

Improve Interoperability

exchange information between databases, applications, vendor software, other operators

Pipeline Week, Next Generation, Webinars

August 4, 2016

Pipeline Week is fast approaching! This year the PODS Plenary will be held on Wednesday, September 21 from 8:30am-10:15. To learn more about the week's events, go to the [Preliminary Event Guide here](#).

If you are a PODS member, registration to the 3-day event is FREE! Just go to [this page](#) for the discount code (you will be prompted to log in to the PODS website with your username and password). Then, go to the [Pipeline Week website](#) and apply the code where appropriate for your FREE registration. (Note that for non-members, there is an early-bird discount if you register before August 18th. FREE registration is for the PODS and joint PODS/GITA sessions. GITA-only plenary on Thursday, you either must be a GITA member or pay that portion of registration)

Support through Sponsorships



We have received our first Gold Level Sponsor for the PODS Next Generation Initiative from [Dynamic Risk](#). A BIG thank you goes out to them for supporting this project.

The PODS Association Sponsorship program invites our members to join us in moving this important initiative forward. Sponsorships will:

- Complete Phase 1 by year-end and initiate multi-phase rollout.
- Develop prototype
- Deliver 35% faster than previous PODS projects

For more information, [Click HERE for Sponsorship Info PDF](#)



"Dynamic Risk welcomes the opportunity to sponsor this initiative as we recognize and have, along with our operator partners, benefitted from the significant collaboration

of the PODS organization."

-- Edgar Sweet, Vice President, Dynamic Risk

For over twenty years, Dynamic Risk has been providing consulting, engineering assistance and software solutions for oil and gas production gathering systems, midstream pipelines, transmission pipelines and distribution networks. During this time, Dynamic Risk has dedicated itself exclusively to pipeline regulatory compliance support and risk and integrity management.

Webinars Aug 23 or 30 - Mark Your Calendars!

This quarter's FREE for PODS Members webinar **PODS Next Generation - A Commitment to PODS as a Standard and A Transformed Data Model**, will focus on the following:

This briefing to PODS members addresses Next Generation scope and progress. The work is well underway, with a Working Group made up of members and contractors who are implementing much of the technical work. A demonstration will be rolled out at Pipeline Week and this webinar will give you an understanding of the background and scope of this exciting initiative.

HELP WANTED! Technical Coordinator

[PODS Technical Coordinator](#)
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Upcoming Meetings

WEBINARS

August 23 or 30th

PODS Board of Directors

meets every 2nd Thursday

Next meeting 8/11/16

Officers Meeting

meets every other Tues

Next meeting 8/9/16

Technical Committee on Governance (TCG)

meets every 4th Thurs. Next meeting 8/25/16

Technical Committee for Data Modeling (TCDM)

meets every 4th Wed.

Meeting 8/24/16

PODS 2016 Board of Directors

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

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[December eNewsletter](#)

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If you are already a PODS Member, sign up for either webinar by clicking the appropriate link:

[August 23 11:30am](#)

[August 30 9:00am](#)

PODS Esri Spatial 6.0 - Revisions Underway

PODS Esri Spatial 6.0, released about 14 months ago, contains some discovered errors. These include breaks from established naming conventions and some structural errors. These have been addressed and are under final review by PODS Association governing bodies and will be released to members for comment and review in early September.

We anticipate the approved re-release in late September. Notifications will be made through email, postings on PODS website and in the newsletter.

Next Gen Work Group Progress

The Next Gen Work Group, a team of industry professionals - data model experts, pipeline operators, and geographic information systems (GIS) software/service providers - have met for the past year to develop the Scope and Phase One implementation of the PODS Next Generation model. Visit our website for more information:

[Next Gen Work Group Progress](#)

[May 25/26 Work Session Meeting Minutes \(PODS Members Only\)](#)

Image Matters and PODS Next Gen

Image Matters, LLC, led by Kurt Buehler, President, is providing the technical development of PODS core and development of the data exchange specification for Phase One of the Next Gen initiative.

Kurt brings world-class knowledge and experience working on standards development, data modeling and data exchange standards. Previously Kurt was a founder of OGC, serving as the first Chief Technology Officer, and led efforts in the development of the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM). He has also worked for the Department of Defense on their Spatial Data Standards for Facilities, Infrastructure and Environment.

Pipeline Week Sept 20-22! Earlybird Discount due August 18th!



[Pipeline Week 2016 website](#)

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2016

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THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS USA * #PipelineWeek

INCLUDING GITA OIL & GAS PIPELINE CONFERENCE AND PODS USER CONFERENCE on SEPTEMBER 21

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Unable to attend in person? You can still participate in the PODS Plenary by attending our LIVE webcast! Look for more details coming soon in an email, newsletter and on our website.

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



Missed the Esri/PUG Forum? Presentations are now online

The 2016 PODS Forum on April 25, 2016 was a huge success, with attendees both in-person and via webcast. If you were unable to attend and would like to know what was presented, the Powerpoint Presentations are available from our website. Enjoy! [View Forum 2016 Presentations here](#)

Sincerely,



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