



## PODS Association Newsletter

September 9, 2015

### Greetings!

The PODS User Conference and Pipeline Week is fast approaching. Prepare to join exciting discussion regarding PODS Next Generation the data model and standards.

Our conference will have a new format.

- Wednesday morning, join PODS leadership as they present what is meant by PODS Next Generation, why we are addressing this through a Work Group and how you can participate in this exciting direction.
- Discussion will resume in the afternoon in a Town Hall-style discussion.
- Papers will be presented in sessions, together with GITA.

Download the [PODS User Conference Program](#), and enjoy!

## Call for Volunteers: PODS Next Generation Work Group

PODS Association is launching an effort that may transform the PODS data model and standards, positioning our members for future opportunities.

This Work Group will consider current and future business needs of members, identify opportunities in technology and trends, and assess recommendations made by previous PODS Work Groups and Data Modeling teams. An analysis will provide recommended actions that may include the formation of a PODS Project Team.

Email your statement of interest and experience (addressing bullet 5 below). Send to [kathy.mayo@pods.org](mailto:kathy.mayo@pods.org).

The PODS Technical Committee on Governance will review the list of submissions and make a recommendation to the PODS Board of Directors.

Next Generation Work Group Details:

- 8 members will be appointed by the PODS Board of Directors, as recommended by the Technical Committee on Governance
- Approximate kick off date: October 7
- Deadline to submit for Call for Volunteers: September 30
- Approximate duration of Work Group: to be determined
- Experience and qualifications: 3-5 years with the PODS Data Model; prefer Oracle or SQL Server database experience handling large data, and prefer experience with other PODS Technical Committees and Work Groups.

### PODS Board, Technical groups and Project Team Meetings

**PODS Board of Directors** meets every second Thursday.

[BOD Minutes 201507](#)

The next meeting is September 10th.

#### Technical Committee on Governance (TCG)

TCG had their kick off meeting September 2, led by Dan Palazzolo, Chair.

[TCG Minutes 20150902](#)

Their second meeting is scheduled during the Pipeline Week Conference, on September 17th.

#### Technical Committee for Data Modeling (TCDM)

TCDM had their kick off meeting August 26. Kirk Cameron was selected as Chair.

[TCDM Minutes 20150826](#)

#### ALRP Project Team

ALRP meets approximately once a month. No recurring date scheduled for meeting. [ALRP Minutes 20150409](#)

[ALRP Minutes 20150626](#)

[ALRP Minutes 20150710](#)

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## Introduction: Daniel Feinberg, PODS Consultant (facilitation) for Next Generation

PODS Association has contracted Dan Feinberg to help facilitate discussion of PODS Next Generation. He will work with the Technical Committee on Governance and the Next Generation Work Group as they outline the issues and develop work plans.

Dan will join us for the Pipeline Week Conference, facilitating the Town Hall discussion. We are excited for his expertise and ability to help groups move forward on challenging initiatives through consensus and breakthrough decisions.

Dan works with Dewberry and has over 25 years' experience in the design and implementation of enterprise-class geospatial standards development, stewardship, governance and transformation.

**Sincerely,**



Kathy Mayo, Executive Director  
PODS Association