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A FAREWELL



We are at a time of change and excitement in all that surrounds our provincial and national associations. And, what a year 2017 was in that regard.

In the spring of 2017 the BCAMRT Board brought our members two options, both to bring cost savings when it seems like everything these days is costing more. Option 1 was to stay as the BCAMRT, but find cost savings; and Option 2 was to join the CAMRT with a

guaranteed reduction in dues of at least \$60 a year. The Board and all supporting staff worked very diligently to ensure that we brought knowledge and education about the options ahead to our membership. The Board held a roadshow, in-service talks within many hospitals, and webinars; and CAMRT CEO François Couillard visited the lower mainland representing CAMRT. A vote was held as of May (see more about this process on page 10) and our membership was clear that joining the CAMRT with a guaranteed reduction in dues was what they wanted.

What an exciting year 2017 was for BC members, with not only the change from BCAMRT to CAMRT-BC, but also the impending regulatory college for radiation therapists. In a profession so full of change and development, our association is truly following suit.



Now, with 2017 come and gone, CAMRT-BC is in place. Past BCAMRT President, Louise Kallhood, was the successful candidate for the BC Provincial Manager position (see page 5) and is working very hard to find her own niche and make the job her own. These are very exciting times for our BC members. To have a passionate front line, a governance board, and an

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advisory committee that are going to have a keen eye to better our membership. Importantly, CAMRT-BC and Louise Kallhood have also committed to working diligently to keep the regulatory college on the table with the BC government. They will be updating our membership, as and when any new information is released (please see page 14 for a recap of this process, from 2015 to the present).

As of December 31, 2017, our former Executive Director, Darlene Hyde, stepped out of her role and started a new chapter in her career. I would like to thank her again for her service and all the hard work that she put into the BCAMRT to ensure a smooth transition. We wish you all the best, Darlene!

On a final note, I would like to thank our membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the last year and a half. I feel that together we found what is truly important to us as MRTs and I hope that the future continues to stay bright for our profession.

Thank you,

Jackie Wallace
BCAMRT President
2016-2017

WELCOME LETTER: CAMRT CEO



Dear CAMRT-BC members,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to our new endeavor: CAMRT-BC. As CEO for CAMRT, I will be taking a special interest in the success of CAMRT-BC.

BC MRTs care about their association

I would like to thank all members for their fantastic engagement. I personally travelled to BC a few times last year; prior to the vote

to meet with members in Vancouver, and afterward to assist in planning the transition. What we have learned over these past months is that there is a deep passion for the MRT profession in the province, and that CAMRT-BC is inheriting an important role of chief advocate and provincial leader from the BCAMRT. Since we began consulting on this last year, we heard from hundreds of members (both in person and electronically), which helped to highlight key priorities for the future. Your engagement with the vote, with a 40% turnout, was an extremely positive and affirming sign for the future. We invite you to continue the dialogue and contact us with any suggestions you might have to enhance the services we provide you and support the profession in delivering better care.

Committed to serving your needs

The BCAMRT provided excellent leadership for the MRT profession in BC for about 75 years, and we are confident that with all the hard work we are putting in and the support of BC volunteers, that MRTs in BC will continue to have excellent association services at the provincial level. Whether it be advocacy or education, events or communication, the fact that many services, national and provincial, will now be provided from the same organization, is very exciting. For one thing, it has allowed us to pass on significant savings in dues to members. For another, it will also allow us to streamline and innovate the way we deliver services to members in the province.

One of the first steps we took to ensure we are closely attuned to the needs of BC members is the recruitment and hiring of a Provincial Manager for CAMRT-BC, based in the province. We are extremely fortunate to have Louise Kallhood, former BCAMRT President and volunteer, leading our operations in the province. I know Louise from having visited her at Camosun College on Vancouver Island and having worked with her on a national committee. I have always been very impressed by her competence, deep knowledge of the profession, and contagious enthusiasm. You are in very good hands!

