

The Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists

BYLAWS

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**ALBERTA COLLEGE OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC TECHNOLOGISTS**

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Part I GENERAL

1. Name

The name of the Organization shall be the Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists hereinafter referred to as the “College” or the “ACMDTT”.

2. Definitions

In these bylaws:

- (a) “HPA” and “ACT” means the *Health Professions Act* of the Province of Alberta; “Minister” means the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Health Professions Act*;
- (b) “Regulations” means an Alberta Regulation enacted pursuant to the *Health Professions Act* which applies to the College, Regulated Members, or Non-Regulated Members of the College;
- (c) “Practice Permit” means a license to practice issued by the College to a Regulated Member;
- (d) “CAMRT” means Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists;
- (e) “Member in good standing” means a member who has paid the current dues, fees, and special assessments, and who is not the subject of disciplinary action;
- (f) “MRT” means Medical Radiation Technologist;
- (g) “Specialty” means the area of practice within the profession in which the member is educated and certified;
- (h) “Public Member” means a person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council accordance with the HPA.

3. Bylaws in Force

These bylaws came into force on the day following the day on which they are adopted by the membership of the College.

4. Head Office

The head office of the College shall be situated in Edmonton in the Province of Alberta, or in such other place within the Province as the Council may from time to time determine.

Part II MEMBERSHIP

5. Regulated Members

- 5.1 A Regulated Member is a member who:

- (a) is eligible for registration as a Regulated Member as specified in section 33 (1) (a) of the HPA and in accordance with the Regulations; and
- (b) pays the fees and other charges which are prescribed in the Regulations or by the Council, for licensing and membership.

5.2 A Regulated Member has the following rights and privileges to:

- (a) attend and vote at Annual or Special General Meetings, and Branch Meetings;
- (b) be elected to Council;
- (c) be eligible for membership on all Committees;
- (d) be eligible for appointment as the Alberta Director of CAMRT;
- (e) be eligible for membership in the CAMRT for the MRT profession; and
- (f) receive the College newsletter and member access to the College website.

6. Non-Regulated Members

6.1 A Non-Regulated Member:

- (a) is not eligible for registration as a Regulated Member but is eligible to be registered as a Non-Regulated Member as specified in 33(1)(b) of the HPA; and
- (b) is in one of the categories established by Council in 6.3; and
- (c) pays the fees and other charges which are prescribed by the Council for membership.

6.2 A Non-Regulated Member has the following rights and privileges to:

- (a) attend as a non-voting member at Annual and Special General Meetings, and Branch Meetings;
- (b) be eligible for membership on those Committees that are not a requirement of the HPA or the College Regulations;
- (c) be eligible for membership in the CAMRT for the MRT profession;
- (d) receive the College newsletter and member access to the College website.

6.3 The following categories of Non-Regulated Members are established:

- (a) student member;
- (b) honorary life member;
- (c) honorary member; and
- (d) associate member.

6.4 A Student Member is a member who is enrolled in a program approved by the Council as an educational preparatory program leading to licensure.

6.5 A Honorary Life Member is a member who has provided outstanding service to the College, and

- (a) meets the criteria established by Council;
- (b) has been appointed by the Council;
- (c) is not required to pay membership fees.

6.6 A Honorary Member is a person who has provided outstanding service to the College and is not otherwise eligible for membership, and

- (a) meets the criteria established by Council; and
- (b) has been appointed by the Council.

6.7 An Associate Member is a former Regulated Member, in good standing, who is no longer practicing in the profession, or a former member, in good standing, from another Canadian jurisdiction.

7. Registers

7.1 Regulated Members Registers are established in accordance with the Regulations, and with section 33 of the Act.

7.2 A Register for Non-Regulated Members is established as specified in section 33(1)(b) and (5) of the HPA. The following members shall be entered on the Registers:

- (a) student member;
- (b) associate member;
- (c) honorary member;
- (d) honorary life members.

Part III REGISTRATION

8. Registrar

8.1 Council shall appoint a Registrar under section 8 of the HPA.

8.1.2 The Registrar shall consider complete applications for registration as a Regulated Member or for a Practice Permit.

8.1.3 The Registrar shall make decisions with respect to registration or Practice Permits, or in the Registrar's sole discretion, may decide to refer any application for registration or for a Practice Permit to the Registration Committee for determination.

8.1.4 If a Regulated Member fails to renew his or her annual registration, or is in default of Payment of fees or outstanding penalty fees to the College by the renewal date, the Registrar, after 30 days, may cancel the Member's Practice Permit without prior notice to the member.

9. Unpaid Dues, Outstanding Assessments

Unpaid dues and other outstanding assessments are a debt to the College and must be paid before a Regulated member applies for registration or a Practice Permit.

