Council of Nova Scotia and lead by the System Health HR Navigator. This group was struck to inform on content to be included on a website that will contain and provide access to all relevant information related to health professions. The invitation to participate is another affirmation that the NSAMRT is a stakeholder within health professions.

In an effort to save trees, reduce postage and move to a more current mechanism for communication, the Executive have decided that the Newsletter and Annual Report will now be in an electronic format. We hope this is the start of a growing trend to better electronic communication and services to the membership.

A key change that you will all notice is the adjustments made to the operation of the Registrar’s office. We have researched the details of operation and costs associated with having a management group perform the day to day business of the association and found

it to have many benefits and be financially feasible (see budget). The benefits are many but a few of the key items will include: an individual to answer calls during working hours, an electronic means of dues payment and an accessible office where physical items can be exchanged. With the resignation of our current Registrar, the move is timely and should allow for a smooth exchange of information. We would like to extend our appreciation to Paula Hodson for her time served as Registrar. In moving forward, hiring a management group is in the member's and association's best interest legally and professionally and a natural step as we transition to a College.

As always I encourage you to come to the AGM to ask questions, be better informed and participate in the business of your association.
See you on the waterfront!

Respectfully submitted,



BHSc, RTNM, CRPA (R)

Karren Fader BHSc, RTNM, CRPA (R)
President NSAMRT

DIRECTORS REPORT

General

CAMRT received and approved their audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2011. The 2011 audit with new auditors Welch LLP was very successful. The final net revenues are within \$1,805 of budget, ending in a strategic use of our general reserve fund in the amount of \$347,886 (net deficit). The board had approved a planned deficit of \$349,692 for 2011 to support the advancement of our strategic initiatives. The full audited statements will also be published in the 2011 annual report.

CAMRT continues to enhance their online services including access to examination and course results and online member registration for the non-provincial and senior members. CAMRT is examining the potential to provide PLI to new grads for the period between when they complete their MRT program and receive their certification exam results

Planning for the 70th Annual General Conference and 17th ISRRRT World Congress is well under way. The program to date offers 80 sessions with 15 different streams, and is now published as an online preliminary program. The AGC is offering in the area of 200 oral presentations and close to 100 posters. Of these, 125 are Canadian presenters and the remaining 175 are international (including USA). Registration as of March 28 was 622 in total, with delegates coming from 50 different countries. Administration of the travel support fund for the upcoming AGC/World Congress; a total of \$46,000 has been committed by organizations and individuals, to assist 26 applicants

The 2009-2011 Strategic Plan has come to completion and its final status has been compiled as a section of the 2011 annual report. The new 2012-2014 Strategic Plan was developed in early 2011 and approved by the board later in the year. The new strategic plan has 4 main goals:

Goal 1: CAMRT will ensure that MRTs are prepared to practice in an evolving health care system and environment of rapid technology change.

Goal 2: CAMRT will strengthen the identity, position and voice of the medical radiation technology profession.

Goal 3: CAMRT will strengthen the culture of professionalism among MRTs.

Goal 4: CAMRT will achieve effective engagement with members and key stakeholders.

Updates from CAMRT are as follows, categorized as they apply to the four strategic directions:

Goal 1: CAMRT will ensure that MRTs are prepared to practice in an evolving health care system and environment of rapid technology change.

Work is progressing on the competency profile revisions. Work has progressed on all modules, both core and discipline-specific. A new approach to the introduction to the profile has been introduced, to provide more focused information on the definition of competency, use of performance environments and weighting of competencies.

The Preceptor Guidelines are now published on the CAMRT website and are being widely publicized.

CPD registrations for fall 2011 and winter 2012 terms have exceeded expectations. QSS in development: Transitioning from the Front Line to Leadership Roles for Technologists; SPECT / CT; Applications of Medical Laboratory Tests in Nuclear Medicine Technology and Clinical Cancer Research. Full length Course in development: PET course with CT applications. The pilot project for offering final exams for full length courses online was successful, and feedback from candidates was very positive. CAMRT will offer more exams online in 2012.

