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Upcoming Events

June 2008: [GeoGathering](#)

August 4-8, 2008: [ESRI
International User Conference](#)

August 7, 2008: PODS User
Group Meeting at the
ESRI Conference (one hour)

September 21-24, 2008: [GIS for
Oil & Gas Conference](#)

September 25, 2008: PODS User
Group Meeting (all day)

Thank You, Keith Lewis - Board of Directors

Dr. Keith Lewis has retired from the PODS Association Board of Directors. Many PODS members may not be aware of his contributions to the organization and the industry but the PODS Association owes him a debt of gratitude for his longtime participation in the Association and on the Board.



In 1995, Keith was the GRI Program Manager in charge of ISAT (Integrated Spatial Analysis Techniques) initiative that GRI started. By 1998 Keith became convinced that more industry involvement was needed, and the original concepts behind ISAT needed to move to the next level. So in the fall of 1998, he helped organize a small grass-roots effort to take an existing data model, contributed by Williams Gas Pipelines and New Century Software, to help establish a new pipeline data standard that carried on from the original ISAT work. Keith had the vision to see the need for a non-profit industry association made up of operators and service providers. He championed industry meetings that brought together a wide spectrum of contributors to quickly develop the first PODS model release in 1999. This led to the incorporation of the PODS Association in 2000.

Keith has been a strong supporter of pipeline open standards from the beginning. His complete vision, including a more comprehensive database and interoperability, still has not been fully achieved. Keith could rightly be considered one of the PODS Association "Founding Fathers" and visionaries. While Keith has retired from service on the PODS Board of Directors, he continues to participate in association committees and meetings. While Dr. Lewis often jokingly refers to himself as "just a dumb welder", referring to his metallurgical expertise, there is no doubt

PODS User Group Meeting

The PODS User Group Meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2008, after the GIS for Oil & Gas Conference. Are you interested in participating? We have many opportunities:

- Conference Committee Member
- Meeting Sponsorship
- User Group Presentations
- And more . . .

Please watch for newsletter updates requesting volunteers to participate in each of these areas.

Membership Dues

Your 2008 membership renewal is due now. Please contact the PODS Association if you need a copy of the new membership form. In order to update our records, all members are required to complete the membership form.

Address Change

Please note that the PODS Association address has changed to:

PO Box 1726
Sand Springs, OK 74063

The phone numbers, website, and email addresses are the same:

918-246-9343
866-460-PODS (US only)
www.pods.org
info@pods.org

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

that the PODS Association would not exist if it were not for him. The PODS Association, and in fact the pipeline industry, owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Leewis and his contributions over these past 10 plus years. Thank you, Keith.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[Atkins Oil & Gas, Houston](#)

[Complete list of members](#)

Officers - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the officers for 2008:

- Mike King, BP, has been re-elected as President.
- Scott Moravec, Eagle Mapping, has been elected as Vice President.
- JW Lucas, Enterprise, has been elected as Secretary.
- Kenneth Greer, CenterPoint Energy, has been elected as Treasurer.

The Board would like to extend a special thanks to Ron Brush, New Century, who has been the Treasurer since 2002. We would also like to thank JW Lucas who has been the Vice President since 2004. Thank you to Mark Goodman who was the Secretary for the past year. All three were faithful and diligent in their duties as officers and on the Board.

New Construction & Survey Data Exchange Working Group

Are you or a member of your staff involved in the engineering or construction of new pipeline? Would you be interested in having your organization help play a role in defining the standard for construction data interchange? If so, participating in the New Construction and Survey Data Exchange Working Group can ensure that you have a say. The working group charter has been approved by the Technical Committee but it isn't too late to get involved! All those interested in playing a role in this new standard should contact Sheila Wilson.

Technical Committee Tip

How does a STATION_POINT work?

A STATION_POINT is constrained by a single SERIES_ID and therefore cannot co-exist on two series. This uniquely links it to one point on a line no matter how many station equations exist on the line.

How do I get a copy of the PODS Model?

Please contact Sheila Wilson. She will provide the information necessary to receive the model.

The Oldest Map and Geography

You may think your maps are the oldest but . . . according to *The Handy Geography Answer Book* by Matthew T. Rosenberg, the oldest map was created around 2700 BCE by the Sumerians. They drew sketch maps of their cities in clay tablets.

The first geographic research institute was the Institute at Sagres, Portugal created by Prince Henry the Navigator in 1418. One could study navigation, cartography, and advances in ship building.

PODS Association Leadership

Executive Director: Sheila Wilson

President: Mike King, BP

Vice President: Scott Moravec, Eagle Mapping

Secretary: JW Lucas, Enterprise

Treasurer: Kenneth Greer, CenterPoint Energy

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Rob Brook, ESRI

Ron Brush, New Century Software

Daniel Colby, Sentinel USA

Mark Goodman, ONEOK

Scott Hills, Chevron

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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