She will work closely with staff in Ottawa to ensure CAMRT-BC offers opportunities and services of the utmost quality to MRTs in BC. BC members and views will also be strongly represented by the new volunteer BC Advisory Council. This council will work closely with Louise to determine and deliver on the key priorities of members in the province.

Advocacy for a regulatory college

Another priority that was identified over the past year is the importance of leadership and advocacy for the regulation of MRTs in BC. As you know, the government in BC made the decision to establish a new regulatory college for a selection of healthcare professions, including radiation therapy. It was a disappointment for BCAMRT, MRTs in BC and, indeed, MRTs nationally, that the BC government made the decision to exclude the diagnostic imaging professionals in this first wave of regulation. We are encouraged, however, that in our conversations with the BC government since that time, their commitment to a Phase 2, which would include the professions of radiologic technology, nuclear medicine, and magnetic resonance, is strong. As CAMRT-BC, we will work hard on your behalf, both to ensure a smooth implementation of the first phase of the college for radiation therapists, and also to keep the government to its commitment for the second phase of the college for medical imaging. Louise and the BC Advisory Council will also be attentive to new and emerging advocacy priorities where CAMRT-BC can play a similar leadership role for members.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for your vote of confidence towards the CAMRT. We are very excited by this new model that promises to deliver the services you need in a cost-efficient way, relying on the extensive resources of your national association.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'François Couillard'.

François Couillard
CEO, CAMRT

The **BC Advisory Council** is being formed to offer expertise and support to the CAMRT Board of Directors and staff regarding issues relating to MRT practice and provincial member services in the province.

We had a strong response to the call for applications, and the council members will be selected and announced very soon. Stay tuned for more details!

INTRODUCING THE CAMRT-BC PROVINCIAL MANAGER

In 2017, the BCAMRT membership voted to receive provincial association services from CAMRT-BC. As part of this arrangement, a position was created for CAMRT-BC to ensure seamless provision of association services to BC members, including educational initiatives, advocacy, communications, and member support. After an extensive search for the best candidate, we are pleased to introduce Louise Kallhood as Provincial Manager.

What I will bring to this role

In this position, I look forward to focusing on member recruitment, member engagement, and ensuring members receive the services and resources they value. I plan to be active with roadshows and meeting members face-to-face, not be in an office the whole time. I am passionate about sharing, coaching, and disseminating information to help others in the profession; and really want to use this platform to support and highlight the achievements of our members.

Education has been a continuous thread throughout my career and I feel that this position is a great match. I will be helping to coach and encourage; I am a natural salesperson, and I enjoy it. I have met a lot of CAMRT and BCAMRT members through my involvement over the years, and I consider them to be friends as well as colleagues, and I am looking forward to reconnecting with them in this role. I am also excited to meet new members—the ones with their whole career ahead of them—I want them to become as enthusiastic as I am about their career, the profession and the association. People ask me, why should I become a member? I personally consider it “paying it forward.” CAMRT gave me the certification that allowed me to be hired and considered a professional in my field, they gave me resources, and I want to continue to support that.

My history with BCAMRT and CAMRT

I took on my first professional volunteer role as BCAMRT’s Recording Secretary shortly after graduation from BCIT in the 1970s, back when CAMRT was known as CSRT. This volunteer experience got me hooked, it was so interesting learning about the profession from another perspective and getting an inside track into how the provincial level was managed. After this, I took on the role of BCAMRT Educational Coordinator and started out organizing local educational events. I remember being nervous about my first event, expecting a low turnout, and it turned out to be a great success! I witnessed the value of learning and sharing, and my career has taken a focus on education ever since.

Eventually I moved up to a national level of volunteering, which opened a whole new world. Dori Kaplun recommended me as a member for the COE (Committee of Education) and I contributed to this group for 5 years, eventually becoming Chair. It was a challenging role, being accountable for certification results and presenting to the CAMRT Board of Directors. I met new people and reconfirmed my enthusiasm for seeing how it works behind the scenes. I was also pursuing

a Masters in Adult Education from SFU; it was a busy time, to say the least. Then in 2007 I was invited to a BCAMRT Strategic Planning session, and somehow from there stepped into the role as BCAMRT President for four years. Much of what I learned during that term is relevant to what I believe this new role will be about.

