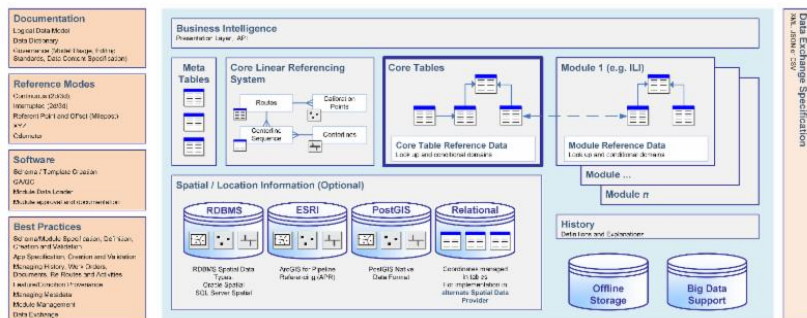


PODS Next Generation Progress

June 29, 2016

The Technical Committee on Governance approved the [Next Generation Scope](#), and concurrence for approval was given by the full Board. Progress is continuing and we are excited about the energy and engagement behind this effort.

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Next Generation Scope Approved, Contractor Hired

"PODS Next Generation is striving for standards that are easy to understand, are rigorous and beyond a PODS data model template. It is important for pipeline data consistency and how PODS is implemented makes a difference. This is what we are working toward in PODS Next Generation," states Peter Veenstra, Co-Chair of the Next Generation Work Group. Pete and Buddy Nagel are leading the effort in their role as Working Group Co-Chairs.

[Next Generation Work Group](#) met in Houston in late May for a two-day work session to define a transformed PODS Core and data interchange specification. The focus of the work included defining a conceptual and logical data model and establishing objectives, and describing the requirements for a PODS data interchange specification.

The Work Group will continue building out this work, and at the same time PODS Association has contracted with Image Matters to do the technical work of Next Generation. "We are excited to bring on Image Matters LLC, led by Kurt Buehler. "Image Matters has successfully led similar standards transformation efforts for other large organizations," says Kathy Mayo, Executive Director.

Members of Work Group

Co-Chairs: Peter Veenstra and Buddy Nagel
 Dan Palazzolo, *Williams*
 Fernando Izquierdo, *Kinder Morgan*
 Jeff Allen, *Jeff Allen*

PODS Visits DC



Kathy Mayo, *PODS Executive Director*, and Peter Veenstra, *PODS Board Secretary*, discussed the Pipeline Safety Act with Senator Dan Sullivan (AK-R). The Act was signed into law June 22nd.

PODS 2016 Board of Directors

Get to know our new Board members and officers [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

PODS Board of Directors meets every 2nd Thursday
 Next meeting 7/14/16

Officers Meeting meets every other Tues
 Next meeting 7/12/16

Technical Committee on Governance (TCG) meets every 4th Thurs. Next meeting (rescheduled) 7/28/16

Technical Committee for Data Modeling (TCDM) meets every 4th Wed. Meeting (rescheduled) 7/27/16

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Contractor Hired

Image Matters LLC has been contracted to work on Phase 1 of Next Generation. They will be responsible for preparing and documenting the logical and physical data model and design and documentation of a data exchange specification. They will work closely with the Next Generation Work Group, advising them of best practices in data exchange standards, definitions, and data modeling development. A prototype will be presented during Pipeline Week.

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PUG Conference: Esri unveils ArcGIS for Pipelines

--by Jeff Allen, *Co-Chair PODS APR Project Team*

With our industry still struggling to recover from the plunging price of a barrel of oil, which at one point fell more than 70 percent compared with June 2014 levels, it was encouraging to see the strong turnout for one of our cornerstone events of the year. Esri didn't hold back even in the down economy and the show was insightful and packed with pipeline content.

During the plenary at PUG (Petroleum User Group Conference) in April, Esri gave an overview of their new ArcGIS for Pipelines offering. The ArcGIS for Pipeline consists of a number of core workflows and tools that address both the system of record as well as the system of engagement.

PODS member attendees were pleased to hear the message that Esri and PODS are collaborating to integrate Esri's new ArcGIS Pipeline Referencing (APR) into the PODS standards. "We will actively support PODS," stated Tom Coolidge (Esri), "industry has long supported PODS and the standards."

It was announced that the ArcGIS Pipeline Referencing 1.0 would soon be released in November with ArcGIS Pro 1.4. The [PODS ArcGIS for Pipeline Project Team](#) is on track to have a version of the model that is compatible with this new offering at its release.

If you missed the show, but you are interested in seeing the key highlights as they pertain to the pipeline industry, the videos are now online. Included below is a link to the pipeline presentation.

<http://video.esri.com/watch/5099/arcgis-pipeline>

Kenneth Greer Retiring



Kenneth Greer is retiring from Enable Midstream Partners and from the PODS Association Board of Directors. "Thank you for all of the hard work that you have done for the PODS organization and the PODS BOD," said Paul Herrmann, President, adding "your leadership and providing a foundational part of PODS for so many years has made PODS what it is today. He will be greatly missed." PODS Association Secretary Peter Veenstra adds, "I am going to miss his input, ideas and knowledge of PODS history. I am also going to miss his easy-going style."

Kenneth is a founding member of PODS Association and has served as President, Treasurer and Secretary. His dedication to the mission and vision shows in where we are today-a strategic plan and moving forward on Next Generation. "I will miss every one of you as you have enriched my

life by knowing you," says Kenneth.

Save the Date! Pipeline Week Sept 20-22

PIPELINE WEEK™

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CONFERENCE

This year, Peter Veenstra is Co-Chair of the event.



Sincerely,



[Kathy Mayo](#), Executive Director
PODS Association