



# North Texas

## ACP

THE ASSOCIATION OF CONTINUITY PROFESSIONALS  
 Everything we do professionally and as an organization is dedicated to protecting lives, safeguarding businesses and fostering community resiliency.

### President's Comments



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Happy fall everyone! Let me start this month by saying that I sincerely hope none of our North Texas community members suffered any losses from recent events. Like me, I'm sure many of you have responsibilities that cover more than just North Texas or even the entire state. If you've been busy responding to events like the flooding in Houston, Hurricanes Irma and Maria, or the wildfires in Northern California, then I can definitely relate. Hopefully as things calm down, we can take the opportunity to learn from one another. This includes both the good and the bad and ACP is the perfect medium for just those types of discussions.

I encourage all of you to participate in your business continuity community and not just be an observer. Sometimes this means presenting or discussing your

experiences in a group setting. Other times it may mean reaching out to your fellow chapter members with questions or to request guidance. Ours is a helpful and supportive community by its very nature. We're also very self-reliant. Stubbornly so, at times. This can mean we can be hesitant to ask for assistance when we most need it or to admit that we don't know something. I say the sooner we change that thinking, the better.

Now that I'm officially off my soap box, let me remind everyone what we have lined up for you the rest of this year. BNSF Railway will be hosting us on November 13<sup>th</sup> (please note the different date). This means a presentation regarding their preparedness program as well as a tour of their facility in Fort Worth. I'm really looking forward to this extremely informative meeting.

Be on the lookout for election details and materials very soon. We have several open positions and are going to need volunteers to run for our local board. There are few activities as rewarding as that of supporting your business continuity community and I encourage you to get involved. It is a great experience and I can tell you

that it is a great team of individuals to work with. I promise to help any new members make the transition so you are comfortable taking on a new role on this truly amazing team.

Lastly, our holiday luncheon this year will be at Maggiano's in Northpark Center. This is always our best attended event and I never fail to hear great feedback afterwards. I hope you can make it and I look forward to celebrating the holidays and the coming New Year with all of you. Until next month...

### **October 2017 Chapter Meeting**

The October 2017 Chapter Meeting was held at Mary Kay Cosmetics in Addison, TX. Joel Navarro gave a presentation on the history of Mary Kay and the company's unique business model. We were then provided a tour of the amazing facility including Mary Kay's original office. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

### **ACP Networking Event-October 19<sup>th</sup>**

The North Texas Chapter of ACP held a special networking event on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 7:00pm. The event connected both Public and Private sector professionals in the growing Legacy Corridor and North Texas Area. Speakers included Carrie Reyes (Plano Director of Emergency Management), Shawn E. Tuma (Cyber Security & Data Privacy Attorney, with Scheef & Stone, L.L.P.), Steve O'Neal (Rentsys), and our very own Mark Armour (President of the N. Texas ACP Chapter and Co-Author of Adaptive Business Continuity). Thanks to everyone for making this event successful.

### **2018 ACP Board Elections**

2018 Board Elections will be held next month. A notification was sent out on 10/24 with information regarding the elections. The document below provides details on each position on the board:



2018 ACP Board  
Position Description

If you are interested in running for a position on the board or require more information, please contact Allan Schmidt, [allan.p.schmidt@hpe.com](mailto:allan.p.schmidt@hpe.com)

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## NORTH TEXAS ACP CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. The location varies, so check the Chapter Newsletter or Web Site for location information. If you have a topic you would like discussed or presented please contact any of our board members in the table above.

### Next Meeting

**Date**-----Monday, November 13, 2017

**Please note the different date for November's meeting!!**

**Time**-----12:00 pm

**Location**           BNSF Railway  
                          2650 Lou Menk Dr.  
                          Ft. Worth, TX 76131  
                          [Link to Map](#)

**Food**----- Lunch sponsored by BNSF

**Please email Allan Schmidt, [allan.p.schmidt@hpe.com](mailto:allan.p.schmidt@hpe.com) no later than Thursday, November 10 to confirm if you will attend so we can get an accurate headcount for lunch and for our sponsor to be able to create visitor's badges ahead of time.**

### Meeting Agenda

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome.....	Mark Armour
Upcoming Events.....	Mark Armour
ACP Officer Reports.....	ACP Board
Presentation and Tour: BNSF Railway	
Educational Opportunities.....	Carol DeLatte

### 2017 Meeting Schedule and Locations

*Schedule and location are subject to change!*

November 13, 2017.....Day Trip-BNSF  
December 5, 2017.....Chapter Holiday Luncheon (Maggiano's)

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

### Donating Swag for the Holiday Luncheon

We're looking for donations for door prizes at the holiday luncheon. Items can be singular, bundled, wrapped, unwrapped, or even in giver sacks. For more information on making donations, please contact Carol Delatte at [carol.6323@gmail.com](mailto:carol.6323@gmail.com).

## Mentoring Tips

Three quick mentoring tips to consider:

**Tip #1:** When mentors and mentorees begin their journey together, one of the big topics of discussion involves mentoring goals.

**Tip #2:** Learning how to communicate those mentoring goals as well as other expectations is also a skill mentors and mentorees need to develop.

**Tip #3:** And, finally, remember this: effective mentoring is a two-way street, meaning that both mentor and mentoree must actively participate in the relationship to make it work.

George Philpott, Mentorship Director is currently working on the release of the North Texas ACP Mentoring Program. For more information, contact George at [george.philpott@ftr.com](mailto:george.philpott@ftr.com)

## Updated Member Badges

Our Secretary, Wendy Nelson, has created updated badges for all members. Badges will be available for pickup at the next meeting. If you are not able to attend, please let Wendy know at [wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com](mailto:wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com) to make alternate arrangements. Thanks again Wendy for undertaking this project. It is greatly appreciated!

## Training Opportunities

Webinars:

- Federal Government
  - <https://www.fema.gov/continuity-webinar-series>
    - The [Continuity Webinar Series](#) is held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 1 P.M. Central Time.
- ACP International
  - <https://www.acp-international.com/professional-development/webinars>
    - Held monthly. Check website for details.
- Firestorm

- <https://www.firestorm.com/>
  - Held at least once a month. Check website for details, scroll down and look under Events

Courses outside of conferences:

- Business Continuity Institute
  - [www.thebci.org](http://www.thebci.org)
- Disaster Recovery Institute International
  - [www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)



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There are a number of ways to find out what we have planned:

- Our web site: <http://northtx.acp-international.com>
- Join our LinkedIn Group for the latest updates and job opportunities:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2670621>
- Our monthly newsletter
- Follow us on Twitter: @Northtxacp