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PODS 4.0.2 Release

PODS 4.0.2 has been released. It has been approved by the Technical Committee, the Board of Directors, and the association members. If you would like to receive a copy of release, please contact [the PODS Association](#).

Welcome New Members

[Atlas Pipeline
Comgas](#)

[Complete list of members](#)

PODS Association Membership Renewal and Dues

The PODS Association annual membership renewal is in process. Each member has received an invoice for the 2008 membership dues along with a renewal form. If you have not received your invoice and renewal form, please contact the PODS Association.

The renewal form is new. This is your opportunity to update the primary and technical contact for your company. You can also add to the contact list as needed and update other information. *Completing the renewal form will be a requirement for continued membership.*

Membership is considered "evergreen." If you wish to discontinue your membership, you will need to notify the PODS Association in writing before January 31, 2008.

We look forward to your continued membership and participation in the PODS Association.

PODS Association Elections for the Board of Directors

The annual elections for the Board of Directors begin in January. Any association member company can nominate a member to the Board of Directors. Each member company receives one vote, regardless of the size of the company.

Upcoming Events

January 2008: Membership Renewals are due

January - March 2008: PODS Board of Director elections

February 2008: Petroleum User Conference, Houston

Changes in the PODS Association

The Board of Directors and Technical Committee regret to announce that Jay Williams, ConocoPhillip has resigned from the Technical Committee. He has resigned his position after accepting a different position with ConocoPhillips.

Jay has been a vital part of the Technical Committee for several years. He has been instrumental in developing the latest standards and was one of the key Technical Committee presenters at this year's PODS User Group Meeting.

Jay, we thank you for your help on the Technical Committee. We will miss your enthusiasm and your dedication. We hope your new position brings you great success.

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

Are you interested in being nominated or would you like to nominate someone? The primary responsibilities of the Board includes:

- overseeing the Association
- establishing direction and priorities for the Association and the Technical Committee

These tasks are accomplished through the following participation:

- Monthly Board teleconference meetings and supplemental meetings as required
- Two to three face to face meetings each year; meetings are generally after the PUG Meeting in February and the GIS for Oil & Gas Conference in September

In order to better prepare our members for voting, we will post nominee information on the website for public viewing. If you are interested in nomination, you will need to prepare the following items:

- Biography or curriculum vitae, including information about qualifications
- Your ability to commit to the Board of Directors and the Association as a whole
- Previous experience with the Association and the standards

Participation on the Board of Directors generally requires 4-6 hours per month. Some months will require more time; others will require less.

PODS Association Membership Statistics

The PODS Association is composed of 86 members from 15 countries. The countries represented are:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- India
- Indonesia
- Norway
- Russia
- United States

As an international organization, we are dedicated to meeting the needs of the pipeline industry in every country. Thank you for your help.

PODS Working Groups

The PODS Association has four active working groups. The working groups include:

- One Call Damage Prevention

- New Construction and Survey Data Exchange (pending approval)
- PODS Oracle Spatial
- PODS ESRI Geodatabase

Please contact the PODS Association if you would like more information on any of the above groups or if you would like to participate.

Technical Committee Tip

What can we assume in the field "subcode" in table "product_type_scl"? Which logical relation could it have with "Line table"?

PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL.SUBCODE relates to the LINE table as a constraint with the PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL.CODE. The reference constraint name on LINE is PK_PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL which is constrained by both the CODE and SUBCODE columns collectively in the PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL table. This is sometimes referred to as a composite foreign key. In other words the pair of code/subcode on a LINE record must exist in PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL.

Here's a simple example. If only three records exist in PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>SUBCODE</u>
CRUDE	SWEET
CRUDE	SOUR
NATGAS	NONE

...then, LINE cannot have PRODUCT_TYPE_SCL='NATGAS' AND PRODUCT_SUBTYPE_SCL='SWEET' since 'SWEET' can only be used, in this case, with 'CRUDE'.

Note that other *_SCL tables in the PODS model follow this same implementation of CODE/SUBCODE as the constraint.

You can find this and other tips on the PODS website under [Resources](#).

The Funnies

Rhumb line as defined in Wikipedia:

In navigation, a rhumb line (loxodrome) is a line crossing all meridians at the same angle, i.e. a path of constant bearing.

Loxodrome as defined in Wikipedia:

The word "loxodrome" comes from Greek loxos: oblique + dromos: running (from dramein: to run).

[-Wikipedia](#)

PODS Association Leadership

Executive Director: Sheila Wilson

President: Mike King, BP

Vice President: JW Lucas, Enterprise

Secretary: Mark Goodman, ONEOK

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Scott Hills, Chevron
Keith Lewis, P-PIC
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