

Resources to Recharge Your Career

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There is a new effort afoot to help Rocky Mountain region oil industry professionals who are being affected by the industry downturn that has been amplified by the pandemic. Several professional societies have banded together to launch Rocky Mountain Members in Transition, or MiT. This is an outgrowth of the MiT effort by the Society of Petroleum Engineers in Houston that the Association of American Petroleum Geologists has recently joined. Although these resources are directed towards geoscientists and engineers, we certainly hope that our land colleagues can benefit from them, too.

There are two initiatives of the Rockies MiT in progress. A website called **Petroleum Pivoters** was built by Julia Lemaster of Casper, and is a centralized collection of resources for job seekers within and beyond the oil industry. It was born out of a desire to help engineers and geoscientists who have been laid off due to 2020 events. It contains regional and national resources for career guidance, job searching and general support. A unique feature is the collection of stories of successful pivoters, both inside and outside petroleum. Another useful component is a calendar with a focus on events for job seekers. The site can be accessed at petroleumpivoters.wixsite.com/website-1. There is also a LinkedIn group: Petroleum Pivoters.

The other initiative under way is a webinar series. Access to the webinars is free, and not limited to members of the sponsoring societies. The Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists is hosting the webinars. Recordings for the first two are available on the Pivoters website, and registration for future webinars can be found on rmag.org.

The Rocky Mountain MiT group is coordinating with AAPG and SPE, both of which have online toolkits for job seekers that are being launched to meet new needs of members. Susan Nash is the liaison between AAPG and MiT and can be contacted at snash@aapg.org. In Denver, Susan Morrice is helping lead the MiT effort; she can be reached at smorrice@ine-energy.com. Other groups have been joining the effort, including the Denver Well Logging Society, Colorado Oil and Gas Association and Women in Oil and Gas Association.