

# PODS Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

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

September 17, 2009: PODS User Group Meeting

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## Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[PODS User Conference Registration](#)

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[Tecnicontrol SA](#)

[Complete list of members](#)



The annual meeting will be Thursday, September 17, from 8am to 5pm at the Marriott Westchase in Houston, TX. This is a great opportunity to meet with other operators and service providers to learn how they are using the PODS model to meet their business and regulatory needs. You will also hear updates from the working groups, information about the Technical Committee, and the future plans of the Board of Directors.

The following areas are open for your participation:

- PODS User Conference Committee
- User Presentations - please see below for the call for papers
- Sponsorships - please contact us if you want to sponsor the meeting. Sponsorship is \$500 and includes name and logo:
  - In the program
  - On the website
  - In newsletters
  - In the meeting rooms

Registration is now open. You may [register here](#).

## [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.

### PODS is LinkedIn

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

## Call for Papers

The annual PODS User Group Meeting is September 17, 2009. Thanks to your participation, we will have another successful year. Do you have a subject on which you would like to speak? Do you have an idea you would like to share? Has your organization overcome a difficulty from which the pipeline industry could learn? Now is the time to share that information. The PODS Association Board of Directors invites you to submit a paper for presentation at the PODS User Group Meeting.

### Who Will Be Attending

GIS Analysts, Database Administrators, Pipeline Operators, Project Coordinators, Project Managers, Software Providers, Web Developers, Spatial Data Managers, GIS Managers, Programmers, Application Developers, GIS Developers, Systems Integrators, Right of Way Managers, Tax Managers, Pipeline Managers, Engineers & Constructors, Mapping Professionals, Safety & Compliance Officers, Information Systems, Environmental Coordinators, Corrosion & Cathodic Protection Personnel, Risk Analysis Personnel, Integrity Management Personnel

### Abstract Format

Please provide the following speaker information:

- List the names of all presenters and copresenters
- Your organization
- Complete address including phone, fax, and email

Please note that only presenters and copresenters listed on the abstract form may present at the conference. Please provide the following presentation information:

- Abstract title
- Target audience
  - Managers
  - Developers
  - End Users
- Abstract: 250 words or less

Note: **Abstracts must be submitted by July 2, 2009.** You are responsible for confirming that your abstract was received. Please contact Sheila Wilson by email or phone (918-246-9343) to verify that the abstract was received. Remember, all presentations must be noncommercial.

### Conference Registration Is Required

Speakers are responsible for arranging conference registration. Giving a presentation does not mean that you are automatically registered.

[Register here.](#)

### Open Standard Policy

The PODS Association maintains an open data model that adheres to a policy of vendor neutrality. The goal of the presentations is to provide quality, unbiased educational material. At no time is a presenter allowed to use his/her time slot to advertise or promote a product, service, or company. This rule is strictly enforced.

## Thank You Sponsors

The following companies are sponsoring the PODS User Conference on September 17, 2009. We appreciate your contribution to this event and to the pipeline industry.

- [CartoPac](#)
- [GE](#)
- [New Century Software](#)
- [ONEOK](#)

All sponsorships are \$500. Please contact Sheila Wilson if you would like to sponsor.

## PODS Spatial

Both the PODS ESRI Geodatabase and the PODS Oracle Spatial Models have been delivered to the Technical Committee by each of the respective working groups. The Technical Committee is reviewing the models and documentation prior to release for member comment.

## Technical Committee

Would you like to participate on the Technical Committee? The Technical Committee is composed of five groups:

- Administrative and Documentation Team
- Development Team
- Data Modeling Team
- PODS ESRI Geodatabase Team
- PODS Oracle Spatial Team

The team leaders from each group comprise the leadership team that oversees the Technical Committee as a whole.

Members of the Technical Committee must meet the following requirements:

- Be employed by a PODS Association member company.
- Able to attend monthly or biweekly teleconference meetings that last up to 1.5 hours plus additional duties, up to 6 hours per month.
- Attend face to face meetings twice per year, generally in February and September.
- Attend the annual PODS User Conference, generally in September after the GIS for Oil & Gas Conference.

If you are interested in participating on one of the teams, please send a resume or CV to Sheila Wilson. The Technical Committee will then review the applicants.

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## PODS Association Leadership

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