Advocating for the profession

As BCAMRT President, I was involved in a major advocacy initiative related to the creation of an umbrella regulatory college for therapeutic and diagnostic medical technologists in BC. I was a strong supporter of the initiative “Patient Safety First”; this campaign encouraged the public to become involved in requiring MRT’s and Lab Technologists to become self-regulated professions. Now, as co-chair of the Regulatory Working Committee I will be continuing the work, particularly in making sure our members are knowledgeable and prepared for working in a regulated environment. At this time, radiation therapy is included in the professions to be regulated, and we are working on the next phase of bringing radiography, nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance into the College of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Health Professionals (CDTHP).

A bit more about myself outside the job

I have had a busy and fulfilling career and it appears it’s not over yet. I tell my friends that this is the profession that just keeps on giving! I am excited to be back with my professional family. But, just to be clear—this position is three days/week—so I will still have time to follow my other passions, such as golf, curling, quilting, and spending time with family. I just spent a year living in Burns Lake in northern BC, and was able to really connect with my mom and sister and her family. It was amazing, if not just a little chilly at -30 degrees. I hope to revisit them later this year, and along the drive up from Victoria, stop into clinical sites to meet members, provide information sessions, and generally promote the amazing work done by MRTs throughout the province. And maybe hit a few new golf courses! If you are a golfer and want to set up a CAMRT-BC event, just let me know!



CAMRT-BC PROVINCIAL MANAGER REPORT

I'm excited to have the chance to report to you, the members of our newly formed organizational model, the CAMRT-BC. It's been just over two months, and while a good part of the time has been spent orientating to my new position and having the opportunity to reconnect with many of my previous work and professional colleagues, I'm pleased to say that we have already made progress on some of key initiatives.



TRANSITION TO CAMRT OFFICE

Everyone has been working very hard to make the transition to our new service model. There is a lot to do and everyone at CAMRT offices has been extremely helpful, professional and responsive in working through the inevitable issues that come with a transition of this size. We are just working through the database integration process and should have everything in place very soon. If you have any membership related concerns, please call the office at 1-800-463-9729 or email them at to info@camrt-bc.ca. We are still working on the CAMRT-BC website so please keep checking it out to see what material has been added. A survey was sent out to members to help pick the new CAMRT-BC logo. We had a great participation rate and a new logo has been selected. Thank you to everyone who participated.



ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are in the process of selecting our first Advisory Council members. You will recall from the call that went out for applications that this council will provide guidance to myself and the CAMRT office around which services are most important to BC members. I am very impressed with the qualifications and enthusiasm of the members that applied, now comes the difficult work of selecting the members. An announcement will be out soon with the council member

names, and a date for our first meeting. Remember – these are YOUR council members, so be sure to talk with them about your ideas for the future activities of the CAMRT-BC.

SITE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The site ambassador program began some years ago as one more way the association could communicate with members. A site ambassador's role is to keep an eye out for what's happening at the CAMRT-BC, and bring it to the attention of their co-workers. If there is a particular issue that needs attention, they will receive information directly from me or their site ambassador leader, asking that they share at work or in any other groups where there are CAMRT-BC members. We are in the process of rebuilding this cohort and if you have an interest in being a site ambassador – please be in touch!!

The goal is to have a site ambassador at every work site – so we need you to join up! An updated list of Site Ambassadors will be posted on the CAMRT-BC webpage in the next few weeks.

REGULATORY COLLEGE

Please read through the report provided. The move to working in a regulated environment is a big change for everyone – members and employers. While this is most imminent for radiation therapy technologists, I believe it won't be that much longer before the other disciplines are brought in during Phase 2. We need to understand and be prepared for the upcoming changes. I plan on visiting cancer agencies in the upcoming months to meet with members and answer questions.