A Future Technology Advisory Council (FTAC) has been established, to keep CAMRT and its partner organizations abreast of technological changes in the medical imaging and radiation therapy fields. The Council's purpose is to forecast future trends and innovations and to identify developments that will impact MRT practice. A call for volunteers with specific expertise was published in mid-March.

Following the meeting of the Advanced Practice Framework Committee in the fall, the CAMRT staff has been acting on their recommendations to research and construct a draft framework. This draft framework will be the subject of review at the upcoming Advanced Practice Framework meeting planned for late spring.

The Advanced Practice Certification Competency Profile Working Group has developed a Draft competency profile which has been converted into a survey to be sent to a panel of radiation therapists from across Canada for validation purposes. Once validated and set, the competency profile will inform the Certification Process Working Group in their decisions regarding methods and mechanism for national certification of Advanced Practice Radiation Therapists.

The Best Practice Guidelines Committee has been working diligently to approve nine guidelines (with minor changes) for immediate external review. The group also recommitted to the target of publishing guidelines from two large segments of the guidance (Patient Care and Quality of Care (32 in total) and drew up a plan for the months leading up to the congress to ensure targets are met. A soft launch will take place at the 2012 AGC and World Congress.

Goal 2: CAMRT will strengthen the identity, position and voice of the medical radiation technology profession.

The rollout of activities for the Image of Care campaign for this and the coming years continues. In development are the 2012 media advertising campaign, a corporate brand champion program, and further integration of the Image of Care messaging and graphics with MRT Week. A media relations strategy to maximize the potential of the campaign, along with our anniversary year, World Congress/AGC and MRT Week 2012 is in place.

CAMRT CEO Chuck Shields and Director of Advocacy, Communications and Events Leacy O'Callaghan-O'Brien initiated contact with MP Patrick Brown who has sponsored a private members bill, C-314, an Act respecting the awareness of screening among women with dense breast tissue. The meeting allowed us to share with him some perspectives on our members' expertise in breast screening. His bill has now gone through committee and is back before the House of Commons; progress is being monitored.

Medical Imaging Team Day is May 17, 2012, and the team will hold a media conference on Parliament Hill, at which time the theme paper will be released and presented to MPs. MP Brown offered to collaborate with us and with MP Pat Davidson to coordinate recognition in the House of Commons that day, and to assist with planning for events on the Hill that day.

Goal 3: CAMRT will strengthen the culture of professionalism among MRTs.

The Maintenance of Competence/Continuing Professional Development guidelines project is proceeding to conclusion, with the final meeting of the workgroup scheduled for mid-April. The document prepared by the group discusses self-assessment, reflective practice, development and maintenance of a professional portfolio, developing categories for assessment of CPD activities, timeframe suggestions, and audit processes and much more. Samples of templates/forms to help record activities are also provided. This project will be completed in the fall of 2012.

Over the term of the previous strategic plan, ending December 31, 2011, the CAMRT's full practice membership grew by 7.53%/776 members (excluding Quebec).

The CAMRT research grant program continues and a call for applications was issued in January, with an application deadline of April 5, 2012.

Many Canadian and international MRTs have been selected to present at the Annual General Conference/World Congress. The winner of the ASRT@RSNA speaker competition was Lynelle Yutani. Her topic "Understanding the Oz Effect – understanding & mitigating the impact of commercial, social, and government media driven health information on medical imaging". The winner of the ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference speaker competition was Gaylene Medlam. Her topic is "Developing and Maintaining a Culture of Safety in Radiation Therapy".

The CAMRT News has been redesigned to incorporate elements of the Image of Care graphics and an Image of Care template with rotating brand messages is being incorporated into the website design. 70th anniversary graphics have been designed to complement the brand images. An Image of Care brand ad has been added to the regular mix of ads placed in the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences (JMIRS).

Goal 4: CAMRT will achieve effective engagement with members and key stakeholders.

