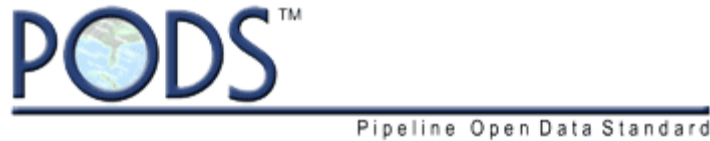


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# PODS Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

*February - March 2008:* PODS Board of Director elections

*February 2008:* Petroleum User Conference, Houston

## Welcome New Members

[Downtown Design Services, Inc](#)  
[Pembina Pipeline Corp](#)

[Complete list of members](#)

## PODS Association Elections for the Board of Directors

The annual elections for the Board of Directors begin February 1. Five terms are ending in 2008 and are, therefore, open for election. 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.

The schedule for the elections will be:

- February 1-15: accept nominations; a request for nominations will be sent to all members of the newsletter as well as the primary contacts for each company
- February 18-22: gather and post candidate information on the website; create ballots
- March 3-14: accept votes
- March 17-21: notify those not elected; invite new Board Members to the April meeting

Are you interested in being nominated or would you like to nominate someone? Participation on the Board of Directors generally requires 4-6 hours per month. Some months will require more time; others will require less. The primary responsibilities of the Board includes:

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

## Changes in the PODS Association

The Board of Directors and Technical Committee would like to welcome the following people to the Technical Committee:

These tasks are accomplished through the following participation:

- Janice Jett, Eagle Information Mapping
- Sterling Overturf, ONEOK

Each person brings a wealth of database and GIS experience to the committee. Thank you for volunteering your time.

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## Quick Links

### [Our Website](#)

- 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:

- Please provide a bio that includes a summary of experience as well as your current roles and responsibilities.
- How long has your company been a member of the PODS Association?
- How have you participated in the PODS Association? Please list all volunteer positions including working groups, committees, user group meetings, etc.
- What do you hope to bring to the PODS Association as a Board Member?
- How long have been in the pipeline industry?
- What other professional and/or personal experience qualifies you for the Board of Directors?
- Do you have the approval of your line manager to support your active participation on the Board?

Nominations are open to any member of the PODS Association. We look forward to your participation in the election process.

## PODS 5.0

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 PODS 5.0. Anything submitted before March 31, 2008, will be considered for the PODS 5.0 release. Anything submitted after March 31, will be considered for the next release.

## PODS Association By-Laws

The Board of Directors meets in person two to three times every year to supplement the monthly teleconferences.

One of the significant accomplishments of the Board over the past year has been the completion of the by-laws.

The governing by-laws were created when the Association was originally incorporated in 2002. These by-laws were outdated because they were intended to govern the origination of the Association. The new by-laws will oversee the continued functioning of the Association. Changes include:

- Term limits on officer positions (but not term limits on Board Members).
- A minimum of six seats are reserved for operators; the other five seats are open to any member.
- Members who vote in a Board of Directors' election must have current membership dues and a current membership form on file.

The full by-laws, both past and present, can be viewed on the PODS Association website under the Downloads section.

## 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.

## Technical Committee Tip

Check out the PODS Association on [Wikipedia](#). Search for PODS or Pipeline Open Data Standard. The Technical Committee has created an online "Glossary of Terms." The glossary of terms is in an open format allowing the PODS Association members and the pipeline industry as a whole to contribute to the glossary.

## The Funnies

**Do you want to take your work home at night?...**

According to [Wikipedia](#):

Pipeline is a computer game for the BBC Micro and Acorn Electron, originally published by Superior Software in 1989.

## 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:*

Mark Beckner, Guardian ProStar

Rod Burden, Moore Resources

Kirk Cameron, New Century Software

John Chioles, Chevron

Michael Emanuel, Michael Baker Corp

Olga Ingerman, Fluor Enterprises

Janice Jett, Eagle Mapping

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