OUTREACH

I was very pleased to meet the students at Camosun College in late January. We spent two hours together, talking about the role and importance of a professional organization in representing the interests of MRTs provincially and nationally, understanding the difference between our association and the upcoming regulatory college, and reviewing the many benefits



of membership – CPD, certificate programs, professional liability insurance, awards, leadership opportunities and a chance to be part of a family of professionals that care about the work they do and the people they work with.

In March I will be in Prince George for a lunch-and-learn with the students at the College of New Caledonia. In addition CAMRT-BC will be hosting an [evening of education](#) with the MRTs from the hospital, cancer agency, and private clinic. I plan on touring the facilities – I'm very excited to see the cancer agency as it is still the newest one in the province. In April I will visit BCIT and meet with the students there.

SAVE THE DATE!

For a CAMRT-BC Sponsored Event

March 8th, 2018
University Hospital of Northern British Columbia, Room 501 in the Learning Development Center

FREE for members & Only \$10 for non-members

Northern Health sites will be able to view by videoconference

Light Refreshments from: 6:15-7PM
Speakers from: 7-9PM

Two Confirmed Speakers:

Louise Kallhood, Provincial Manager CAMRT-BC:
CAMRT-BC Update

Terry Mitchell, Primary Care Paramedic, RTR,BA
Critical Incident Stress Management Technologists

Registration will be online via CAMRT (www.camrt.ca/conferences/camrt-bc/) and fees can be paid at the door.

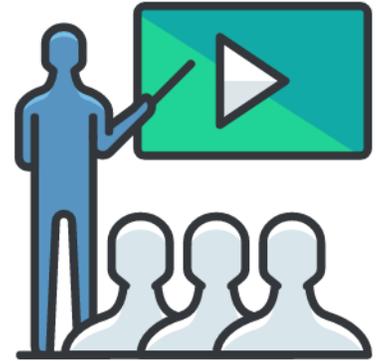
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And in May I will be attending the Interventional Radiology conference hosted by West Coast Imaging in Vancouver. I will have the chance to address the group, and the CAMRT-BC will be hosting a table.

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If you are interested in attending, apply now!

We are planning for the 2018 AGM, and will have a date published soon. This year the AGM will be a brief business meeting only, dealing primarily with the formal election of the four board members who will remain in place until the final vote about the dissolution of the BCAMRT at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, and the acceptance of our 2017 financial statements. There will be no conference in April, however an educational event is being planned for November 2018. Please watch for notices about these events.



So you can see that this new position is not about working strictly from an office. It's about getting out to meet and talk with members, find out what's on their minds, and find ways to encourage and promote all the good work that we do. There are plans for visits to many sites in 2018 – so stay tuned!

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has welcomed me into this position. I heard from past co-workers, students and even some retired folks that sent me best wishes – I loved hearing from all of you. Always feel free to send me your ideas or thoughts about an issue. And more importantly if you would like to be involved in some way as a volunteer, let me know. I know we will be looking to maintain and build on the services our association can provide, and your time and energy are what will help make that happen!



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When things happen in BC, BC MRTs need to know about them – provincial communication channels keep members up to date on issues and opportunities and allow members to connect with the colleagues that face the same issues as they do.



Radiation



Web Page
camrt.ca/bc



Eblasts & Updates



Site Ambassadors



Dynamic social channels



PROVINCIAL NETWORKING



Awards Program for BC MRTs



Support for regional educational initiatives



Volunteer opportunities (CAMRT-BC Advisory Council, Site ambassadors, etc.)



Provincial Manager visits to clinical sites

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Awards Program



NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

BC to NATIONAL



Provincial Manager and Chair of the CAMRT-BC Advisory Council to represent BC members at the National Network table.

FRIENDLY FACES AT CAMRT— WORKING FOR YOU!



With the transition to CAMRT-BC, members are encouraged to contact our staff with any questions regarding association services. A complete listing of staff is available here:

<http://www.camrt.ca/about-camrt/staff-contacts/>.



