

# NEWS LETTER

Fall 2023

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## Board Elections

Elections for 2 new board members will be opening shortly.

On February 2024, **Nancy Duggan** and **Chrissy Gamache** will have completed their terms on the NSCMIRTP Board.

NSCMIRTP will therefore be inviting 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 will be posted to our [website](#) by the end of September.



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## Renewals

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Renewal season will soon be here. Renewals will open **October 1st 2023**.

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 1st 2023** will be required to pay a late fee of \$50 and registrants that do not renew or do not resign prior to **December 31st 2023** 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 **Sat Oct. 14th 2023 9:30 - 10.30 am**.

**Ryan Baxter**, from McInnis Cooper and NSCMIRTP Registrar, **Julie Avery** will be discussing recent changes in College policy and processes related to international applicants and recent/anticipated changes in legislation that is impacting the College.

More info on this session has been posted on our [website](#).

After the fall plenary session an open question and answer period will follow for registrants to ask questions on any College related topic that they wish.

We will be using the MS office app Teams for this meeting. Please use the [link](#) to register.

If you do not have an MS office account you can still login into the meeting. The provided [link](#) provides the steps on how to join without an MS office account.



For videos and news view [NSCMIRTP-YouTube Channel](#)



## AGM - Minutes

NSCMIRTP's **3rd Annual General Meeting** took place virtually on Saturday June 10th.

If you missed the live event you can watch it [here](#)

You can find the draft minutes to the AGM [here](#)

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



## New Deputy Registrar



We would like to welcome **Simeon Atunbi** as NSCMIRTP's new Deputy Registrar.

He joined the staff on July 31st 2023, working 20 hours per week.

Simeon is a legal and administrative professional. Previously, employed in the legal unit of an academic and research institution in Nova Scotia, where he assessed and managed risk by analyzing, reviewing, and negotiating contracts to engender beneficial collaborations.

Simeon earned a Master's degree in law in 2014 and was employed in a law firm, where he delivered workable solutions to manage and advance not-for-profit corporations and key regulatory bodies.

He relocated to Canada 3 years ago and experienced first hand the process of regaining professional license as an international applicant.

He is keen on providing innovative solutions to not-for-profits, especially in the health sector by simplifying complex issues and ensuring public interest is protected.

You can contact Simeon via email [deputyregistrar@nscmirtp.ca](mailto:deputyregistrar@nscmirtp.ca).

## International Applicants Credential Process



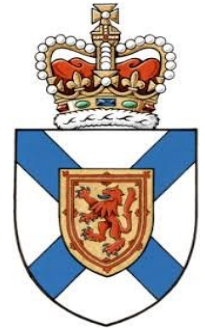
There has been a call to regulatory bodies to review their license and credentials process for international applicants. This is ongoing at the national level for MRTs. In addition the NSCMIRTP has used a grant to hire a research student to identify countries with substantively similar scopes of practice and professional competencies for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals as Canada. The NSCMIRTP will be announcing a policy change the week of September 18th 2023

allowing international applicants from identified countries in good standing with the home regulatory authority to have the credentialing process waived and be granted direct access to the national exam. Full details will be posted to our [website](#) on September 18th 2023.

## New Health Regulatory Legislation

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**Patient Access to Care Act** received Royal Assent and came into effect on **April 12th 2023**. “*The purpose of this Act is to improve patient access to care by further opening the Province to out-of-province health professionals, ensuring all health professionals can work to the full extent of their training and continuing the reduction of administrative burdens in health care, including incenting companies to reduce their administrative demands on health professionals.*”



The immediate impact for the NSCMIRTP is that applicants to the College who are currently licensed in another Canadian jurisdiction cannot be charged an application or annual fee for their initial licensing year. An agreement between health regulators and the government is being developed to reimburse Colleges for these fees. As more regulations are written under this Act we can expect there may be further impact to the NSCMIRTP.

**NSCMIRTP Regulations** - The NSCMIRTP has presented a new regulation to the DHW for review. This draft regulation is being proposed to assist the College in being more nimble in responding 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 College. We hope to have more specific news on this to share in early 2024.

**Common Foundations Act** - The Nova Scotia government is currently planning to table a Bill in the fall of 2023. The intent is to approve one Act for all health regulators rather than the province having 22 separate health care acts to manage. If approved there would be a transition process away from the NSCMIRTP Act to come under this Act. Development of a common foundations Act would also require development of both common and College specific regulations.

**Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists (CLXT)** - The Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists (NSCMLT) has submitted an initial request to add both medical laboratory assistants and CLXTs to the professional groups that they regulate. The NSCMIRTP is working closely with the NSCMLT in areas that concern the x-ray component of their practice. We will share information as it becomes available.

## College Social Media Update

NSCMIRTP has made some recent changes to its social media presence.



We have a new Facebook page. Our old page will be discontinued on October 15th 2023 so we encourage you to update your links follow our new page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095136985512&mibextid=avESrC>

We also have created an Instagram account under the name of ***ns.collegeofmirtp***



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