10. Administration Fee

A Regulated Member or Non-Regulated Member, who has not completed their annual registration, and payment of fees by the renewal date of December 1st, shall be subject to an administration fee, in an amount to be determined by Council from time to time.

11. Resignation

11.1 A Regulated Member may only voluntarily withdraw from membership in the College after giving notice in writing to the College at its head office.

11.2 The withdrawal from membership in the College by a Regulated Member constitutes the cancellation by the Regulated Member of his/her Practice Permit.

12. Registration Committee

12.1 The Council shall appoint no fewer than three (3) Regulated Members to the Registration Committee for a term to be determined by Council.

12.2 Council shall designate a member of the Registration Committee to act as Chair.

12.3 The Registration Committee shall be responsible for:

- (a) carrying out the duties of the Registration Committee under the HPA;
- (b) considering applications for registration upon referral by the Registrar; and
- (c) making decisions with respect to applications for registration upon referral by the Registrar in accordance with the HPA and the Regulations.

12.4 Three (3) members of the Registration Committee constitute a quorum.

12.5 A decision of the Registration Committee shall be by a vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting.

Part IV GOVERNANCE

13. Council

13.1 Power and Duties

Council is the governing body of the College and has the powers and duties as defined by the Act including to:

- (a) act on behalf of the College to ensure that the College meets the obligations and expectations placed on it in accordance to the HPA and the College Regulations;
- (b) govern the affairs of the College including, but not limited to, the power to hire, remunerate, direct, evaluate the performance of, and discharge any Chief Executive Officer and Registrar;
- (c) delegate any responsibilities it is entitled to delegate pursuant to the HPA except its obligation as a body to create and maintain linkage with the membership, to create and maintain written governing policies, and continually assure organizational performance;
- (d) establish committees it determines necessary to assist it to fulfill its governance accountability;
- (e) establish the fees, including the registration fee, costs, levies, and assessments to be paid by the members; and
- (f) govern the financial affairs through policy.

13.2 Membership

13.2.1 Members of the Council shall be:

- (a) eight (8) Regulated Members, including at least one (1) Regulated Member from each specialty, elected in accordance with Article 18 of the bylaws;
- (b) three (3) Public Members; and
- (c) the Alberta Director of CAMRT as a non-voting member.

13.3 Membership Terminated

13.3.1 An elected Member's position shall be declared vacant when the Member:

- (a) is absent from three council meetings in any council term year; or
- (b) violates Council's Code of Conduct; or
- (c) is not a Regulated Member; or
- (d) has been disciplined under the Act; or
- (e) has resigned; or
- (f) ceases to be a member in good standing.

13.3.2 Where a Member's position is declared vacant in 13.3.1, the Council shall appoint a Regulated Member to the position until an election can take place, in accordance with Article 17, for the unexpired term.

14. Officers

- 14.1 Officers of Council shall consist of the President and the Vice-President.
- 14.2 The President, as Chair of the Council, shall ensure the integrity of the Council's governance.
- 14.3 The President shall chair or designate a Council member to chair a meeting or meetings of the Council, and the Annual General or Special Meetings.
- 14.4 The Vice-President shall perform the duties and fulfill the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.
- 14.5 In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of, and the title of, the President for the balance of the term.
- 14.6 Where the Vice-President assumes the duties of the President in 14.5, Council shall appoint a regulated member of Council for the remainder of the Vice-President's term.

15. Chief Executive Officer

- 15.1 The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hired by and reports to Council; and acts in an advisory capacity to Council.
- 15.2 The Chief Executive Officer is accountable for the operation and administration of the College as outlined in the CEO Job Description and in Council Policies.

16. Council Meetings

- 16.1 The Council shall meet as required to complete its governance responsibilities, but not less than three (3) times per year.
- 16.2 A minimum of one (1) month's notice of a meeting must be given unless all of members of the Council agree to waive notice.
- 16.3 Meetings may be in person, or by:

- (a) teleconference, where all members participate by teleconference, and permits all persons participating to hear each other;
- (b) video conference, where all members participate by video conference and permit all persons participating to hear and see each other.

16.4 A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be:

- (a) at least five (5) of the elected Regulated Members; and
- (b) at least one (1) of the Public Members.

Part V NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

17. Nominating Committee

- 17.1 Council shall appoint no fewer than three (3) Regulated Members, which shall include a Council member to the Nominating Committee.
- 17.2 Council shall designate a member of the Nominating Committee to act as Chair.
- 17.3 The Committee shall be responsible for recruitment of potential Council Members for Council vacancies.
- 17.4 Nominations by members shall follow the process as determined by Council policy and shall be received by the College at a date specified by Council.
- 17.5 A decision of the Nominating Committee shall be by a vote of a majority of members present at a meeting.
- 17.6 A slate of nominees for Council positions shall be prepared by the Nomination Committee and presented to the membership a minimum of twenty-one (21) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.7 In the event that there is no nomination for a particular specialty as required by 13.2.1(a), Council shall appoint a Regulated Member from any specialty to fill the vacancy.

