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## **Diane Kawamura Takes Over as Board Chair of ARDMS**

(ROCKVILLE, MD, September 26, 2005) ---The year 2005 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). The organization has set many goals to revolutionize itself in this new and exciting era, and to help lead the way, a new chair of the board of directors was welcomed.

Diane M. Kawamura, PH.D., RT(R), RDMS, FAIUM, FSDMS took over this prestigious position on September 10, 2005, with both excitement and enthusiasm.

“To become the chair on the 30th anniversary is both a humbling and a challenging experience, as many previous board members and chairs have left a leadership role that seems daunting to fill,” says Kawamura.



“It is also a professionally rewarding event to be able to work with the elected board of directors and exam development task force members and all of the ARDMS employees. All of these dedicated people have contributed so much to provide the highest standards in sonography credentialing, which is now recognized by both the national and international health communities, and by earning the ANSI-ISO 17024 international accreditation,” she adds.

Kawamura replaces Paul A. Cardullo, MS, BSN, RVT in this position, who is now the immediate past chair.

“I look forward to Diane Kawamura’s term as chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors. Under her leadership, the ARDMS will continue to grow and to meet its current and future goals. I am certain that her tenure as chair will be highly successful,” Cardullo noted.

Kawamura comes into the position with an extensive background in the ultrasound profession. She graduated from the University of Utah with a doctorate in philosophy, and is certified by both ARDMS and ARRT. Kawamura currently works for Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. She works in the Dumke College of Health Professions, and is also a professor of radiological sciences, and educational director of the diagnostic medical sonography program.

As well as extensive service to the University of Utah and to the ultrasound profession, Kawamura has also provided ARDMS with many years of hard work and dedication. Amongst many other positions, she has previously served as the most recent board of directors chair-elect, the exam development committee chair and the sonography principles and instrumentation (SPI) exam task force chair.

Kawamura believes one of the greatest strengths of ARDMS is its personnel. This includes the professional employees and the diversely knowledgeable and talented members of the board and EDTFs. She also attributes much of ARDMS’ success to the pride that sonographic professionals have in earning their ARDMS credentials, the continued focus on being a knowledge-based organization for decision making and strategic planning, and the effective guidance of current and future leadership.

Kawamura has set many ongoing goals for herself and ARDMS during her time as chair. Some initiatives that she finds important to concentrate on are continuing efforts to simplify the prerequisites process, while maintaining current standards, working on the expansion of practice examinations, and exploring new and meaningful ways to assess continuing competencies for our registrants. She also feels that setting standards and developing policies to recognize CME providers will be an important ongoing task.

Kawamura has authored textbooks and many articles. She has also given many presentations at international, national, and state professional organizations meetings and department workshops.

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*The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), incorporated in June 1975, is an independent, nonprofit organization that administers examinations and awards credentials in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography, diagnostic cardiac sonography, and vascular technology. ARDMS has more than 47,000 active registrants.*