

AAPL Lifetime Achievement Award – 2019

Hunt Walker



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Hunt Walker grew up learning about natural resources from his family, who were involved in the Lumber business in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Although Hunt grew up helping with the family business, when he graduated high school, he decided he needed to get as far away from Colorado Springs as possible and go to college at Middlebury College in Vermont where he received a degree in Geology. After graduating in perfect timing for the oil boom in the late 1970's, this award recipient coincidentally got a job offer from Bunker Hunt of Hunt Energy Corporation as a Landman.

After a few years, Hunt decided to start a contracting business on his own with projects in New Mexico and other parts of the Rockies. While establishing his own business, he started to learn the in-and-outs of this industry, as well as going through a lot of ups-and-downs that are inherent to the oil and gas business. Through the good times and bad, this winner has shown hard work, humility, and perseverance.

In addition to his own endeavors in buying mineral, royalty and working interests and participating in drilling deals, one of his first clients was Bob "Jake" Jacobs, who was the land manager for Barrett Energy Company, which later became Barrett Resources until it sold out to Williams Production RMT Co. While he had many clients ranging from individual shops to large companies, his bread and butter for over 20 years was working with Jake, as well as Joe and Bill Barrett.

After working alongside Bill for many years, Mr. Walker was asked to be the V.P. of Land when Bill Barrett started a new company in 2002. Although this was a tough decision, he decided it was the right move and accepted the offer. Bill Barret rapidly grew into a large publicly traded company. Hunt later moved on to work as the Vice President of Land at Samuel Gary Jr & Associates and currently works as the VP of Land at Northwoods Energy.

Throughout his career, he has been responsible for training, tutoring, and mentoring many, and had conflicts with few. He has always been a strong proponent of providing young interns the opportunity to learn the business from the ground up. He has been active and passionate about this industry for over three decades and continues to grow and learn with the industry every day.

When this awardee isn't working tirelessly, he spends time with his family and friends enjoying the beautiful Colorado outdoors. He has climbed all 54 of Colorado's 14,000-foot mountains and recently served on the Colorado 14ers Initiative where he used his expertise in Land to help the CFI purchase a new parcel of land on Mt. Shavano to facilitate the planning of a new trail on the summit block of the mountain.