The three-part 2011 omnibus member survey that sought member feedback on awareness, satisfaction and engagement with CAMRT programs and services came to a close mid-February 2012. Response rates for fully completed survey parts were very good, as follows:

Part 1: 22.46%
Part 2: 21.35%
Part 3: 21.69%

Following a request for proposals, the Director of Finance & Administration is in the process of selecting a research expert to analyze, interpret and develop a report on the survey results, to be completed by the end of March 2012.

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

NSAMRT 71ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 30, 2011

BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

1) Meeting called to order 1405

38 voting members present

1 student present

2) K. Fader welcomed everyone. Introduced Executive members. D. Archibald will be parliamentarian. Thanked conference committee for organizing event.

Approval of Agenda

The executive added Election of Officers and CAMRT motions in Business Arising.
No additions from floor.

P. Munro motioned to move approval of agenda

M. Moore seconded, agenda approved.

3) Approval of minutes from the NSAMRT 70th AGM, May 15, 2010 Bridgewater, NS

M. Moore motioned to move the approval of the minutes as is.

K. Aucoin seconded.

Opened floor for discussion, no comments from floor.

Voted to approve minutes as they appear. All in favor motion carried.

4) Approval of minutes from NSAMRT Fall Seminar Meeting, November 6, 2010 Halifax, NS

P. Hodson motioned to move the approval of the minutes.

K. Aucoin seconded.

Opened floor for discussion, no comments from floor.

Vote to approve minutes as they appear, all in favor, motion carried.

5) Business arising from the previous minutes.

Act and College (K. Fader):

The recent newsletter that was sent out provided an update on the Act and College. We did not get on the agenda for the spring session however we are hopeful for the Fall. We have asked our legal counsel if there is anything we can do at this point and they have said no. Basically what happens now is a committee of 7 or 8 people sit and decide what is going to be addressed in the Fall sitting. We have been in touch with one person on the committee, Denis Holland from the Department of Health.

D. Archibald- What about canvassing our MLA's?

K. Fader- It does not hurt but it is not really up to them it is up to this committee of 8.

P. Munro- What happens if we do not get on the agenda for the Fall?

K. Fader- We keep moving forward. Maybe we will have to lobby more at that point and ask for a meeting with the Minister.

P. Munro- Is there a limit to how many times we can try and get on the agenda?

K. Fader- No

J. Musclemen- Is this normal?

K. Fader- Yes, if we only wait a year we are doing well. It is a very slow process.

Floor question- Why do we want to become a College?

K. Fader- We have heard a lot of talks this weekend about professionalism, raising the profile and wanting respect. We need to be on the same playing field as everyone else to get this respect. With a College and the government giving you the privilege of self-regulation it confirms to everyone else that you should be respected and you are seen as professionals by other professionals.

Anita- Lab Techs became a College a few years ago and they say it has not helped them at all. I understand we have to elevate our status but I do not think this is going to change anything. Nurses are seen as professionals but they have a lot of PR we need to do that to.

K. Fader- It will not happen overnight. It takes many steps and this is only one step. Other steps are being taken at a national level such as rebranding. This is a key step without it we

are not on the same playing field as other professions. We have made major gains. We have been being asked to come to the table with physicians, nurses and pharmacists to talk about regulation. It is critical that we move forward with this now or we are going to be left behind. The main reason we need this is to protect the public we are serving.

A. MacIntosh- How would a College stop unregistered, unqualified persons from working?

K. Fader- If you are practicing you have to be registered. Employers are required to hire registered technologist and therapists. Right now the regulations are vague. If anyone goes against the regulations and practicing without being registered legal action would be taken.

L. Muisial- We need to get our faces out there. We need to get on committees so we are represented. People will only know you if you get out there and be on committees. We do not promote ourselves enough, even within our own professions.

L. Jones- RSNA gave the same message to Radiologists this year. You need to get out there and promote yourselves!

D. Archibald- Will this eliminate the 25 bed exception?

K. Fader- Yes

No further comments discussion closed.

6) Annual Reports

Motion to approve all reports on mass. But we will discuss each individually.

J. Musclemen first motion

J. Avery seconded

Presidents Report (K. Fader)

As you can see from my report I am trying to get on provincial and national committees to raise our profile and make sure we are involved.

