



## August 2019 Newsletter

*Our Mission: Everything we do professionally and as an organization is dedicated to protecting lives, safeguarding businesses, and fostering community resiliency.*



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## President’s Comments

Hello Fellow North Texas Chapter Members.

I am so looking forward to seeing you on August 6 to share my story of loss and recovery. For months now I’ve pondered the question “Why do we have to experience loss to take action to protect data.” I’ve experienced this in business a lot! Once the business experiences loss they’ll take action to put in better solutions for resiliency. I’ve even experienced when the pendulum swung to the “got funding” side I was chastised for taking too long to implement the solution. I just have to remember what Jesus said on the cross, “Forgive them for they know not what they do” is a great teaching for business. They just don’t understand. I’ve said for years ‘they’re finally getting it when you’re blue in the face’. Ah, the life and times of a continuity professional.

When you experience personally or professionally ‘it won’t happen to me’, ‘you’ve got all the funding you need’, and ‘why does it take so long to implement’, relax and stay the course. Just so you know, true confession, I’m still recovering from my data loss/recovery seven months later. I’ve also warned my management many-a-time, once we’ve performed a ‘disaster recovery’ there will be an extended period of time for readjustment. Nothing is ever the same and yet some things are better. You’ve cleaned house and that is a good feeling.

Changing subject entirely...we are about to embark on a year of Presidential election TV-gaga (yep, I borrowed that from the movie Bohemian Rhapsody). We all have our political views and I’ll do my best to keep mine to myself. I’ve been able to vote since 1976, I’ve often wondered does my votes count. Whether it does or whether it does not, is not the question, it is about you’ve done your part, your research, your diligence to knowing the facts. You then have the knowing that you made a choice and took action, either to vote or not vote. My point is make *a conscious, well thought out, choice*. Yes, your vote counts or candidates wouldn’t question the quality of the vote and the counting methods for tampering.

I just saw the new movie *Lion King*. An amazing movie I recommend you see in 3D. Take notice our world she is a-changing. You may not be able to distinguish what is shown on TV as the whole truth, that which is real. Sometimes what you hear may not be the whole truth. Which makes me chose to not watch TV during the entire year before a presidential election, as it has become a venue to spew whatever someone is willing to pay for air time, TV-gaga. While there are a few good moral news reporters out there most of what is on TV is sensationalized for entertainment purposes with just a few human interest stories thrown in. TV these days is not the most intelligence building method. My apologies to those of you who like what is broadcast. I can remember in the 70’s, news reporters really uncovered scandals. Well, maybe there are too many scandals these days that we have become desensitized. A subject for another month.

I encourage you to attend the August meeting where you will hear how ACE Data Recovery was my game changer and what they can do both for as a personal user or any-sized corporation.

At your service, Wendy

## Program Updates by Chet Bojarski

Summer in Texas brings the heat, and we felt it at our July 9<sup>th</sup> session in Irving as **Mike Jennings** from **Assurance** [www.assurancesoftware.com](http://www.assurancesoftware.com) gave his presentation and led a discussion on *Cybercrime: Is This a Business Continuity Event*. *We had a fantastic turnout and we almost ran out of seats, which during vacation season, is impressive. We appreciated the attendance and the questions that Mike's presentation generated at the session. Cyber is a real risk to our businesses that we need to help our members understand as it is a treat to both your business models and customers. The Chapter also appreciated Assurance providing us a great lunch to our members! For those that were at the meeting, you know that Mike's flight was cancelled the night before and he had to fly in from the east coast early on Tuesday morning, with a layover in Atlanta, to get to our meeting as our presenter. I know that I speak on behalf of the Board of Directors and all our members to say Thank You to Mike for going above and beyond to keep his commitment to our program as our guest speaker.*



At our August 6th meeting (again in Irving at the BSA) we will have two presenters that are linked. First our President **Wendy Nelson** will be sharing her personal experience of a technology issue she had and the threat of the loss of data she was facing. That is where **Steven Aldridge** from **Ace Data Group** [www.datarecovery.net](http://www.datarecovery.net) presentation will continue the discussion about *What is Missing from Every BC/DR Plan*. In this presentation he will talk about hardware data recovery, what to look for in a data recovery company, examples of cases they have solved over the years, and details of their Corporate Business Continuity Program. As we wrap up our Summer Presentation Series, the ACP-NT Board is pleased to provide our attending members lunch at our August 6th session!

The ACP-NT Chapter is pleased to formally announce that our September 10<sup>th</sup> session will be a Public/Private Summit held in Plano near 121 and the DNT. The session is scheduled to start at 2PM and run through late afternoon. The Summit will include a panel discussion with Public sector Emergency Management leadership from the City of Plano, Frisco and Aledo Texas. Additional speakers include the US Secret Service and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). As an ACP-NT member, we promise that you will not want to miss it! Pre-Registration will be required. Look for more information in the coming weeks and ensure you make time to network with our speakers immediately after the Summit.