Louise Kallhood has been hired as Provincial Manager for CAMRT-BC. She is looking forward to connecting with members in BC and is ready to assist you. Contact Louise at lkallhood@camrt.ca with any questions regarding regulation, continuing professional development activities, or communications.



Ever call the CAMRT office and wonder whose voice that is? It's our Coordinator of Membership and Events, **Francine Caron**. Francine will also be handling the incoming calls related to provincial member services in BC. She is friendly, efficient, and if she doesn't know the answer to your question she will promptly connect you to someone who does. Members love her, and we do, too! fcaron@camrt.ca; 613-234-0012 ext 225.



As Chief Executive Officer, **François Couillard** proposes policy directions and directs and coordinates all operational activities to implement the strategic plan of the CAMRT. He works to promote the profession by developing and maintaining effective relations with key stakeholders such as provincial and international organizations of medical radiation technologists, national health organizations, governments, educational organizations and businesses. François can be reached at fcouillard@camrt.ca.



Meet our Manager of Member Relations, **Shaely Williams**! Shaely is passionate about providing excellent member service. Shaely is the friendly voice at the end of the line when you call regarding membership benefits, member dues or PLI. Shaely can be reached at swilliams@camrt.ca; 613-234-0012 ext 223.



Christopher Topham is the CAMRT Director of Advocacy and Communications. He is responsible for various advocacy initiatives that raise the profile of the profession, and will work closely with Louise and BC MRTs to identify and address advocacy concerns with the appropriate provincial stakeholders. He also helps to direct CAMRT-BC and CAMRT communications, so if you have a question, or have something you would like to communicate to members in BC or across the country through Radiation, the CAMRT Newsletter, the *Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences*, or the e-news, be sure to get touch! We welcome your suggestions about interesting topics you would like to see covered, or members that deserve recognition on a provincial or national level. Chris can be reached at ctopham@camrt.ca; 613-234-0012 ext 230.



If you have attended a CAMRT conference or event recently, you might have caught a glimpse of **Gertrud Jeewanjee**, our hard-working Manager of Conferences and Events. When we have meetings and events in BC this year, Gertrud will be there behind the scenes making sure everything runs smoothly. If you have questions about CAMRT-BC events, be sure to contact Gertrud! gjeewanjee@camrt.ca; 613-234-0012 ext 235



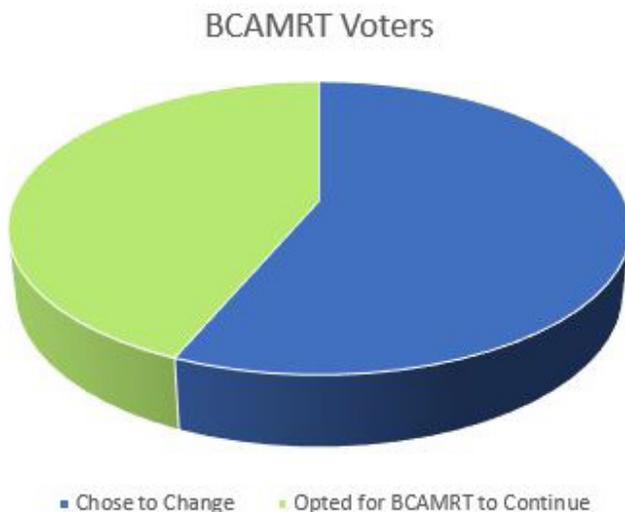
In constant pursuit of improved member satisfaction, engagement and volunteer stewardship is **Karen Morrison**, the Director of the Membership and Events. Overseeing the department since 2014, Karen's passion is ensuring members see themselves in the benefits and services CAMRT offers, and that they find opportunities to engage with their professional association. Karen can be reached at kmorrison@camrt.ca; 613-234-0012 ext 253.

UPDATE JUNE 2017 VOTE

An online vote of BCAMRT members was held between May 31 and June 18 to determine the future of the BCAMRT. The vote resulted in the adoption of a new association model where the provincial services you are accustomed to receiving from BCAMRT, such as provincial advocacy, provincial updates and networking, local events, and more will be delivered by a new unit of the CAMRT, dedicated to BC, called CAMRT-BC. In all, 892 BCAMRT members voted; that is,

40%
of membership voted.