No other comments

Director's Report (C. Davis)

Introduced Mark Given from the CAMRT.

No questions from floor in regards to report.

Powerpoint Presentation:

Best Practice Guidelines. Matt Rogers being replaced by Greg MacLean. Thanks to Matt for all his efforts.

The new mission and values statement has been approved by the board. We wanted to make sure it was saying, helping members provide excellent care.

Strategic planning guides for the CAMRT have been set out for the next 3 years.

We have been tasked with developing competencies and a development plan for certification. Some places have it. We are looking at guidelines for what a good LDA program would look like. Competency profiles will be coming out soon. Everyone's encouraged and asked to review them and make comments.

IEMRT- Lisa Bourne has been doing a lot of work in this.

Thompson University has accepted two of CAMRT courses.

1600 people took courses through CAMRT last year.

1000 people in Quebec took courses last year.

There has been a 3.3% membership growth.

Please go in and update your CAMRT profile by May 13 and you can win a prize.

CAMRT is on Facebook.

There is a research grant program which offers a \$5000 grant to get a research project started.

The Journal is now being considered for PubMed and Medline.

There has been an increase in enhanced directive learning participation.

There is an Inclusion and Diversity Initiative Megan is actively involved in this movement.

Professional Practice committee is working on LDI, Continuum of Practice etc.

D. Archibald- What kind of response are you getting for elections?

M. Given- It was higher than the last time.

C. Davis- We received about 1000 votes.

M. Given- Survey response rates are 10-20%. We want people to engage. We want membership feedback. We want to meet your needs and can not if there is not response to surveys. Managers were asked what they would like to see. 7 out of 8 of the managers here responded. B. Martell did a great job of getting people involved.

V. Sorhaindo- The surveys are blocked from a lot of firewalls.

M. Given- Unfortunately there is an issue with only the NS firewalls. They do not let them through but this issue is isolated to here.

Advocacy- Trish Munro has been involved with the Medical Isotope shortage. Chuck is getting out there and being seen.

D. Archibald- Some of the reports on the shortage that were done here were picked up in the States.

No further comments

Awards Committee

No Comments

Continuing Education Committee

P. Munro- Did you get an MR tech?

R. Duggan- two days ago someone from Kentville emailed me so they will be starting on the committee soon.

P. Hodson- Thank you Ryan for doing such a great job with the Fall Education session.

Historian report

D. Archibald- How can the archives be accessed?

K.Fader- He plans on putting them all up on a members only section of the website.

V. Sorhaindo- It is not active yet but he is working with the webmaster to get everything loaded.

Refresher Program

No comments

Public Relations

No Comments

Publications

Vicki has stepped down and Elise LeBlanc will be replacing her.

Student Secretary

No Comments

Registrar report

P. Hodson- There has been a small growth in membership. Remember if coming back off a maternity leave you need to contact me one month before to be reinstated.

M. Given- make sure you are not taking a shift without being registered.

Floor Question- Is it common practice to resign when going on Mat. Leave?

P. Hodson- A few years ago someone discovered this loop hole. There are no refunds if you go off in the middle of the year but it's prorated when you come back. You need to send a letter of resignation in order to stay in good standing. Before you come back you need to be reinstated.

Floor Question- Are employers notified?

P. Hodson- It is up to the employers to make sure the employees have up to date cards.

J. Musclemen- Do they have access to the members only section of the website? And do they have the same number when they return?

P. Hodson- They can not access the site and they still have the same number when they return.

No Further Comments

Financial report

No Comments

Vote on mass for the approval of the reports. All in favor Motion carried.

