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

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

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New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[Dynamic Risk Assessment Systems](#)

[MPH, Inc](#)

[Plains All American Pipeline](#)

[Complete list of members](#)

Elections - Board of Directors

The annual election process has begun for the Board of Directors. The primary contacts for each member company has received an invitation to vote.

In order to better prepare our members for voting, the qualifications of the nominees has been posted online. You may view the information on the [PODS website](#).

If you have questions about the election process or any other related topic, please contact Sheila Wilson. We look forward to your participation in the election process.



Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[Registration: Mapping Our Pipeline Future](#)

Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals were due January 1, 2008. You have received your membership renewal invoice the first week of December. PODS membership dues will remain the same for 2009.

This spring, a unique conference will be taking place for the pipeline industry. The conference will create an open forum for those in the industry to share what they feel are the most pressing needs related to GIS and pipelines in the coming years.

Mapping Our Pipeline Future

On March 31, operators and service providers will meet 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, we will determine how to best meet these needs and what changes will be required.

This conference is designed for discussions beyond data models in order to promote active participation in attendee driven topics. Suggested topics include

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

Meeting attendance is free and open to the industry at large. *Seating is limited; please [register](#) early.*

The meeting will be held at Fluor Enterprises in Sugar Land, TX.



PODS User Group Meeting

April 1, the day immediately following Mapping Our Pipeline Future, the PODS Association will have a PODS User Group Meeting.

During this meeting, we will focus 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 will also provide demonstrations of:

- The PODS ESRI Geodatabase
- The PODS Oracle Spatial Model

Finally and because of many requests, the PODS Technical Committee will be presenting:

- The Introduction to PODS Seminar

Attendance is free but seating is limited. Please register on 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.

We appreciate your comments and contributions to the model. An update will be provided at the PODS User Group Meeting on April 1.

Technical Committee Tip

Have you ever wondered what a term meant? Check out PODS on [Wikipedia](#).

We have a [glossary of terms](#) that is helpful.

PODS is LinkedIn

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

PODS Association Leadership

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