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## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[NGG \(Neftegazgeodeziya Ltd\)](#)  
[Holland Engineering](#)

[Complete list of members](#)

## PODS User Group Meeting

The annual PODS User Group Meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2008, from 8am to 5pm, in Houston, TX. This is a great opportunity to meet with other operators and service providers to learn how they are using the PODS model to meet their business and regulatory needs. You will also hear updates from the working groups, information about the Technical Committee, and the future plans of the Board of Directors.

The meeting will be at the Marriott Westchase in Houston, TX, after

## Upcoming Events

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

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

GITA's GIS for Oil & Gas Conference. GITA has arranged a special room rate for a limited number of rooms to be extended through Thursday. Please book your room early to receive the discounted rate.

**Registration is now open.** Attendance is free for PODS members and only \$50 for non-members. You will need to register early because space is limited.

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## Quick Links [Our Website](#)

## Sponsors

You can still sponsor but your time is running short. Thanks to your participation, we will have another successful year. The PODS Association Board of Directors invites you to sponsor the PODS User Group Meeting. All sponsorships are \$500.

### Sponsors

The following companies are sponsoring:

- [GeoFields](#)
- [New Century](#)
- [Intergraph](#)
- [CenterPoint Energy](#)
- [Kinder Morgan](#)
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- [Eagle Information Mapping](#)
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### Sponsor Benefits

As a \$500 sponsor, your company will support the PODS User Group Meeting. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the following ways:

- Your logo and website link on the PODS website before and after the meeting
- Your logo in the meeting program to be received by all attendees
- Your logo on prominently displayed during the meeting room
- Verbal acknowledgement during the meeting
- Your logo on a PowerPoint display before and after the meeting and during breaks
- Your name and website in the newsletter before and after the meeting.

As a sponsor, you may also provide:

- Brochures to be handed out with the meeting programs to all attendees
- Items to give away to all attendees

To sponsor, please contact Sheila Wilson at the PODS Association.

### Important Statistics About Last Year's Meeting

- The attendance in 2007 was 160% of what we had in 2006
- 40% of the attendees were operators and 60% were service providers

**Thank you, Dan Colby - Board of Directors**



Our long-time friend and colleague Dan Colby, Sentinel USA, has resigned from the Board of Directors after eight years of service. Dan Colby has provided much to the Board of Directors both in time and services. Many don't know that he is a graphics guru. He designed the graphics for the PODS booth, the PODS brochure, and more. In addition to this, he has provided significant insight into pipeline standards with respect to gas and one call. His knowledge and experience have been a great asset to the PODS Association.

We are thankful that Dan Colby and Sentinel USA will continue to provide support to the PODS Association. We look forward to working with Dan in the future and hope the very best for him and his company.

## Beyond PODS 5.0

This month, the Board of Directors and Executive Director met for a day and a half in a face to face meeting. During this meeting we began re-assessing the data model, the pipeline industry, and the needs of our members. To this end, the Board is actively developing a 1, 2, and 5 year plan for our organization.

Your participation in the PODS Association is critical to our continued growth. Over the past two years, our membership has increased by more than 60%. The standards have also grown significantly. As the Board of Directors looks to the future, we want to know what is important to you. What expectations do you have of the Board and the standards?

During the PODS User Group Meeting, we will have an open forum in which you can help us formally determine the next phase. We invite you to listen to the ideas of the Board and to bring your own ideas.

Technology and resources have converged in the pipeline industry, making this an exciting time for all of us.

## Technical Committee Tip

The Technical Committee expects to release PODS 5.0 for member comment this year. The transition to GUIDs is complete and the EVENT\_IDs have been deprecated. Other enhancements and changes are also included in the release. The release will contain the scripts for Oracle and SQL along with release notes describing the changes.

Once the PODS 5.0 model has been released for comment, members will have several weeks to evaluate the release. Members will then send their comments and suggestions to Sheila Wilson for evaluation by the Board and Technical Committee.

Your input is what makes the standard work. Please take the time evaluate and comment as necessary.

## Lunar GIS

Have you ever wanted to look at the moon using GIS? You can download [shapefiles of the moon](#) at [United States Geological Survey's website](#). Shapefiles include:

- Geology
- Structure

- Craters
- Apollo landing sites

Drop by one day, download some files, and have fun. Combine this with your telescope for an easy virtual visit to the moon. Plan your vacation home.

## PODS Association Leadership

*Executive Director:* Sheila Wilson

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