18. Election and Term of Council Members

- 18.1 Council Members shall be elected prior to the Annual General Meeting. The results of the election shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 18.1.2 Three (3) Council Members shall be elected in the years ending in even numbers. Two (2) Council Members shall be elected in the years ending in uneven numbers.

18.2 Voting shall be by electronic voting, except where Council determines that voting shall be by mail in ballot vote.

18.2.1 Votes shall be received by the College no later than midnight seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

18.3 The Nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

18.3.1 Where the number of Nominees is equal to the number of vacant positions, those Nominees shall be declared elected.

18.3.2 Where there is only one nomination for a specialty as required in 13.2.1(a), the nominee will be declared elected.

18.4 The term of office of all Council Members commences on the July 1st following their election and shall expire the June 30th following the election of the successor.

18.4.1 The term of office for all Council Members is three (3) years or until their successors are elected or appointed.

18.4.2 Incumbents are eligible to be re-elected for one successive additional term.

18.5 A Member is eligible to be re-elected after one year has passed since the expiry of his/her last term.

19. Election and Term of Officers

19.1 Prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall meet to elect a President and Vice-President from amongst the elected Council members.

19.2 Term of office for the President and Vice-President shall be two (2) years.

19.3 In the event the term of the President or the Vice-President extends beyond their Council term, the term will be extended to the completion of the Officers' term. An election shall be held for the remainder of such Council Term in accordance with Article 18.

19.4 The President and Vice-President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

20. Appointment and Term of Alberta Director of the CAMRT

- 20.1 Council shall appoint a Regulated MRT Member who is a CAMRT Member as the Alberta Director of the CAMRT.
- 20.2 The appointment shall be for a three (3) year term.
- 20.3 A Director may be re-appointed for one more term.

Part VI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

21. Annual General Meeting

- 21.1 The Annual Meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) months following the last Annual General meeting at a time and place determined by Council.
- 21.2 At least forty (40) days notice of the Meeting shall be given to the members by the College. The date of the notice shall be the date the notice was sent from the College.
- 21.3 At least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Meeting, Members shall be advised of the material that will be presented at the Meeting, which shall include:
 - (a) Agenda;
 - (b) Rules of Procedure;
 - (c) President's Report;
 - (d) Public Member's Report;
 - (e) Chief Executive Officer's Reports;
 - (f) Financial Report
 - i) Audited Financial Statements;
 - ii) Budget; and
 - (g) Bylaw Amendments
- 21.4 Quorum for the Meeting is twenty-five (25) Regulated Members. This shall include a majority of the elected Council Members, including the President or Vice-President.
- 21.5 Unless otherwise stated, the decisions of the Meeting shall be by a majority vote of those Regulated Members present and voting.

22. Special General Meetings

- 22.1 A Special Meeting may be called by the Council; or by a written request to the Council by one-third (1/3) of the Regulated Members.

- 22.2 At least twenty-one (21) days prior notice shall be given to the Members. The date of the notice shall be the date the notice is sent from the College.
- 22.3 Only such subjects that are specified in the notice of the Meeting may be considered and acted upon at the Meeting.
- 22.4 Quorum and voting shall be as required at Annual General Meetings.

23. Bylaw Amendments

- 23.1 Regulated Members may submit proposals for Bylaw Amendments, and such proposals shall be received by the College at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 23.2 Members shall be advised of Bylaw Amendments at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 23.3 Bylaw Amendments require a two-third (2/3) vote of those Regulated Members present and voting.
- 23.4 The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to make any corrections to article and section designation, punctuation, and cross referencing, except where this would change the intent or meaning of the Bylaw Amendment that was adopted.

24. Parliamentary Authority

Except as specified in these bylaws, or in the *Health Professions Act*, or in special rules of the College, meetings of the College shall be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

25. Branches

- 25.1 Council may approve the establishment of Branches in various locations of Alberta.
- 25.2 The object of such Branches is to provide members with a forum for discussion, professional development, and networking.
- 25.3 Council shall determine the terms of reference of the Branches, and may approve financial assistance to the Branches.
- 25.4 Branches shall not borrow money without prior approval from Council.

- 25.5 Council will require that each Branch report its financial status including but not limited to financial statements and annual budget.
- 25.6 Branches may be dissolved by decision of the majority of members of the Branch, or decision of Council with cause.
- 25.7 Upon dissolution of a Branch, all debts and assets shall revert to ACMDTT.

Part VII FINANCE

26. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the College shall be October 01 to the following September 30.

27. Fees and Special Assessments

27.1 Council shall establish fees, costs, levies or assessments for the following:

- (a) application fees;
- (b) registration and reinstatement fees;
- (c) registration review fees;
- (d) practice permit fees;
- (e) administration fees, Non-sufficient Funds (NSF) fees; and
- (f) fees for reviews or appeals of any decisions under the HPA.

