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## Newsletter

### Pipeline Open Data Standard

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PODS™ is the pipeline industry database standard. The PODS Association Board of Directors is composed of pipeline industry leaders who volunteer their time to direct the activities and priorities of the Association. The PODS data model is developed by the Technical Committee which is also composed of industry leaders who volunteer their time.

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#### Welcome New Members

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**Willbros Engineering, Inc.**

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## 2007 Board Elections

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Annual Board of Directors elections began February 1 with the nomination process. Nominations have closed. *Voting will be from March 12 – 23, 2007.*

Board membership requires a two year commitment and active involvement in the organization. The primary responsibility of the Board is to direct the organization and Technical Committee in developing data storage and exchange standards to meet the evolving needs of our industry.

Members have received their ballot by email. Please contact [Sheila Wilson](#) if you have questions about the voting process.

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## PUG 2007

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The PODS Association was at the ESRI Petroleum User Group Meeting in Houston. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Mike King, BP, presented *PODS ESRI Spatial Sub-committee Update* to a full room. The presentation discussed the progress to date, the goals of the sub-committee, and the industry benefits. The presentation is available at <http://www.pods.org/downloads/>. The presentation was well received.
- The PODS Booth had many member and potential new member visitors. We were staffed with members from both the Board of Directors and the Technical Committee as well as the Executive Director. We were able to answer many questions and address association member needs. We enjoyed seeing and meeting you.
- PPDM ([www.ppdm.org](http://www.ppdm.org)) and PODS met to discuss continued collaboration. PPDM and Trudy Curtis, CEO, have provided much support to the PODS Association. We will continue to develop a joint standard whenever possible.
- While at PUG, several Board Members and the Executive Director had the opportunity to meet with DOT representatives. DOT and PODS are forming a working relationship to address the regulatory requirements for DOT submittals.
- APDM and PODS met Sunday evening before PUG to discuss further cooperation between the two groups, especially with respect to the PODS ESRI Geodatabase. The two groups had a wonderful dinner and are pleased with the progress of the geospatial implementation.

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## Domain Working Group (in development)

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The Technical Committee is actively developing Domain Ranges for Code Look-ups. Are you interested in helping? We would like to start a Working Group that will address these issues. Please contact [Sheila Wilson](#) about joining this group.

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## Russian Regulatory Working Group (in development)

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Several Russian members as well as members with holdings in Russia are developing a working group to address the regulatory requirements of Russia. Are you interested in helping? Please contact [Sheila Wilson](#) about joining this group.

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## One Call Working Group (in development)

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The One Call Working Group is quickly gaining momentum. The group has selected two co-chairpersons, submitted a charter to the Board, and begun development of the deliverables. The first meeting is expected in the next month and will be held by teleconference. The objective of the working group is to address and identify the One Call/Damage Prevention data requirements that are relevant to the overall PODS working data model. If you are interested in helping with the working group, please contact [Sheila Wilson](#) at PODS.

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## US DOT PHMSA Working Group (in development)

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The PODS Association is developing a working group focused on standardized reporting of data for annual report filings and audits. We have had positive interaction with representatives from the US DOT PHMSA. Are you interested in helping? Please contact [Sheila Wilson](#) about joining this group.

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## New Construction Data Exchange Standards (in development)

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Members of the PODS Association would like to develop a working group that will develop the standard for data exchange between surveyors/engineering companies and operators. Are you interested in helping? Please contact [Sheila Wilson](#) about joining this group.

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## PODS Members

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The PODS Association has 74 members. We have at least one company with a home office (based) on every continent except Antarctica. The operators have more than 491,000 kilometers (305,000 miles) of pipeline in almost every country in the world. These pipelines are used to transport both liquids and gases, including gasoline, natural gas, crude oil, diesel, propane, isobutene, hydrogen, and more. For more information, please visit the [PODS website](#).

Do you work with a company that uses PODS but is not a PODS member? Please encourage them to join. The more members we have, the more the data model and data interchange standards will grow.