Looking to 2020 - Please lock the following dates in on your calendar as we begin planning for the 2020. If you would like to host an event, please email our Programs Director and add in the subject line "ACP Host". Dates (Page 5)

## North Texas ACP Chapter Meetings

Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. The location varies, so check the Chapter Newsletter or [Website](#) for location information. If you have a topic you would like discussed or presented, please contact any of our board members (Sidebar on page 3).

### Next Meeting

**Date** August 6, 2019  
**Time** 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  
**Location** Boy Scouts of America  
 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Room 103  
 Irving, TX 75038 [Map](#)  
**Event** Sponsored by our ACP chapter

### Agenda

Call to Order/Welcome	Wendy Nelson
Featured Speaker	Steven Aldridge with Ace Data Group
Program	"What is Missing from Every BC/DR Plan"
New Business	Wendy Nelson
Adjourn	Wendy Nelson

## News from InfoSecurity Magazine

### Understanding and Managing Third Party Vendor Risk

By Taharka Beamon  
Published 8/2/2019



Organizations of all sizes, in every sector, around the world, are increasingly relying on external vendors for products and services that are vital to their operations. Correspondingly, the number of data breaches attributed to third party vendors is rising steadily.

It has become apparent that it is no longer sufficient for businesses to only secure their internally-controlled infrastructure and services. They must also diligently evaluate the security policies and procedures of third party vendors.

Conducting a security assessment is essential to gathering the information and documentation needed to ensure the third party companies selected have the proper security mechanisms in place. [READ MORE](#)

### Honda Exposes 40gb of Company Data

By Michael Hill  
Published 8/1/2019



Global automobile manufacturer [Honda](#) leaked a database of company data that exposed 134 million documents, roughly 40GB of information.

In a [blog post](#), researcher xxdesmus revealed how he discovered an Elasticsearch database without any authentication.

“The data contained within this database was related to the internal network and computers of Honda Motor Company. The information available in the database appeared to be something like an inventory of all Honda internal machines. This included information such as machine hostname, MAC address, internal IP, operating system version, which patches had been applied, and the status of Honda’s endpoint security software. I would like to thank the security team at Honda Motor Company for their very prompt action to secure the database shortly after being notified.” [READ MORE](#)

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## BCI News

### Community Resilience Volunteer Week (CRVW)

August 12—16, 2019

Help [the BCI to achieve its vision](#) of creating "a world where all organizations, communities and societies become more resilient".

**CRVW** encourages Business Continuity and Resilience professionals to participate in pro bono work to enable communities to benefit from their valuable skillsets.

You can get involved by helping local charities or not for profit organizations with their business continuity plans or volunteer for a charitable cause.

Why should you do pro bono work? If you follow its translation, pro bono work is "for the public good." Its purpose is to help those in need with something very important—but for which they have no resources.

Not only will pro bono work help others, it will help you, too. Making connections with people and helping those who really need it will broaden your network and expose you to new situations.

Pro bono work allows you to pursue the issues about which you care deeply, encourages you to help others—and shows employers that you're serious about a career in business continuity or resilience. [READ MORE](#)

Why Join?

Knowledge.

Integrity.

Innovation.

Support.

ACP is the premier organization for business continuity professionals providing a powerful networking and learning environment for its members.

Known for its progressive programs, workshops and symposiums, the organization has become a unifying force in defining and leading the continuously evolving fields of business continuity, disaster recovery and emergency response.

### Where next for BIA?

By David Honour

Published July 31, 2019



It seems clear from Continuity Central's recent ['To BIA or not to BIA... revisited'](#) survey that the majority of business continuity professionals see the business impact analysis (BIA) as a vital aspect of the business continuity process... but is that the end of the conversation? Is the current bipolar state of the 'keep the BIA as it is' and 'ditch the BIA' discussion nuanced enough?

I would suggest that the answer to both the above questions is 'no'.

Those skeptical of the BIA criticize the process rather than the aim. Adaptive BC states that the BIA's main purpose is 'to help leadership identify the most critical services and to set a prioritization for continuity planning efforts'; and does not criticize this goal, rather it believes that 'executive leadership can be trusted to identify critical services based on their experience and knowledge of the organization and therefore can set general direction and prioritization for preparedness planning'. The premise is that executive leadership will know their own business well enough to provide the information that a BIA sets out to discover. Adaptive BC also points out that mission-creep has resulted in the BIA's purpose changing, expanding, and becoming indistinct over time. [READ MORE](#)

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# 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

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Schedule and Locations are Subject to Change!

