

# AARM NEWSLETTER

July 2026

## Connecting Diagnostic Imaging Leaders Across Alberta

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Alberta Association of Radiology Managers (AARM) Newsletter.

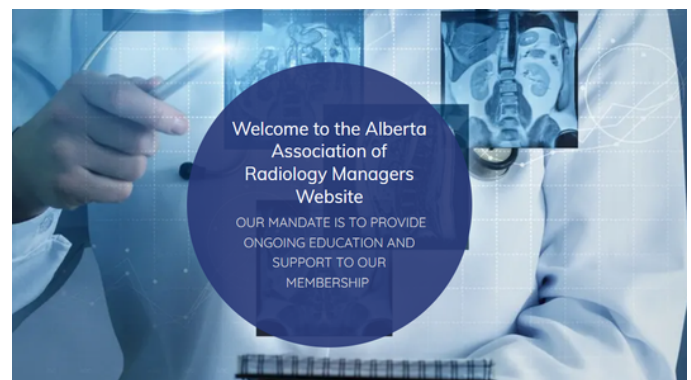
In this issue, you'll find updates from the executive, committee news, conference information, and opportunities to get involved.



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# Supporting Radiology Leaders



## Our History

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The AARM is an association of Diagnostic Imaging leaders from across Alberta. Formed in 1978 with twenty-nine members, the organization has grown to include more than 100 members.

We promote professional growth through education, consultation, and communication with peers while fostering strong relationships with healthcare organizations across the province.

## Our Mission

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We are an association of Radiology Managers that facilitates meetings and educational seminars to promote the exchange of information among members across Alberta. Through education, consultation, and communication with peers, we support professional growth, strengthen the professional presence of our members, and foster collaborative relationships with other healthcare agencies.



# Meet this Year's Executives

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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**Education Chair:**

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Katie Reeves

Lisa Garnett

Rob Mcquarrie

Curtis Ulrich



# New Members & Nominations

**WELCOME  
TO THE TEAM!**

**Heidi Baglole**

Vice President

**Curtis Ulrich**

Education Committee Member

**NOMINATIONS**

This year, AARM is accepting nominations for the positions of **Vice President** and **Education Chair**. Please forward all nominations to Jennifer Sharp.



A heartfelt thank you to recent outgoing AARM Committee members for your dedication, service, and commitment. Your contributions have made a meaningful impact on our association, and we are truly grateful for all that you have done.

*Thank You*

# President's Message

As I reflect on the past year, I continue to carry forward many of the valuable lessons and insights from our amazing conference. The AARM 2025 Conference brought together educators, vendors, and leaders from across Alberta for a memorable experience filled with camaraderie, collaboration, and a ton of fun.

Our Education Committee truly hit it out of the park with an outstanding lineup of speakers. On Wednesday evening, attendees had the privilege of participating in a leadership panel where they could ask questions, gain insights, and hear diverse perspectives from experienced leaders.

Thursday was packed with learning opportunities. We explored time-saving techniques and practical ways to use AI in our everyday lives, helping us work more efficiently. We also learned about Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Improvement (QI) in Diagnostic Imaging, what they look like in practice, and how they contribute to excellence in our field. In addition, we discussed the power of connection and discovered strategies for building strong team culture.

Friday's keynote speaker inspired us to discover our inner strengths through an interactive and engaging exploration of personal and professional strengths, leaving many of us with new insights to take back to our workplaces.

Our awards evening brought out everyone's inner buckaroo, with boots, hats, and horse heads making an appearance throughout the room. Following an incredible banquet dinner and awards ceremony where we celebrated our new members, recognized recipients of 5, 10, and 15-year service awards, and honored our Lifetime Member Award recipient. We also said goodbye to a long-serving Executive member and welcomed several individuals into new Executive positions.

As we line danced our way through the evening, members and vendors continued to connect, share ideas, and discuss the many learnings from the conference. The energy, collaboration, and sense of community were truly exceptional.

These opportunities would not be possible without our sponsorship and membership support. AARM is who we are today because of our members and vendors, for that I thank all of you! I look forward to seeing all of you at our Fall Conference back in central Red Deer, where we'll be turning back the clock with our Rock of Ages theme. Dust off your best rocker costumes, tease up those wigs, and bring your air guitars—we're ready for another unforgettable educational event!