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## The Funnies

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T-shirt seen at ESRI PUG, 2007:  
NAD 83  
We're not in Kansas anymore

Have you seen or heard a GIS or pipeline related funny?  
Please share it with PODS.

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## Technical Committee Tip

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How do I find orphaned records in the EVENT\_RANGE table for the whole database?

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DECLARE @FID AS VARCHAR(16)
DECLARE @SQL AS VARCHAR(800)
DECLARE @FT AS VARCHAR(80)
DECLARE @ROWS AS INTEGER
DECLARE @LPCNT AS INTEGER
CREATE TABLE #TMPORPHAN
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(
FEATURE_ID VARCHAR(16),
FEATURE_TABLE_NAME VARCHAR(80)
)
SET @LPCNT = 1
DECLARE FC CURSOR STATIC FOR
SELECT FEATURE_ID, TABLE_NAME FROM FEATURE_TABLE
OPEN FC
SET @ROWS = @@CURSOR_ROWS
WHILE @LPCNT <= @ROWS
BEGIN
    FETCH NEXT FROM FC INTO @FID, @FT
    SET @SQL = 'INSERT INTO #TMPORPHAN SELECT
FEATURE_ID, EVENT_ID FROM EVENT_RANGE WHERE FEATURE_ID =
' + CHAR(39) + @FID + CHAR(39) + ' AND EVENT_ID NOT IN
(SELECT EVENT_ID FROM ' + @FT + ') '
    EXEC(@SQL)
    SET @LPCNT = @LPCNT + 1
END
SELECT * FROM #TMPORPHAN
DROP TABLE #TMPORPHAN
CLOSE FC
DEALLOCATE FC

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<b>PODS Association Activity Calendar</b>	
<b>3/12/2007</b>	<b>Begin voting for 2007 Board of Directors</b>
	An email will be sent to the primary contact for each member company; one vote per company will be accepted.
<b>3/23/2007</b>	<b>End voting for 2007 Board of Directors</b>
	Voting ends at close of business today
<b>4/15/2007</b>	<b>PODS 4.1 Release to Board for comments</b>
	Patches: Field heading names
	Suggested Domain Values for select features. Details to come soon.
<b>5/1/2007</b>	<b>PODS 5.0 Release Date To Be Announced</b>
	The PODS Spatial Committee is diligently working with several partners on joint efforts to spatialize our data model on a variety of platforms. By the end of the April, we hope to finalize the scope of the proposed changes, and estimate the time it will take to implement these recommendations, resulting in a release date of PODS 5.0 which will incorporate the results of this significant collaboration.
<b>6/18/2007</b>	<b>2007 ESRI User Conference</b>
	The PODS association's Executive Director is planning on hosting a one hour user reception at the 2007 ESRI User Conference. Selected members of the Technical Committee, and the Board of Directors will also be in attendance. Details to come soon.
<b>9/17/2007</b>	<b>2007 GIS for Oil &amp; Gas Conference</b>
	GITA's annual GIS for Oil & Gas Conference begins today and will continue through September 19. PODS will have a booth at the show with a user group meeting afterwards.
<b>9/19/2007</b>	<b>2007 PODS User Group Meeting</b>
	The 3rd Annual PODS User Group Meeting begins this evening. Advance registration will be available online. Watch for details including a call for papers in next month's newsletter.

## **PODS Executive Director:**

Sheila Wilson

## **PODS Board of Directors:**

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Keith Leewis, *P-PIC*

## **PODS Technical Committee:**

### **Co-Chairmen:**

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Costas Kotzabassis, *BITS*

### **Committee Members:**

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Scott Moravec, *Eagle Information Mapping*  
Teresa Young, *GeoFields*

## **PODS Committees & Working Groups:**

Spatial Implementation Committee  
Inline Inspection Integrity Data Interchange  
ECDA Integrity Data Interchange  
PODS Fine Grain Security  
One Call (in development)  
US DOT PHMSA (in development)  
Russian Regulatory Requirements (in development)  
Domain (in development)  
New Construction Date Exchange (in development)

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