

PODS Association Newsletter

Pipeline Open Data Standard

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Upcoming Events

February - March 2008: PODS Board of Director elections

June 2008: GeoGathering

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PODS Association Elections for the Board of Directors

The annual elections for the Board of Directors began February 1. Six terms are ending in 2008 and are, therefore, open for election. Nominations are now closed and voting will begin Monday, March 3, and end March 14, 2008. Each member company receives one vote, regardless of the size of the company.

The schedule for the elections will be:

- March 3-14: accept votes
- March 17-21: notify those not elected; invite new Board Members to the April meeting

The website with candidate information will be sent by email. We appreciate the participation of all our members and strongly encourage you to vote. Thank you to everyone who was nominated.

PODS Next Release

Do you have a suggestion for the data model? Have you found a possible correction to the data model? [Please submit any suggestions or corrections before March 31, 2008.](#)

The Technical Committee is currently working on the next release of PODS. Anything submitted before March 31, 2008, will be considered for the this release. Anything submitted after March 31, will be considered for the next release.

Distribution Working Group

At the PODS User Group Meeting in September 2007, several members

expressed interest in a Distribution Working Group. We would appreciate feedback from the members on the value of the PODS Association pursuing standards for distribution facilities. Along with feedback, we are soliciting members interested in forming an exploratory study group to determine the feasibility for the development of a distribution data storage standard. If you would like to participate, please contact Sheila Wilson.

Technical Committee Members

The PODS Technical Committee has an opening. Would you like to participate? Please send a resume or CV for consideration by the committee. Participation requirements include approximately 8 hours per month. Time requirements include regular teleconferences, participation in the PODS User Group Meeting, participation in the PODS Booth at the ESRI PUG and GITA Conferences, and bi-annual face to face meetings. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Wilson for more information.

Technical Committee Tip

What format is used for date and time information?

The PODS model uses the built in datatype for DBMS. With the datatypes used for Oracle and SQL Server, the dates are stored in MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS but applications can present the data in DD/MM/YY HH:MM or DD/MM/YYYY formats.

The Funnies

[Strange Maps](#)

This is a collection of strange maps created for different reasons by different people.

PODS Association Leadership

Executive Director: Sheila Wilson

President: Mike King, BP

Vice President: JW Lucas, Enterprise

Secretary: Mark Goodman, ONEOK

Treasurer: Ron Brush, New Century Software

Board Members:

Scott Blumenstock, Sunoco Logistics

Daniel Colby, Sentinel USA

Kenneth Greer, CenterPoint Energy

Scott Hills, Chevron

Keith Leewis, P-PIC

Scott Moravec, Eagle Information Mapping

Terrie Spicer, Kinder Morgan

Technical Committee Chairmen:

Gary Hoover, Enterprise

Costas Kotzbassis, BITS

Technical Committee:

Rod Burden, Moore Resources

Kirk Cameron, New Century Software

John Chioles, Chevron

Michael Emanuel, Michael Baker Corp

Olga Ingerman, Fluor Enterprises

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