



**FALL 2024** 

# **NEWS LETTER**



# **BOARD COMPOSITION**

There have been some changes to the Board composition since the AGM in June. The following are the current members and their terms:

Kenny Zhan – Chair, 2023 - 2026
Rebecca Jessome – Vice Chair, 2023 - 2026
Lisa Bonin – Secretary, 2022 – 2025, Term ending
February 2025
Edmond Kodua – Member, 2024 - 2027
Jason Sheppard – Member, 2022 – 2025, Term ending
February 2025
Registrant Member - Vacant
Hammad Mohiy Ud Din - Public Member,
Paulette Anderson – Public Member,
Public Member – Vacant



NSCMIRTP will therefore be inviting three registrants to nominate or put their own names forward for a 3-year term on the board. Information and deadlines related to putting your name

forth for consideration to become a board member are posted to our website.

## **RENEWALS**

Renewal season will soon be here. Renewals will open November 1st 2024.

Registrants will receive email notification via the registration platform once renewals are open, please ensure your email is up to date.

Reminders will be automatically sent on a regular basis until your renewal is submitted. Registrants who have **not renewed prior to December 1**<sup>st</sup>, **2024**, **will be required to pay a late fee of \$50** and registrants that **do not renew or do not resign prior to December 31st**, **2024**, **will need to complete the reinstatement process to reinstate and will be subject to an additional \$100** lapsed registrant fee.



If you have already paid your dues via payroll deduction, you still need to follow the renewal process and mark "Payroll deduction" as method of payment. Please note that NSCMIRTP does not receive notification from IWK and NSH regarding those who have paid dues via payroll deduction until the end of October. Therefore, those with submitted applications paying by payroll deduction cannot be approved until confirmation from the IWK or NSH is received.

If you are paying by Credit Card, please ensure your card details are up to date. Please ensure that you have not already paid by payroll deduction before paying by credit card. Each year we have multiple registrants double pay and this increases costs to the College in processing fees for each occurrence.

NSCMIRTP renewal guidebook will help to answer questions you may have. This can be accessed through the Guidebook link.

#### **FALL PLENARY**

NSCMIRTP's Fall plenary session will take place virtually on Saturday October 26th 2024, 9:30 - 10.30 am. We hope you will be able to join us to learn about what has been happening within MIRTP health regulation and take the opportunity to ask any questions related to the regulation of your profession.

Ryan Baxter, from McInnis Cooper and NSCMIRTP Registrar, Karren Fader will be providing an update and impact regarding the current work on the Profession Specific Regulations and the upcoming development of Bylaws.



After the fall plenary session an open question and answer period will follow for registrants to ask questions on any regulatory related topic that is of interest.

We will be using the MS office app Teams for this meeting. Please use the <u>link</u> to register.

If you do not have an MS office account, you can still login into the meeting. The provided <u>link</u> provides the steps on how to join without an MS office account.



#### **AGM MINUTES**

NSCMIRTP's 4th Annual General Meeting took place virtually on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

If you missed the live event you can watch it <a href="here">here</a>
You can find the draft minutes to the AGM <a href="here">here</a>

Viewing the AGM recording can be used as an unverifiable CPD credit.

# **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REGISTRAR**

We would like to welcome Karren Fader as NSCMIRTP's new Executive Director/Registrar.



Karren has been serving as the Interim Executive Director/Registrar for the past six months, where she has been instrumental in leading the College through significant change and stabilizing

operations, while strengthening its regulatory foundation. With over 20 years of leadership experience in regulatory, academic, and healthcare settings, Karren has proven to be an innovative leader with a strong commitment to public safety, governance, and professional development.

Karren's distinguished career includes her leadership as the former President of the Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation

Technologists (NSAMRT), where she played a key role in shaping health regulation in Nova Scotia. She was deeply involved in the creation and passage of the Nova Scotia Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals Act (Bill 70) and has contributed to the drafting of key provincial bylaws outside of health and health profession bylaws nationally. Karren was also a faculty member and team lead at Dalhousie University's School of Health Sciences for nearly 20 years, where she has contributed significantly to the education and professional development of future medical radiation technologists.

As Executive Director / Registrar, Karren will lead the College in its mission to protect the public, uphold standards of practice and support the professional growth of its members. The NSCMIRTP Board of Directors and I firmly believe that Karren's vast experience, her dedication to fostering collaboration and embracing change will be key in fulfilling the mission of the college.

You can contact Karren via email ed-registrar@nscmirtp.ca

#### INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS CREDENTIAL PROCESS

There has been a call to regulatory bodies to streamline their license and credentials process for international applicants. The NSCMIRTP used a grant to hire a research student to identify countries with substantively similar scopes of practice and professional competencies for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals as Canada.

From the research an Expedited Pathway #3 was created, allowing international applicants in good standing with the home regulatory authority from seven identified countries, to have the

credentialing process waived and be granted direct access to the national exam. If those individuals also are eligible to work in Canada and meet all other requirements, a temporary provisional license can be issued that allows them to work and acclimatize to the Canadian healthcare system and MIRTP practice while waiting to write the exam. For more information see the website link.



### **NEW HEALTH REGULATORY LEGISLATION**

**NSCMIRTP Regulations** - The NSCMIRTP presented a new regulation to the DHW for review, which recently returned from the Office of the Registrar of Regulations back to the Board, then again to DHW, and is now awaiting approval. This draft regulation is being proposed to assist us as a regulator in responding timely and effectively to changing practice. It will allow registrants of one area to practice in limited areas of another area of practice who meet criteria as set out by the NSCMIRTP. We hope to have more specific news on this initiative in the coming months.

The Regulated Health Professions Act - The RHPA came into force in November 2023. The intent is to have one Act for all health regulators rather than the province having 22 separate health care acts to manage. Within the RHPA, the NSCMIRTP Act was repealed, along with the other regulated health acts. However, we are now in a transition process away from the NSCMIRTP Act to come under the RHPA. Additionally, a set of Regulated Health Professions General Regulations was approved in May 2024. NSCMIRTP is transitioning with the Phase Two regulators and is currently developing Profession Specific Regulations to be submitted by November. Once completed, we will begin work on the Bylaws early in the new year with the thought that migration will be completed by summer 2025.

Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists (CLXT) - The Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists (NSCMLT) has submitted the documentation to regulate both medical laboratory assistants and CLXTs as additional professional groups. The NSCMIRTP worked closely with the NSCMLT in areas that concern the x-ray component of the CLXT practice. It is anticipated that there will be an update on the progress this fall.

#### **COLLEGE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER**

NSCMIRTP has made some recent changes to its phone number and office location. We can now be located at **1597 Bedford Hwy, Suite 202, second floor inside the RBC building.** The College has updated its phone number to **902-601-1819.**