43.6% of voters opted for the BCAMRT to continue as-is (with internal efficiencies); while 56.4% of voters chose change, with the CAMRT delivering provincial association services to members in BC.



This result gave BCAMRT and CAMRT the mandate to work together to implement the transition to the CAMRT provincial service delivery model in BC, surpassing the important requirements of at least 15% membership participation in the vote, and a support for change that exceeded 55% of voters.

What we heard from members throughout the consultation and ensuing transition has helped to highlight many priorities for the future.

In the months that followed the June vote, the CAMRT collaborated closely with BCAMRT to establish and ramp up the new CAMRT-BC. The goal throughout this transition and continuing now is for CAMRT-BC to deliver a similar offering of provincial member services to MRTs in BC for less in dues. This is something that we worked hard to have ready for our January 1 launch and are committed to working for into the future.



Important dates:

Jan 1, 2018 – Launch of CAMRT-BC

April 2018 – BCAMRT AGM

May 16, 2018 – CAMRT AGM, Ottawa, ON (including virtual AGM)

June 2019 – Confirmatory vote

In 2017, BCAMRT highlighted important contributions to the MRT profession in BC with its Member Recognition Awards

BCAMRT Young Professional



Ben Lee, RTT

Awarded to an MRT with less than 10 years experience, who has made a significant contribution to the MRT profession.

Departing BCAMRT Board Member



Lois Roberts, RTR (left) was recognized for her work as Director & Treasurer 2010-2017

Excellence in Teaching Award



Jaime Busljeta, RTR (left)

Awarded to an MRT for their outstanding contributions in enhancing the teaching and learning experience of MRT students during their clinical training program.

W.Q. Stirling Award



Amanda Bolderston, RTT

Presented annually by the Board of Directors, the WQ Stirling Award honours the BCAMRT member who has shown exemplary service to the art and science of medical radiation technology. The recipient delivers the WQ Stirling Address at the BCAMRT Annual General Meeting.

BCAMRT Member Recognition Award



Yvonnevan Gelderen, RTR (right)

Given to an MRT that has made significant contributions to the profession.

2017 BCAMRT Awards Presentation

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

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Radiological Technology
Roadshow

Keep your eyes open for more
information on the CAMRT
Roadshow, coming Fall 2018!

[http://www.camrt.ca/conferences/
specialty/roadshow/](http://www.camrt.ca/conferences/specialty/roadshow/)



CAMRT-BC Sponsored Event in
Prince George, BC
March 8th, 2018

<http://www.camrt.ca/conferences/camrt-bc/>



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[http://www.m3productions.ca/
conference/](http://www.m3productions.ca/conference/)



CANM-CAMRT Joint Annual
Conference
March 23-24, 2018

<https://canm-acmn.ca/annualmeeting>



70th Annual WSRT
Conference
April 12-14, 2018

[http://wsrt.com/register-for-2018-
annual-meeting/](http://wsrt.com/register-for-2018-annual-meeting/)

BC MEMBERS WIN BIG AT 2017 CAMRT AWARDS GALA

Two BC members were recently recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments with honorary awards during the Celebration of Excellence at the 2017 CAMRT-OAMRS AGC in Ottawa. The CAMRT Honorary Awards are a collection of awards presented to members at the pinnacle of the profession. The winners of these awards earn the highest recognition from their association by their dedication, commitment and exceptional contributions to our profession.

Steven Brown, RTT, was recognized with the Early Professional Achievement Award. This award is designed to honour a member of the CAMRT who has provided, at an early stage in their career, inspiration and leadership to their colleagues by acting as a role model of professionalism and/or volunteerism.



