

WHAT DOES THE ASSOCIATION DO FOR YOU?

The Association exists for the Members and therefore we need to know what you expect, need and want the Association to do for you. The volunteer leaders decide what direction the Association should head towards by using information from the Annual Membership Surveys, Member feedback and research of the current environment. But, we must not lose sight of the fact that Member needs may be different from what “we think they are” or “what we think they should be.” In order for you to decide what is valuable and what is not, you need to know what we provide at present. The following is a list of services and programs we provide.

Continuing Education:

- ▶ Producing and providing Continuing Education in a variety of formats including the Annual General Conference and Section Meetings

Advocacy: (Promotion or defence of a Member or group of Members by the Association)

- ▶ Advocating on behalf of the Members and the Profession to government bodies, as well as the CMRTO and CAMRT
- ▶ Producing a Media Relations Plan with a consultant to promote MRTs internally and externally
- ▶ Hiring a professional lobbyist to forge ties with government for MRT issues
- ▶ Meeting with other Organizations and Associations to promote the Profession, e.g. the Ontario Association of Radiology Managers, the Ontario Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, etc.
- ▶ Facilitating the implementation of the degree as entry to practice in Ontario
- ▶ Advocating for Mammographers in the performance of Clinical Breast Examinations

Recognition:

- ▶ Recognizing Members' accomplishments via awards and publication

Support:

- ▶ Arranging legal help for any number of work or professionally related issues
- ▶ Advocating on behalf of Members and Students to third parties where help is requested

Information:

- ▶ Supplying or researching information on all matters of inquiries relating to the Professions, the workplace, education, etc.
- ▶ Informing Members of current events and practice issues through meetings, publications and the Web Site: www.oamrt.on.ca

Governance and Management:

- ▶ Strategic Planning for the future to ensure continual evolution in meeting the needs of the Members
- ▶ Forming Task Groups to advance the Profession or promote public safety as the need arises
- ▶ Arranging for the invigilation of entry to practice examinations
- ▶ Is a Member of the “Primary Care Reform Coalition”
- ▶ Aiding researchers for studies such as the “Respiratory Study” for the Ministry of Labour
- ▶ Group benefits such as insurance, credit cards and Professional Liability Insurance
- ▶ Creating and maintaining Practice Guidelines and Risk Management Guidelines

All in all we keep pretty busy, but we realize we can't be all things to all people. With the resources we have available we have to pick and choose our priorities. We have to keep what is valuable to the Members and drop what is not, and find out what you do want.