T. Munro motion to approve budget

J. Amadio seconded

Floor open for discussion

R. Duggan- Why is awards on here twice?

K. Maloney- One is for all the awards that are given out. The other is the budget for the committee to run.

J. Musclemen- What is the un-cashed cheques?

K. Maloney- This year's conference committee did not cash their cheque yet.

D. Archibald- What are the fees for the Alliance?

K. Fader- We had to pay \$2000 out of last year's budget and then \$2000 out of this years.

D. Archibald- what is the annual fee going to be?

K. Fader- Hopefully \$500.

K. Aucoin- Exam Invigilators?

P. Hodson- We upped what we pay so we could get people to volunteer to do it. Space has also been an issue and we are going to have to start renting rooms. As a result we are starting to charge the students so we can get back our costs. Most other provinces charge \$100. We wanted to charge two different fees one for our students and one for others but we could not so instead we will deduct a portion of the dues the first year for our students.

K. Aucoin- could this be a source of income?

P. Hodson- It could be the first year but by the time the credits are given and we pay the invigilators and rent the rooms it should all balance out.

P. Munro- Are we sending someone to the CAMRT LDI?

K. Maloney- If no one from here is selected by CAMRT we have budgeted to send someone.

C. Davis- Last year we did not budget for it so we did not send anyone this year we added it.

No further budget questions.

Vote- all in favor motion carried.

The financial audit was performed by Grant Thorton this year. D. Archibald moves to use the same person next year.

P. Munro Seconded motion

All in favor, motion carried

7) New business

Election of Officers

President- K. Fader reoffering

No other nominations from the floor, called for nominations 3 times.

K. Fader nominated and elected by acclamation

Election of Officers

There are two positions available

M. Morash and K. Maloney are reoffering.

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times. No other nominations.

M. Morash and K. Maloney are nominated and elected by acclamation.

CAMRT Motions

Canada not for profit corporations Act

C. Davis-We need to tidy up membership structure to comply with act. We are proposing a simpler structure with two classes. General and Distinguished

People who no longer fit could purchase a package for a fee.

Hand out provided with motions- terminology to be clarified with motions.

You can vote by proxy on CAMRT website until May 25th.

Dorothy Archibald Bursary

D. Archibald- In the past this bursary was developed with the hopes the NSAMRT would be able to match it. If anyone feels they can help by making a \$100 donation please let Trish Munro know. This is an investment on our future. I received a great thank you note from the recipients this year. Other disciplines are helping their students a lot more. Please again let Trish know if you can help.

8) 72nd Annual NSAMRT Conference and AGM location

J. Musclemen- The IWK Health Centre would like to invite the NSAMRT members to a 1.5 day conference next year. This condensed conference is because of the ISRRT in Toronto this year.

9) K. Fader thanks the membership for their involvement and calls for a motion to adjourn meeting.

P. Hodson first motion

K. Aucion seconds

Meeting adjourned.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

At the AGM in Baddeck in May 2011, the following awards were presented:

1. Student Technical Essay Award - \$300.00
 - a. Nuc Med – Hannah Dobson
Strategies for Successful Implementation of Dose Reduction in CT
2. RT Technical Essay - \$300.00
 - a. Rad Therapy – Carol Anne Davis
Using Cranio-spinal Irradiation in the Treatment of Pediatric Medulloblastoma
3. Margaret Blandford Award - \$150.00
 - a. Christine Baillie RT
Current Approaches to Radiation Therapy Clinical Education:
A Review of the Literature
4. NS Exhibit Award - \$150.00
 - a. Ryan Duggan and Teresa Foley
Optimizing Mobile Service Delivery in Breast Screening
5. Presidents Bursary - \$500.00
 - a. Linda Jones RTR
6. Executive Council Bursary - \$150.00
 - a. Jennifer Ryan RTR
 - b. Karen Aucoin RTNM
 - c. Linda Hatt RTR

Congratulations to all winners. We encourage all members to submit papers or presentations to the awards chair for consideration. E-blasts have been sent to all members regarding the deadlines for awards. All awards criteria can be found on the NSAMRT website.

Respectively Submitted,

Julie Avery

Chair NSAMRT Awards Committee

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ryan Duggan- Chair
Anita MacDonald- Nuclear Medicine
Cheryl Anderson- Radiation Therapy
Elise LeBlanc- Radiological Technology

2011 saw a strong turnout for the Fall Education Seminar that helped kick off MRT week with over 70 participants attending the half-day event (up 10 from last year). Cape Breton Regional Hospital (CBRH) held weeklong series of Lunch & Learns in conjunction with MRT Week. The seminar was held in Halifax at the Four Points Sheraton. This was the third straight year at this location and venue feedback was well received.

