

Meet Your Mentor™ Internet Radio Series Visits AIPG

Building mentor relationships increases our future's business success because people are our greatest asset. There is value to what each generation of professional learns. David O. McKay stated;

“True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.”

It is this reminder that we mentor our young and new AIPG members in what we have learned so they can strive to greater successes without the delay created by reinventing past lessons.

One of the most satisfying situations in the professional world is to make contact with a mentor who is seasoned in your discipline of choice. Host, Stephen Baker, is making this possible through the production of the “Meet Your Mentor™” internet radio series produced by Operation Unite® and Living Water® programming. It couldn't be easier for AIPG members. Just Click on the Meet Your Mentor™ icon on the AIPG home page and be catapulted to the Operation Unite® Mentor webpage. The program supports the “Young Professional Pilot Program”; it is good for geoscientists and is of benefit to employers. Businesses and seasoned professionals are seen even more clearly for their contributions to society and financial successes.



Host Stephen Baker is a long-time AIPG member, a California and Washington registered geologist and a certified hydrogeologist. He has been active in AIPG since the early 1980s where he contributed in developing a position statement regarding the development of a groundwater management approach for the Colorado Department of Health. His hydrogeologic discipline has enabled him to incorporate and operate an environmental consulting firm, HydroSolutions of California for 29 years. Soil and groundwater assessments, remediations, groundwater and soil-water monitoring programs, well head

protection programs, aquifer analysis and community development programs are a few categories of work that Stephen has participated in since the 1980s. His most recent technical article, “Identification of Well Vulnerability Criteria that can be used to Manage Fractured Rock Aquifers”, was published in the International Conference on TACSAS-2017 (Technological Advances in Climate-Smart Agriculture and Sustainability) proceedings.

Stephen's focus changed when his participation in developing the environmental policies of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and later, the founding Advisory Board Member of the Cooperative Solutions Program in California revealed “working together” as the limiting factor that prevents successful application of good earth science solutions.

Combining these understandings with a strong feeling for civic duty, he has added new communication capabilities to his working experiences. Radio and television broadcasting and interviews are proving to be a very effective approach to reaching the hearts and minds of fellow community members and industry leaders. He doesn't do this at a distance. Presentations, seminars, live radio interviews with call-ins, town hall meetings and roundtable discussions with stakeholders and the general public each add an opportunity to get closer to the most important part of the water solution; the water users and managers of the water resource. Stephen seeks to understand community needs, biases, and limitations and find pathways to solving water-related challenges.

So you probably wonder what is the Meet Your Mentor™ series about and what can you gain by listening.

The Meet Your Mentor™ program connects real mentors in the water industry with listeners who have interest in training and education in vocational and academic schools, finding a job, continuing education, ethics and dealing with setbacks experienced in the industry. The show creates an opportunity for AIPG members to look at what circumstances and attitudes of the mentor generated success in their career. But it doesn't stop there. AIPG members have an opportunity to dialogue with the mentors through their blog and special events.

One of the most enjoyable parts of each mentor series is production of "field trip" shows. These shows are more like old fashion radio of the 1940s. You have an opportunity to actually go into the field with the mentor and hear what it's like to work in their particular discipline. Mentor Trousil takes you to Haines, Alaska. He and an intern download groundwater data loggers and evaluate the flood issues being experienced on the Haines Airport tarmac. Each mentor has two field trips. His second field trip takes you to Klawack, Alaska, where special conduits are being installed to support the needs of aquatic life in the river and creek channels. Mentor Robert Campbell takes you to a farmer's field and dining room table where he discusses with their attorney and farmer's family the groundwater dispute between two adjoining farms. Ever experience the underground perforation of an existing well using high explosives? Mentor Campbell takes you to the field where this is being done.

AIPG and the Meet Your Mentor™ program want to perpetuate an understanding of what is important for specific water related professions. Our aim is to develop and maintain a high standard of applied knowledge and integrity into a changing world. Integrity, ethics and competence are the keystone values of our profession.

Our profession is at an interesting moment in its development as baby boomer professionals begin exiting the industry. The enormous abundance of professional experience gained during the last forty years is recaptured through the Meet Your Mentor™ program and passed to our new generation of professionals. This is of major importance to AIPG. Our cumulated knowledge and experience are stepping stones, not to be reinvented by our young professionals. AIPG senior members can carry these messages and are likely to become future mentors for the Meet Your Mentor™ show.

Operation Unite® and the Meet Your Mentor™ radio program encourage you to listen by visiting the Operation Unite® web page (www.operationunite.co). You can also Click on the AIPG hyperlink for the "Meet Your Mentor™ Radio Series" and transport yourself to where futures are explored and careers are blossomed.

AIPG and Operation Unite® promote high integrity and ethics for our profession. We do these together with our experienced members and up and coming and motivated professionals, young and old. Farshad Asl stated:

"Millennials don't want to be managed, they like to be led, coached and mentored. This generation is on fire and ready to go. Are you ready to change the world?"

Meet Your Mentor™ connects real mentors in water-related industries with listeners who seek great careers that make a difference in our communities. Listen and engage.