27.2 The Council shall set an annual fee for any class of non-regulated members.

28. Payment to Officers, Council Members, and Appointees

Any payment to the President, Vice-President, Council Members, or a member of any Committee of the College, other than a payment which represents a re-imbusement for necessary and reasonable costs incurred on behalf of the College, must be:

- (a) consistent with an intention for which the expenditure of money is approved by the adoption of a budget;
- (b) consistent with honorarium guidelines as outlined in governance policy; and
- (c) reported on an annual basis to the membership of the College.

29. Financial Reviews and Statements

The Council shall each year:

- (a) prior to the Annual General Meeting, arrange for an audit of the financial books, records and accounts of the College by a qualified accountant, who shall employ such tests as she/he considers appropriate and apply Generally Accepted Accounting Principles such as are endorsed by the accounting profession in Alberta;
- (b) present to the Annual General Meeting a copy of such audit, together with the financial statements of the College for the fiscal year, which ended prior to the said meeting; and
- (c) present the budget, for information, at the AGM.

Part VIII PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

30. Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice

A Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice is established in accordance with the Act and is contained in policy of the College.

31. Continuing Competence

31.1 The Council shall appoint no fewer than seven (7) Regulated Members to the Continuing Competence Committee for a term to be determined by Council.

31.2 The committee shall designate a member of the Continuing Competence Committee to act as Chair.

31.3 The Continuing Competence Committee shall be responsible for:

- (a) carrying out the duties of the Continuing Competence Committee under the HPA;
- (b) monitoring that individual registered members comply with the requirements of the Continuing Competence Program; and
- (c) monitoring the components of the Continuing Competence Program in order to accurately reflect current needs to enhance the provision of professional services.

31.4 Three (3) members of the Continuing Competence Committee shall constitute a quorum.

31.5 A decision of the Continuing Competence Committee shall be by a vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting.

32. Complaints Director

32.1 The Complaints Director shall be appointed by Council.

32.2 A complaint against a Regulated Member, or former member, shall be submitted in writing to the Complaints Director.

32.3 The Complaints Director shall review and act on the complaint as specified in 55 (1) of the Act.

33. Hearings Director

33.1 The Hearings Director shall be appointed by Council.

33.2 The Hearings Director may establish a hearing tribunal or a complaint review committee as specified in Section 16 of the Act.

33.3 Where a hearing tribunal or a complaint review committee is established, the Hearings Director shall designate a member of that tribunal or committee to act as chair.

34. Membership Lists

Council shall establish a membership list of Regulated Members that shall be used for the appointment to the hearing tribunals and the complaint review committees.

35. Complaint Review Committee

35.1 The powers and duties of the committee shall include:

- (a) reviewing and ratifying settlements under section 60 of the Act; and
- (b) conducting reviews under section 68 of the Act.

35.2 Council shall appoint no fewer than four (4) Regulated Members to a Complaint Review Committee from the Membership List established in Article 34. The terms of the appointment shall be determined by Council.

35.3 The membership of the Complaint Review Committee consists of the Regulated Members and any public members appointed to the Complaint Review Committee.

35.4 The Hearings Director must designate a member of the Complaint Review Committee to act as the Chair of the Complaint Review Committee.

35.5 A quorum of the Complaint Review Committee is two Regulated Members, plus the number of public members required by the HPA.

35.6 Subject to the HPA, a Complaint Review Committee may determine its own rules of procedure.

35.7 A decision of the Complaint Review Committee shall be by a vote of a majority of the members present at a hearing.

36. Hearing Tribunal

- 36.1 Council shall appoint no fewer than four (4) Regulated Members to a Hearing Tribunal from the Membership established in Article 34. The terms of the appointment shall be determined by Council.
- 36.2 The membership of the Hearing Tribunal consists of the Regulated members and any public members appointed to the Hearing Tribunal.
- 36.3 The Hearings Director must designate a member of a Hearing Tribunal to act as the Chair of the Hearing Tribunal.
- 36.4 A quorum of the Hearing Tribunal is two Regulated Members, plus the number of public members required by the HPA.
- 36.5 Subject to the HPA, a Hearing Tribunal may determine its own rules of procedure.
- 36.6 A decision of the Hearing Tribunal shall be by a vote of a majority of the members present at a hearing.

37. Panels

Council and committee panels shall be established as necessary in accordance with section 18 of the Act.

38. Publication

Subject to the HPA and any direction by a Hearing Tribunal, the Complaints Director may publish or distribute any information about the nature of the complaint and the decision with respect to the professional conduct process and hearings in any manner they consider appropriate.

Dated in the Province of Alberta on this first day of May, 2010

President: 

Vice-President: 