Pictured: CAMRT President Karren Fader presents Steven Brown with the Early Professional Achievement Award

Steven has been working as radiation therapist and Team Leader/Chair of the Provincial group for BC Cancer Agency initiated study called POSI - Patient Outcomes and Support Initiative for the last 2 years. He was instrumental in setting up the critical collaborations with nurses, radiation oncologists and radiation therapists for the project. As well as conducting his own research, he has worked to see through the

implementation of changes in his centre and others across the province.

"I am honoured to have received the CAMRT Early Professional Achievement Award. It was one of my goals early in my career to challenge myself as much as I could, and with unbelievable amounts of support, I have begun to realize some of those aspirations. The Radiation Therapy community across Canada has provided me great opportunity to learn and grow as a professional. Being involved with the CAMRT has been a wonderful experience, and I look forward to future endeavors."

Sarah Kirstensen, RTT, received the Marshall Mallett award. The Dr. Marshall Mallett Lamp of Knowledge Award honours a CAMRT member who has made a significant contribution to the profession and/or association at a national level in the field of education.



Pictured: CAMRT President Karren Fader presents Sarah Kristensen with the Marshall Mallett Award

Sarah is a leader at the BC Cancer Agency, currently in the position of Clinical Educator. In 2016, Sarah won the BCCA "Clinical Excellence Award," having been a strong influence on the high standards of radiation therapy provincially and nationally by volunteering with CAMRT's dosimetry credentialing and course development and presenting at national conferences. She has been involved in

research projects to provide excellence in care that have changed practice in BC, and in Canada, including work on new breast and head and neck planning techniques (IMRT), breast simulation, and full vs empty bladder in the treatment of prostate cancer.

"I was both surprised and honoured to receive the Dr Marshall Mallett Lamp of Knowledge Award. I was fortunate to be part of the dosimetry certificate development and subsequent "maintenance" committee, which met for the first time in 2004. This initially felt like a daunting task, but with the support of CAMRT, and the talent and knowledge of the rest of the group, we were able to complete the task. Despite many hours of hard work, it was rewarding to work with therapists from across the country who I consider friends today. CAMRT gave me the opportunity to spread the word to our US colleagues, some of whom have taken the CAMRT courses. As I near the end of my career, I encourage other therapists to volunteer for any of the many opportunities CAMRT provides. You will meet friends, learn lots and realize that there are more similarities than differences across the country. You will also get a chance to explore our capital and its many eateries"

For more information on CAMRT's award program, please visit <http://www.camrt.ca/mrt-profession/professional-recognition/honorary-awards/>.



REGULATORY COLLEGE UPDATE

2016

The regulation of Medical Radiation Technologists in BC has been an important advocacy issue for the BCAMRT for many, many years. Over the past 3 years, there have been meetings with the government and a number of professional associations to lay the groundwork for the establishment of an umbrella regulatory college. Below is a summary of recent important activities that led to the formation of the CDTHPBC, which includes Radiation Therapists as registrants:

2015

- Government asks the professional associations for MRTs, Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs), Medical Sonographers, Respiratory Therapists and Cardiac Technologists to forward a proposal for an umbrella college.
- With the assistance of legal counsel and a consultant, and co-chaired by BCAMRT and BC Society of Laboratory Science (BCSLS) Executive Directors, a working committee of all five professions is set up. BCAMRT representatives from our four disciplines, as well as specialty areas (CT, Breast Imaging, Interventional Radiography), work on this proposal throughout 2015.
- A final report is submitted to the government for consideration. It suggests language around Reserved Titles, Scope of Practice and Restricted Activities as they pertain to the Health Professions Act.
- During the year, several other professions approach the working group with an interest in being part of a new umbrella college. In the end, eleven different professions were proposed for inclusion.

- December 9, 2016 – the BC government proposes the establishment of the College of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Health Profession, which will regulate Radiation Therapists, Medical Laboratory Technologists, Respiratory Technologists and Clinical Perfusionists. The government indicates that this is Phase 1 of a longer-term project, and that will include the disciplines of Radiography, Nuclear Medicine and Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Phase 2.
- An ongoing working committee is established. Co-chairs continue to be Executive Directors of the BCAMRT (Darlene Hyde) and BCSLS (Malcolm Ashford). Each profession has a single representative with Fiona Mitchell, RTT, PhD representing BCAMRT.

