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## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[Stantec Consulting Services](#)

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## PODS 5.0 Release

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Technical Committee has completed PODS 5.0 Release for Comment. The PODS 5.0 Release for Comment has been sent to the primary and technical contacts for each member company in good standing.

The PODS 5.0 Release for Comment has the following components:

[PODS Association Leadership](#)

- Oracle & SQL scripts (ddl)
- Documentation

## Upcoming Events

February 23-25, 2009: [PUG Conference](#)

March 31 - April 1: *Pipeline GIS Meeting*

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

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

- [PODS 5.0 Release Notes](#)
- [E-R Diagram](#)
- [Implementation Guide](#)

Comments are to be emailed or mailed to [Sheila Wilson](#) by January 16, 2009. All comments will be addressed by the Board of Directors and/or Technical Committee.

## Save the Date

Our annual PODS User Group Meeting scheduled for this past September was cancelled due to Hurricane Ike. We are pleased to announce that we are scheduling a PODS Conference for March 31-April 1. Please "save the date" and watch for more details about the location, events, sponsorships, and more.

Expected topics include:

- Pipeline GIS
- PODS Spatial: ESRI & Oracle Spatial
- Introduction to PODS Seminar
- Much, much more.

We look forward to seeing everyone in March.

## Quick Links [Our Website](#)

### Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals are due January 1, 2008. You will receive your membership renewal invoice the first week of

December. PODS membership dues will remain the same for 2009. We are one of the few organizations not to raise rates in for three years.

## FAQ - New Releases from PODS

This was in last month's newsletter. With the upcoming release, it will be repeated for the next several months.

*How does the PODS Association release new versions of the PODS model? What is the process around the release?*

The PODS Association has developed a schedule by which new versions of the PODS model are released. Here are the steps:

1. The Board of Directors evaluates the needs of the pipeline industry, the current state of the PODS model, and the resources of the Technical Committee. The Board then decides along with the Technical Committee what is to be included in the next major release as well as the minor releases.
2. Once the general outline for the major and minor releases have been determined, the Technical Committee begins work. Completing releases takes a significant amount of time and effort.
3. Once the Technical Committee has completed a major or minor release, the release goes to the Board for review and comment. The Board reviews it and then returns any comments to the Technical Committee for review.
4. Once the Board review process is complete, the release goes to members for review and comment. Member comments are compiled and returned to both the Board and Technical Committee for review.
5. Member comments are addressed by both the Board and the Technical Committee. Appropriate changes are made to the data model as necessary.
6. The final release is sent to members.

## Technical Committee Tip

Member questions are regularly used for the Technical Committee tip. Here is an important question that came in this month:

*I sent a recommendation for the PODS 5.0 release to the Technical Committee. How can I find out the status of the recommendation?*

In March of this year, the Technical Committee requested suggestions to

be considered for the PODS 5.0 model. The Technical Committee received many good suggestions, some of which they are still evaluating. If you made a suggestion or recommendation, you will be contacted in the next 60 days about its status.

To further assist with tracking suggestions, recommendations, and corrections to the data model, we are in the early stages of developing a new and improved website in which these items will be clearly listed. The intent of the website is to provide members with the information about what has been submitted in order prevent duplication of efforts and to notify members of the status.

We appreciate everyone's involvement and ideas in the process. You may contribute information about the data model at any time.

## Holiday GIS Gifts

Check out the [Smart Globe](#) at [MindWare](#). It is a talking globe that teaches thousands of facts in seven languages.

[Takeoff](#) by [Resource Games](#) makes geography fun for children and adults.

[National Geographic](#) is always a great source for geography gifts.

## PODS Association Leadership

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