The Lunch and Learn program witnessed a surge in the number of requests received this year over last with 5 total requests for funding. Lunch and Learns serve as a great opportunity to increase personal and professional development within a department. The NSAMRT Education Committee has information for potential Lunch & Learn applicants posted on the association website at the following link: <http://nsamrt.ca/edops/index4.php>

Goals for 2012 include:

- Telehealth educational event
- Enhance Continuing Education Section of NSAMRT website
- Increase attendance of Annual Education Seminar

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 BHSoc, RTR MHI
Continuing Education Committee Chair
Ryan.Duggan@dal.ca

HISTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT

This position is vacant. If any member of the NSAMRT is interested in assuming the role of Historian, please contact any member of the executive.

We would like to thank Wayne LaRade for his efforts over the past couple years and wish him luck with his current studies.

NSAMRT REFRESHER PROGRAM

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

Discipline	Summary of candidates
Radiological Technology	1- in progress
Nuclear Medicine Technology	none at this time

I would like once again to acknowledge 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 BHSoc, RTR, ACR

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

There were two publications of the NSAMRT newsletter in October and April. The April newsletter was the first digital newsletter. The newsletter was not printed but is available online and e-mailed to members. The NSAMRT website is still online and regularly updated. Information or news articles for the newsletter or website can be sent at any time.

I am concerned that I do not have current contacts from each site across the province. If you are a manager or team leader and have not been receiving e-mails requesting items for the newsletter, please send me your e-mail address.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with the publications committee, please contact me.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elise LeBlanc, BHSc, RTR
Publications Committee Chair
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STUDENT SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT

There are **71 students** registered in the QEII/Dalhousie Health Sciences Degree Program:

	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd year</u>	<u>3rd Year</u>	<u>4th Year</u>
Radiological Technology	15	10	11	11
Nuclear Medicine	8	4	8	7

There is **one student** registered in the Radiation Therapy program at the Michener Institute in Ontario who is sponsored by the province of Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia has decided for the foreseeable future not to financially support students in this program, although the institute continues to educate Radiation Therapists:

	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd year</u>	<u>3rd Year</u>
Radiation Therapy	0	0	1

CAMRT CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS 2010

January 2011

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

May 2011

Fourteen Radiological Technology candidates challenged the exam successfully.
Three Nuclear Medicine candidates challenged the exam successfully.
Three Radiation Therapy candidates challenged the exam, two were successful.

September 2011

One Radiological Technology candidate challenged the exam successfully.
One Radiation Therapy candidate challenged the exam successfully.
One Magnetic Resonance Imaging candidate challenged the exam successfully.

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

As of Mar 31st 2012 the Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists had grown to a total of 588 members.

Active Members	583
Lifetime Members	5

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:

RTR.....	393
RTT.....	62
RTNM.....	71
RTMR.....	32
ACR.....	20
ACT.....	4
ACNM.....	1

There is an increase of 13 active members from last year's total membership of 575. There are also three members who have resigned due to maternity leave who will be rejoining later in the year. The end of 2011 produced a total of twelve retirements, a reflection of our aging profession whose average is 44, and 33% of our membership is 50 years or older. 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 **2011/2012**.

Income Statement 2011-2012

Opening Balance on February 28, 2011	\$125,729.00
Income (Dues, Exam Fees)	+\$186,688.09
Expenditures (CAMRT Dues, NSAMRT Operations, GIC Investment, College Fund Contribution, Invigilator Costs)	<u>-\$237,679.72</u>
Closing Balance on February 29, 2012	\$74,737.37
Income	\$186,688.09
Expenditures (\$118,658.79; \$53,245.93)	-\$171,904.72
College Fund Contribution	-\$14,375.00
Exam Invigilator Costs	<u>-\$1,400.00</u>
Revenue over Expenses	-\$991.63
Dues + Exam Fees	\$186,688.09
CAMRT Portion	<u>-\$118,658.79</u>
NSAMRT Portion	\$68,029.30
Operating Expenses	-\$53,245.93
College Fund Contribution	-\$14,375.00
Exam Invigilator Costs	<u>-\$1,400.00</u>
Revenue over Expenses	-\$991.63