*Jennifer Sharp*

AARM President

# Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to share that 2025 was a landmark year for AARM in terms of attendance. What a follow-up to 2024's record-breaking sponsorship support, with last year having the largest number of attendees post-covid years!

Together we met up in Central Alberta to enjoy engaging speakers, a western themed dinner reception with a country dance lesson that followed, and a rare opportunity for a leadership discussion panel. Perhaps the central location worked well, and we look forward to a similar turnout this year! Your commitment allows us to plan and deliver a high-quality event that our members have come to expect, enjoy, and leave the conference feeling refreshed and inspired.

This year, I am excited to share that we will be in Red Deer for a second consecutive year. This central location does impact travel and affordability supporting as many members to attend as possible. Additionally, positive feedback on food and entertainment at the Red Deer Resort and Casino made this an easy decision. We're looking forward to reconnecting in-person, sharing knowledge/updates, and continuing to strengthen the bonds within our community.

Thank you again to our sponsors for your continued dedication. Simply put, we cannot do it without you. The connection and collaboration stemming from AARM ultimately impacts Albertans. We look forward to welcoming new sponsors and vendor representatives as technology and services are constantly changing.

To our current and new members that have and continue to support AARM throughout the years, thank you. If you know anyone that is interested in joining AARM and might enjoy this engaging annual conference, please do not hesitate to forward my information. I would be happy to connect and assist in any way.

Lastly, thank you AARM executive and education volunteers for all that you do and for making this conference possible.

Have a great summer everyone!

*Jonathan Hung*  
AARM Treasurer



# Education Chair's Report

## **"Saddle Up: Highlights from Our Western-Themed Conference"**

The conference kicked off Wednesday evening with a dynamic panel discussion on Workforce Challenges, A.I. for Business and Looking Ahead- The Future of D.I. Panelists Drew Doering (DI SOO, AHS), Brian DeHaan (CEO, MIC), and Yuriy Polevoy (VP, Corporate Development & Strategic Operations, Edmonton Region, CDC) offered valuable insights that sparked thoughtful dialogue among attendees.

Attendees then jumped into Ice Breakers, where participants teamed up for a Puzzle Relay that included Group Bingo, Trivia (Kahoot), and a Balloon Tower Challenge. These activities set a positive tone, encouraging collaboration, laughter, and networking.

Educational sessions provided both inspiration and practical takeaways:

- **From Overwhelmed to On It: Time Saving Tech** – Presented by Candace Turzanski, this session highlighted the benefits of tools like ChatGPT and Copilot to save time, streamline tasks, and support daily productivity.
- **QA and QI in DI: What It Looks Like to You** – Led by Katie Bevans, this session encouraged participants to reflect on how quality assurance and improvement are demonstrated in practice. She also challenged attendees to consider the BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) for diagnostic imaging, prompting discussion on bold possibilities such as decreasing wait times, achieving same-day service, ensuring accessibility to the right team at the right time, improving quality of service, and creating more time for what matters most. Key takeaways included: How can you show you are doing the things you are supposed to be doing? Is there a better way? How can sharing what you learn make a difference for patients?
- **The Power of Connection** – In this inspiring session, Ally Stone explored what people truly want from work today and how leaders can create extraordinary team cultures. She emphasized that trust precedes task and that meaningful moments show how support impacts people. Ally shared three fundamentals of strong workplace culture: Clarity, Belonging, and Vulnerability—each essential to fostering connection and team success.
- **Strengths Finder Workshop** – Lori Roczkowsky guided participants through an interactive workshop on Clifton Strengths. Each attendee had the opportunity to complete an assessment and receive a personalized report highlighting their five most dominant strengths. Lori demonstrated how these strengths show up in our daily lives and how they can be intentionally applied to help us reach our full potential.

On Thursday evening, the conference came alive with a Western Flair Night. A professional line dance instructor, Claire Hobson had the crowd moving, and before long, the dance floor was filled with participants stepping in (and out of) rhythm, laughing, and enjoying the spirit of community.

That evening also marked a special moment of recognition: Mark Sevcik was honored with the Professional Contribution Award. A heartfelt PowerPoint tribute, presented by Heather Hannaford, highlighted his outstanding contributions and impact within the field.