2017

- Following its December announcement, the BC government opened a three-month period of public consultation. This is standard procedure before a regulatory college is created, and gives the BCAMRT the opportunity to embark on an extensive campaign to have the disciplines of Radiography, Nuclear Medicine and Magnetic Resonance included in the college. Many letters by members and external stakeholders are sent to the government. A briefing note is sent from the BCAMRT requesting that the new College of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Health Professionals of BC include all four Medical Radiation Technologist (MRT) disciplines in Phase 1 of the College.
- April 4, 2017 – The BC government announces the establishment of the CDTHP, with intention to have it up and running within 12-18 months. Phase 1 of the college includes only Radiation Therapists. The other MRT disciplines are to be included in Phase 2.
- February to June – The working committee members

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continue to work with legal counsel and a consultant on drafts of the college bylaw documents. These documents will be forwarded to the first CDTHP board for consideration. They may or may not be accepted in part or full by the board.

- July 2017 – The BCAMRT representative, now Alison Mitchell, RTT, with assistance from Amanda Bolderston, Provincial Professional and Academic Practice Leader for BC Cancer, meet with Ministry of Health staff to review basic functions of Radiation Therapy practice. This meeting is an opportunity for government to better understand the practices of the profession as they work on the draft of ministerial regulations that will provide the framework for the college.
- December 2017 – the BC government affirms that activities are on track and the new college should be in place by the fall of 2018.

2018 (EXPECTED)

- Ongoing consultation by government with working group representatives to complete the draft ministerial regulations. When the draft regulations are complete, they will be posted for another three-month public consultation period. **This will be your opportunity to view and comment on language suggested for: (among other things)**
 - Reserved Title: the title to be used exclusively by registrants of the college
 - Scope of Practice: the procedures, actions and processes that a healthcare practitioner is permitted, authorized and educated to undertake
 - Restricted Activities (with an order): High risk activities performed as part of providing a health service that require specific competencies, training, and/or skills to be carried out safely. Such activities present a significant risk of harm to the patient and can only be performed by individuals authorized to perform them.

- The government will appoint the first interim registrar and board of directors for the CDTHPBC. The board will need to approve bylaws, select office space, hire staff and purchase and install infrastructure. The CAMRT-BC will continue to assist the government and the new college in whatever way we can, and will keep you informed of any major developments.
- With the change to the new association services model, Louise Kallhood, Provincial Manager for the CAMRT-BC will assume role of Co-Chair for the Working Committees. Work will focus on providing information for the new college board that may help in the initial set up. However, all decisions about the CDTHP board will be made by government or the board. CAMRT-BC can only act in an advisory role, providing information and support as requested.
- We await news of the start of Phase 2 of the college, which will include RTR, RTNM and RTMR disciplines.

The CAMRT-BC is committed to keeping members up to date on this important activity. Please see the [CAMRT-BC webpage](#) for more information.

Meet Meena Amlani: BC's Representative



I have had the very fortunate opportunity to serve as BC's representative on the Board of Directors for the CAMRT. I am currently serving my second term of office.

When I first heard of this opportunity, just the title of the role was intimidating. But then I started doing some investigating, talked to a few people, and surprisingly found that the role doesn't require superhuman abilities. The CAMRT Board is made up of MRTs with a passion for the profession, from all disciplines and levels of expertise. So I put my name in for elections and haven't looked back since.

My role as a Director has been busy, but very manageable since I work full time (just as most other MRTs in BC). As a Board Member, my responsibilities include collaborating with the rest of the board and CAMRT staff in the areas of governance, financial oversight, risk identification, stakeholder communication, and developing the mission, vision, and values of the CAMRT. Of course, this is all mixed in with incredible networking opportunities and a chance to reconnect with friends across the country. This is all done with the BC perspective.