College Fund

Total Amount in College fund on Feb. 28, 2012	\$2,988.12
2011/2012 Contribution	+\$14,375.00
2011/2012 Interest from Money Market Fund	+\$37.28
Legal fees from March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012	<u>-\$3,961.18</u>
Total Amount in College Fund on February 29, 2012	\$13,439.22

Projected Income Statement 2012/2013

Opening balance March 1, 2012	\$74,737.37
Income (Dues)	\$64,310.00
College Portion of Dues	-\$14,750.00
Expected Expenditures	<u>-\$49,400.00</u>
Expenses over Revenue	\$160.00

CIBC Wood Gundy Investments

February 28, 2011	\$25,367.93
February 29, 2012	<u>\$24,913.87</u>
Return on Investments	-\$454.06 = -1.8%

RBC GIC Investment

November 7, 2011 Contribution at 1.25%	\$50,000.00
February 5, 2012 Redemption Value	\$50,154.11
February 5, 2012 Reinvestment at 1.5%	\$50,154.11
August 3, 2012 Expected Redemption Value	\$50,351.98

Student Exam Administration

2011/12 Student Exam Fees (26 students x \$100.00)	\$2600.00
Invigilator Costs	-\$1400.00
16 Student's Prorated Dues (16 x \$50.00)	<u>-\$800.00</u>
Revenue generated from Student Exam Administration	\$400.00

*Income based on projected active member dues and does not include investment or exam income, which is stated separately.

Annual Financial Review conducted by Grant Thornton Accountants.

If there are any questions regarding this report e-mail at: KMaloney@swndha.nshealth.ca

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

NSAMRT 2012/2013 BUDGET

CATEGORIES	Budget 11/12	Actual	Proposed 12/13
Registrar Honorarium	4800.00	4830.00	0.00
Office	6000.00	4929.76	0.00
Pathfinder's Group			12,000.00
President's Honorarium	1304.00	1304.00	1325.00
Website	2000.00	1656.00	2000.00
Exec. To AGM	3900.00	5799.63	2000.00
Del. To CAMRT	2400.00	1850.40	2600.00
Grant to Host AGM	2000.00	4000.00*	2000.00
Executive Council + TASC	2000.00	759.99	2000.00
<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>			
Annual Report	2100.00	2654.45	400.00
Newsletter & FYI	3550.00	2894.55	800.00
<u>COMMITTEES</u>			
Publications	365.00	256.13	125.00
Public Relations	3000.00	3168.79	3000.00
Education	3500.00	3708.19	3500.00
Historian	800.00	0.00	500.00
Refresher	1950.00	0.00	1950.00
			(400 + 1550, if updates needed)
Awards	1000.00	116.13	800.00
<u>AWARDS</u>			
Awards	1000.00	900.00	900.00
President's Bursary	1000.00	500.00	1000.00
Executive Council Bursary	450.00	450.00	450.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Financial Review	1600.00	1630.12	1650.00
Bank fees	350.00	556.85	600.00
General	1000.00	684.59	1000.00
Alliance	4000.00	10096.35**	6500.00
Intern to CAMRT LDI	1100.00	0.00	1200.00
CAMRT Liability Ins.	600.00	557.79	600.00
NETWORK	0.00	500.00	500.00
	51,869.00	53,803.72	49,400.00
2010/11 Budgeted Expenses		-4,000.00	
		49,803.00	

Our expected Revenue is:

\$49,560.00(590 members x \$84.00) - **\$49,400.00**(proposed budget) = **\$160.00**

*\$2000.00 to host 2011 Cape Breton AGM cashed in this fiscal year.

**\$2000.00, 2010/11 Alliance Contribution cashed in this fiscal year.