

PODS Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

June 8-9, 2009: [GeoGathering](#)

September 13-17, 2009: [GIS for Oil & Gas Conference](#)

September 17, 2009: *PODS User Group Meeting*

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New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[Meridian Surveys Ltd](#)

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PODS User Conference - September 17, 2009

We are now preparing for the PODS User Conference after the GIS for Oil & Gas Conference in September. The following areas are open for your participation:

- PODS User Conference Committee
- User Presentations - please watch for the call for papers
- Sponsorships - please contact us if you want to sponsor the meeting

The PODS Association would like to thank the following sponsors:

- [GE](#)
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Registration will be available soon. We look forward to seeing you this fall.

Elections - Board of Directors

The annual election process has ended. Thank you to all the nominees and to everyone who voted. Each nominee was well-qualified and has provided strong support to the PODS Association. Everyone's participation ensures that we have a good organization that continues to grow. The 2009 Board of Directors are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

Mapping Our Pipeline Future Results

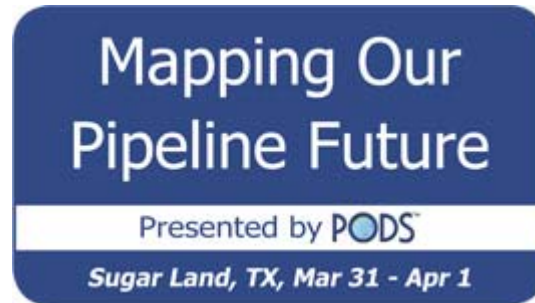
Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were due January 1, 2008. Any membership that has not been paid is now past due and may be terminated.

Chad Zamarin, Colonial Pipeline, has changed employment and has, therefore, resigned from the Board of Directors. We would like to thank Mr. Zamarin for his participation in the PODS Association and with the Board of Directors.

The person with the next highest number of votes is Jeff Allen with Coler & Colantonio, Inc. Mr. Allen has participated on working groups and strongly supported all of the PODS User Conferences. Coler & Colantonio, Inc., has been a member of the PODS Association since our beginning and previously had participants on the Board of Directors and the Technical Committee.

We welcome Mr. Allen to the Board of Directors.



Thank you to everyone who attended. We had a successful meeting with significant contributions from each group. You can view the results of the meeting on the [PODS website](#). Here is a brief description of the meeting:

Mapping Our Pipeline Future

On March 31, operators and service providers met together for a full day of active discussions on the current and future needs of the industry. Along with defining the needs of the pipeline industry, our goal was to determine how to best meet these needs and what changes will be required.

The conference was designed for discussions beyond data models in order to promote active participation in attendee driven topics. We focused on the following topics:

- Key issues facing operators
- Enterprise integration
- Vertical integration: gathering, transmission, and distribution
- Field deployment and data
- Emerging technologies

As a result of the discussions, several needs were identified. A few of the needs that have been identified are:

- More open industry cooperation
- Pipeline Wiki
- Data repository that includes white papers, glossary of terms, documentation
- Better defined methodology/practices
- Define world-wide standard for units of measure

You can view the comprehensive list of needs on the [PODS website](#). Please note that some of the files are large and will take time to download.



PODS User Group Meeting

On April 1, we had the PODS User Conference. During the conference, we focused on positioning the PODS Association to serve the industry for the future. Areas of focus include:

Needs outlined in the previous day's meeting

- 5 year strategic plan discussion
- PODS 5.0
- Current activities
- Working Group updates

The PODS Association also provided demonstrations of:

- The PODS ESRI Geodatabase
- The PODS Oracle Spatial Model

Finally and because of many requests, the PODS Technical Committee presented:

- The Introduction to PODS Seminar

Information from the meeting can be downloaded from the [PODS website](#).

Thank You Sponsors

The Mapping Our Pipeline Future and the PODS User Conference are made possible in part to our sponsors. We appreciate your contribution to this event and to the pipeline industry.

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PODS 5.0 Release

The PODS 5.0 comments have been received. All comments are now being addressed by the Board of Directors and/or Technical Committee.

A few members expressed concern that the use of GUIDs in an Oracle database would cause a performance degradation. We are currently working with Oracle to test and possibly enhance the performance of the model.

Technical Committee Tip

The Technical Committee would like your assistance with modeling tables in standard. In order to reach a broader understanding of how different tables and fields are used, the Technical Committee will be begin asking for information.

Here is a sample question:

Is there one unique pipe grade for each unique value of SMYS? In other words, do SMYS and pipe grade have a 1:1 relationship?

Please watch your emails for questions about modeling. You may send your answers to [Sheila Wilson](#).

PODS is Linked In

PODS has formed a group on [LinkedIn](#). Please search for the PODS Association and join us.

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