

# PODS Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

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

*February 2008:* Petroleum User Conference, Houston

## PODS Association Leadership

The Board of Directors and Technical Committee are composed of industry leaders

## Welcome New Members

[ISPRO E.U.](#)  
[GeoNorth](#)

[Complete list of members](#)

## PODS Association Elections for the Board of Directors

The annual elections for the Board of Directors begin in January. 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.

Are you interested in being nominated or would you like to nominate someone? The primary responsibilities of the Board includes:

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

These tasks are accomplished through the following participation:

- 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:

- Biography or curriculum vitae, including information about

who donate their time to lead the association and develop the standards.

The Board of Directors as a group has more than **266 years** of experience in the energy business, **217 years** in pipelines, and **139 years** in GIS.

The Technical Committee as a group has more than **151 years** of experience in the energy business, **119 years** in pipelines, and **146 years** in GIS.

That is a combined total of **417 years** in the energy business, **336 years** in pipelines, and **285 years** in GIS.

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## Quick Links [Our Website](#)

qualifications

- Your ability to commit to the Board of Directors and the Association as a whole
- Previous experience with the Association and the standards

Participation on the Board of Directors generally requires 4-6 hours per month. Some months will require more time; others will require less.

## PODS Association Membership Renewal and Dues

The PODS Association annual membership renewal will begin in December. You will receive an invoice for the 2008 membership dues along with a renewal form.

The renewal form is new. This will be 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.

## Association Participation

Have you ever wondered who participates in the Board of Directors, Technical Committees, and Working Groups? The Board and Technical Committee membership is restricted to members; Working groups generally include both members and non-members. At this time, 44 different companies are involved in the different areas. Of those involved, 22 are member service providers, 11 are member operators, and 11 are non-members. Here is a comprehensive list of all companies currently involved:

- Autodesk \*
- Bentley \*
- BITS \*
- Boardwalk Pipelines \*
- Breining Consulting
- CCC \*
- CenterPoint Energy \*
- Chevron \*
- Coler & Colantonio \*
- ConocoPhillips \*
- DCP Midstream \*
- Eagle Information Mapping \*
- El Paso \*
- Enterprise Products Operating \*
- ESRI \*
- eWAM Associates
- Fluor Enterprises \*
- GE \*
- GeoFields \*
- Geonamics \*
- Guardian ProStar \*
- Gulf Interstate Engineering \*
- Intergraph \*

- Irth Solutions
- Kendrick Consulting \*
- Kinder Morgan \*
- Michael Baker Corp \*
- Moore Resources \*
- New Century Software \*
- ONEOK \*
- Oracle
- P-PIC
- Pennsylvania One Call System
- Petris \*
- Sentinel USA \*
- Southwest Gas \*
- Ubisense \*
- Union Pacific Railroad Co
- USA North
- Utility Notification Center of Colorado
- Willbros \*
- Witten Technologies
- Xcel Energy \*

\* Indicates PODS Association Members

Thank you to everyone involved. You make the Association and the standards better.

## PODS User Group Meeting Presentations

Presentations from the PODS User Group Meeting are available online. You can view them on the PODS website in the [Downloads section](#), near the bottom of the page. This page has a wealth of information including other presentations from previous meetings.

## Technical Committee Tip

This tip is a quality control check for SQL. The intent is to check for events with station points on different routes or lines. In most implementations, this would be considered an error. The user can change the WHERE clause to include "not current" records as well by removing the "(ER.CURRENT\_INDICATOR\_LF = 'Y') AND ".

```
SELECT
FT.TABLE_NAME, ER.EVENT_ID, ER.CURRENT_INDICATOR_LF,
SP1.ROUTE_ID AS FROM_ROUTE_ID, SP1.SERIES_ID AS FROM_SERIES_ID,
SP1.STATION AS FROM_STATION, SP1.MEASURE AS FROM_MEASURE,
SP2.ROUTE_ID AS TO_ROUTE_ID, SP2.SERIES_ID AS TO_SERIES_ID,
SP2.STATION AS TO_STATION, SP2.MEASURE AS TO_MEASURE
FROM EVENT_RANGE ER
INNER JOIN STATION_POINT SP1 ON ER.STATION_ID_BEGIN = SP1.STATION_ID
INNER JOIN STATION_POINT SP2 ON ER.STATION_ID_END = SP2.STATION_ID
INNER JOIN SERIES SR1 ON SP1.SERIES_ID = SR1.SERIES_ID
INNER JOIN SERIES SR2 ON SP2.SERIES_ID = SR2.SERIES_ID
INNER JOIN FEATURE_TABLE FT ON ER.FEATURE_ID = FT.FEATURE_ID
WHERE
(ER.CURRENT_INDICATOR_LF = 'Y') AND
(
  SP1.ROUTE_ID <> SP2.ROUTE_ID
  OR SR1.ROUTE_ID <> SR2.ROUTE_ID
  OR SP1.LINE_ID <> SP2.LINE_ID
)
ORDER BY FT.TABLE_NAME, SP1.ROUTE_ID, SP1.MEASURE, SP2.MEASURE
```

You can find this and other tips on the PODS website under [Resources](#).

## The Funnies

**"Everything is related to everything else, but near things are more related than distant things."**

**Tobler's First Law of Geography**

**"A map is the greatest of all epic poems. Its lines and colors show the realization of great dreams."**

**Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Editor of National Geographics (1903-1954)**

You can find more quotes at [the GIS Lounge](#).

## 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:*

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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

Michael Ray, Boardwalk Pipelines

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