## Date

September 10  
October 1  
November 1  
December 3

## Location

Site Visit (TBD)  
Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas  
Mary Kay Headquarters, Addison  
Maggiano's Little Italy (Willow Bend), Plano

## 2020 Dates

January 7  
February 4  
March 3  
April 7  
May 5  
June 2  
July 7  
August 4  
September 1  
October 6  
November 3  
December 8

Check [here](#) for most current topic, speaker, and meeting location updates

Please contact a board member if there is a topic that you would like discussed, if interested in presenting,

## When It Comes to Employee Security Awareness Training - Should You be Phishing or Teaching?

By Mike Polatsek

Published 7-26-19 on SecurityMagazine.com

When it comes to employee awareness training, many organizations opt for phishing testing to gauge the state of their employee awareness. Others choose to phish and then teach via follow-up educational awareness content. Unfortunately, neither strategies are effective if your end goal is to change employee behavior towards phishing attacks.

### Set Them Up for Success

Remember that “night-before-exam” anxiety? Most of us remember feeling a little nervous about taking a test; some of us experienced real panic attacks before a big math final, a driver’s license test and other occasions when our performance had been put to the test.

Testing is considered a valid tool to evaluate knowledge and performance after a learning experience has occurred. However, it is not an effective tool to introduce and reinforce the learning itself. In fact, in order to validate a test, it should cover more than one phishing attack scenario. One phishing simulation, which is the common practice with many vendor solutions, will not provide any significant data about risk level or awareness status. [READ MORE](#)



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Upcoming Conferences

### INTERFACE Dallas

September 11, 2019 – Irving Convention Center  
FREE [Conference link](#)

### Critical Facilities Summit

September 24-25, 2019 – Hilton Anatole, Dallas  
ACP Member Price \$295 [Conference link](#)

### North Texas Facilities/Managing Green Buildings Expo

September 25-26, 2019 – Arlington, TX  
FREE [Conference link](#)

### DRJ Fall 2019

September 29-October 2, 2019 – Phoenix, AZ  
Approx. \$1395 [Conference link](#)

### DRI2020

March 1-4, 2020—Savannah, GA  
[Conference Link](#)

### DRJ Spring 2020

March 15-18, 2020—Orlando, FL

### Continuity Insights Management Conference 2020

April 20-22, 2020 – Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX  
Approx. \$1395 [Conference Link](#)

## Local Certification Classes

### ISO 22301 BCNS Lead Implementer Course

Sept 16 to 20, 2019 – 325 N. St Paul St, Dallas, TX 75261  
Approx. \$2850 [Class link](#)

### DRI

**CRMP Certification Class** - RMLE 2000 9/9/19 - 9/13/19  
@ Mercedes Benz, Fort Worth, TX, \$2650 Does not include  
Lodging/transportation. Contact DRI for more info.

**ACRP Certification Class** - CRLE 2000 Dallas 12/9/2019 -  
12/13/2019, \$2750 Does not include lodging/  
transportation. [Class link](#)

**ABCP Certification Class** - BCLE 2000 Dallas 3/9/2020 -  
3/13/2020, \$2750 Does not include lodging/  
transportation. [Class link](#)

### BCI

CBCI Certification Course  
No local classes scheduled for 2019  
[Class listings](#)

## Ongoing Webinars

### Federal Government

[Webinar link](#) Held on the **1st Wednesday of every month at  
1 P.M. Central Time.**

### ACP International

[Webinar link](#) Held monthly. Check website for details.

### Firestorm

[Webinar link](#) Held monthly. Check website for details, scroll  
down and look under Events

### Bright Talk

[Webinar link](#) Random scheduling.

## Courses Beyond Conferences/Webinars

Business Continuity Institute [www.thebci.org](http://www.thebci.org)

Disaster Recovery Institute International [www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)

InfraGard (Partnership between FBI and Public Sector  
[www.infragard.org](http://www.infragard.org))

TEEX [www.teex.org](http://www.teex.org)

ISO Based Training <https://pecb.com/training>

National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCS)  
Training [More info](#)

Here are a more ways to find out what we have planned:

**Our web site:** <http://northtx.acp-international.com>

Join our [LinkedIn Group](#) for the  
latest updates



## North Texas Facilities/Managing Green Buildings Expo and Conference, Sept. 25-26, Esports Stadium Arlington & Expo Center (formerly Arlington Convention Center)

This free event in Arlington, consisting of expo and conference, is directed to the interests of facilities engineers and managers, maintenance engineers and managers, and energy professionals in the region. Featured will be a presentation by Association of Continuity Professionals member Luis Tapia, speaking on business continuity for facilities managers. Other seminar topics include building automation systems, cogeneration, energy use benchmarking, ADA compliance, electrical safety, video surveillance, state energy codes, lighting, management, and fall protection. Also a behind-the-scenes look at the new Globe Life Field. Website is: [www.facilitiesexpo.com](http://www.facilitiesexpo.com); phone: 800-827-8009.