Together, these sessions and events combined practical strategies with big-picture inspiration, reminding us that what we build for others might one day change their life.

The AARM Executive and Education Committees would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended the conference. Your participation, energy, and commitment made this year's event a true success. We look forward to reconnecting with you again soon!

*Jennifer Borden*  
AARM Education Chair

# ROCK OF AGES



# AARM FALL CONFERENCE

Red Deer, AB

September 23 - 25, 2026

## Registration and Membership Dues

Please submit both your completed registration form and e-transfer payment to [AARMTreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:AARMTreasurer@outlook.com)



## Red Deer Resort Booking Details:

**Group Name:** Alberta Association of Radiology Managers

**Check-in:** Wednesday, September 23, 2026

**Check-out:** Friday, September 25, 2026

**Room Rate:** \$139.00 per night (single or double occupancy), plus applicable taxes and fees.

To book your hotel room at the group rate, please contact the Red Deer Resort directly with a valid credit card before August 30, 2026:

[Red Deer Resort Direct Booking Link](#)

Phone: (403) 346-2091 or 1-800-662-7197





# AARM

## Conference Agenda

### RED DEER RESORT

### SEPTEMBER 23 - 25, 2026

#### Wednesday, September 23, 2026

##### Registration & Conference Kick off: Florence Room

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| 1600-1700  | Registration                                   |  |
| 1700-1830  | Government- Healthcare Changes                 |  |
| 1830- 2300 | Tasty Bites Dinner and Connect (Team Building) |  |

#### Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 0730-0830 | Breakfast in Genoa Room |  |
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##### Conference & AGM: Florence Room

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| 0830 – 0845 | Welcome                                                                   | Jen Sharp,<br>AARM President                                 |
| 0845 -0945  | Wellness - Turn Hope into Action                                          | Lindsay <u>Recknell</u>                                      |
| 0945-1045   | The Leadership Catalyst                                                   | Lindsay Harle                                                |
| 1045-1115   | Break: Genoa Room                                                         |                                                              |
| 1115-1145   | AARM Annual General Meeting                                               |                                                              |
| 1145-1245   | Lunch: Genoa Room                                                         |                                                              |
| 1245-1345   | Give A Mile                                                               | Kevin Crowe                                                  |
| 1345-1445   | MRI AI Project                                                            | Steve DeColle                                                |
| 1445-1515   | Break: Genoa Room                                                         |                                                              |
| 1515-1630   | Communication Skills for Relationship Building and Conflict De-escalation | Jeff Bevan<br>Former Police Officer,<br>Communications Coach |

##### Reception & Dinner: Florence Room

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| 1830 | Dinner and Entertainment<br>"ROCK OF AGES" Theme |  |
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#### Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 0745-0845 | Breakfast: Genoa Room |  |
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##### Conference: Florence Room

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| 0900-1030 | Strengths Finders | Lori Roczowsky               |
| 1030-1100 | Break: Genoa Room |                              |
| 1100-1145 | Strengths Finders | Lori Roczowsky               |
| 1145-1200 | Closing Remarks   | Jen Sharp,<br>AARM President |



## CONFERENCE DETAILS

Following our first education session on Wednesday evening, we will gather for a casual dinner, enjoy some networking time, and get to know one another a little better through some fun and easygoing icebreakers.

Thursday night's dinner and entertainment is when we really get things rockin' with our Rock of Ages theme! Break out your favorite leather jacket, sky-high boots, teased hair, band t-shirt, or any other rock-inspired attire and join in the fun.

Whether you're channeling classic rock, glam rock, or your favorite music icon, we encourage you to embrace the theme and enjoy an evening of great food, entertainment, laughter, and networking with colleagues from across the province.

We can't wait to see your rock star style!

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## GIFT CARD SURVIVOR

Should you wish to participate, we will once again be playing Gift Card Survivor!

To enter, simply bring a \$25 gift card. Each participant who contributes a gift card will have their name entered into the draw. All gift cards collected will be combined and awarded as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

Names will be drawn periodically throughout the conference. If your name is drawn, you are eliminated from the game.

The final three participants whose names have survived the draws will be our winners and will receive the prize packages, with the last remaining participant receiving the 1st place prize.

Good luck!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU AT THE CONFERENCE!**