



North Texas ACP

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Quote of the Month

“The tendency of an event to occur varies inversely with one's preparation for it.”

David Searles

President's Comments...

Can it be the end of January already? It has been a busy month for me and I suspect for most of you. I hope you can free up 2 hours to attend the February meeting.

Each year the North Texas ACP President joins other chapter presidents for the ACP National Leadership Conference. This year, it was held in Hartford, Connecticut, on January 14 – 16. I was able to meet many people during the conference, including the ACP National Board.

During those meetings, I found a lot of valuable information to pass on to you. I will cover that content over the next few months in this column and/or during our meetings. Here are a few items to watch for in the coming months:

- The Texas ACP Presidents would like to plan a joint conference in the fall timeframe. At this very early stage, we believe the location would be in Austin. The Houston, San Antonio, and Austin chapters all agreed to participate. There is a chapter in Amarillo, but there was no representative at the conference, so their participation is unknown at this point.
- ACP is encouraging comments on the 2013 NFPA 1600 revision. Mary Crea is championing this effort for our chapter.

Thanks to our Audit Committee Review volunteers: Mark Weidner (chairman), Mary Crea and Shirley Runnels.

--*Mike*

North Texas Chapter Meetings

Satellite Meeting Locations for 2011 Meetings

There will be no satellite meeting location for February, but, we plan to have sites for the next 3 meetings. Please check the [ACP Website](#) for the latest updates on the satellite locations.

North Texas ACP Members

Just as a reminder, if changes to your profile are required you may review current information and post updates by logging into www.acp-international.com and clicking on the "Members" tab, then choosing "Profile Update" from the list of options at the top of the page.

Chapter officers do not have access to post changes to your personal information, any updates must be posted by the member.

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: 2/1/2011

Subject: February ACP Membership Meeting

Speakers: Kimberlee Slavik, Jim Neumann

Affiliation: North Texas ACP Chapter

Location: (972) GET-COLO or (972) 438-2656
H5CoLo
2712 Park Central
Dallas, Texas 75251

Time: 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM CST

Agenda:

- Welcome
- President's Comments
- New Certifications and Jobs
- Job Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Company Spotlight: Vertex—Mark Weidner and Dianne Stephens

Presentation topic "Taking the Unpredictability Out of Power"

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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 1st	H5CoLo
March 1st	Boy Scout of America
April 5th	H5CoLo
May 3rd	Boy Scout of America
June 7th	H5CoLo
July 12th	Boy Scout of America
August 2nd	H5CoLo
September 13th	Boy Scout of America
October 4th	H5CoLo
November 1st	Boy Scout of America
December 6th	TBA (Holiday Luncheon)

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Kimberlee Slavik is responsible for EDSA's sales and channels operations in the Company's Southern Region (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Louisiana, and Mississippi) where EDSA has important customer installations with major financial institutions and oil and gas customers.

Kimberlee is a highly accomplished, award-winning, twenty-year veteran in the Information Technology industry with focus on software, storage, and business continuity.

She joined EDSA from Hewlett-Packard, where she was responsible for the profit-and-loss of more than \$900 million of HP's Enterprise Storage Business. Prior to HP, she was Vice President of Sales and Marketing for PeopleFirst Partners Software; previously, she held sales leadership positions with industry leaders such as Sungard Recovery Services, Computer Associates, Fujitsu and Hitachi Data Systems.

Kimberlee as one of the founding NTX Chapter members for the North Texas Chapter of The Association of Contingency Planners and served as Vice President for the Chapter.

Kimberlee is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of LaTourneau University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is also certified by Southern Methodist University in "Leading the High-Performance Sales Organization." Ms. Slavik is currently pursuing a MBA degree in International Marketing at Heriot-Watt Business School in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Jim Neumann
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Jim Neumann oversees EDSA's marketing programs activities, bringing a wide range of large- and small-company software experience to the Company.

Previously, he was responsible for leading all marketing and communications programs for the IBM Technology Group, a \$20 billion operation comprised of the Company's storage, networking, microelectronics, displays, printing, and embedded systems units. Prior to that, he served as Director of Marketing and Communications Programs for IBM's Networking Division.

Previously, he worked at AT&T, where he served as Director of U.S. Strategic Marketing/ Communications for the company's information technology unit (now NCR) as well as its worldwide retail marketing communications operations. While at AT&T, he spearheaded the U.S. marketing/ communications activities following AT&T's acquisition and divestiture of NCR, as well as his division's Internet marketing strategy, Olympics marketing efforts, and all other product and brand marketing activities. He was also recognized in AT&T's *Great Performances Award* program, which honors the top one percent of employees worldwide.

Earlier, Jim held a wide range of product and brand marketing responsibilities for SDRC (mechanical CAD software), Gensym (real-time expert systems software) and Data General's Technical Systems Division. Throughout his career, Jim orchestrated the introduction and ongoing marketing of more than 350 computer, software, communications and networking products. His work has been nationally recognized by Business Week, Business Marketing, and Advertising Age, as well as the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), and the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), from whom he received "Marketing Campaign of the Year" awards.

Jim's background also includes substantial corporate communications, crisis management, special event, and corporate sponsorship experience -- including promotions surrounding several Olympiads, Major League Baseball, the PGA, Americas' Cup, The Smithsonian Institute, NASA, Championship Auto Racing (CART), The Boston Computer Museum, and the Biosphere II project.

Jim received his Executive MBA from the Wharton School of Business through the AT&T School of Business; his master's degree in business communications from Boston University; and his bachelor's degree in communications and marketing from the University of Dayton (Ohio)

Call for ACP Member Participation

ACP has representation on the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Technical Committee for the 1600 Standard on Disaster, Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs. ACP has been asked by the Technical Committee Chair to review the NFPA 1600 Standard 2010 Edition and provide comment on where it can be improved in preparation for the next update due out in 2013.

All members are invited to participate in providing feedback on the NFPA 1600 Standard 2010 Edition. We need YOU as ACP Members to support this effort and encourage you to set aside some time to review the NFPA 1600 and provide input on the NFPA website. All comments must be submitted to NFPA before May 23, 2011.

Here is the link to the NFPA 1600 "Document Information Page":

<http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=1600>

Click on the "Next Edition" tab and look for the link to "Submit a Proposal Online."

If you have any questions, you may contact Ginnie Stouffer, Corporate Information Director at:

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Training & Education

In an effort to ensure that our ACP members remain current in today's changing BC/DR environment, we would like to ask our membership if there is any interest in additional DRII or BSI training.

Our ACP chapter hosted 2 very successful DRII classes in 2009-1010. If you are new to business continuity, you may not be aware that DRII provides various levels of professional certifications. DRII is well respected and recognized world-wide. If we do host training classes here in Dallas, DRII will provide the instructor which will eliminate any costs associated with traveling. DRII will also discount the cost of the class by 10%. If you are interested in any DRII training, please visit the DRII website at www.DRII.org. Please contact Mary Crea if you are interested in any of the classes and send the class number and several dates you are available to take the classes to maryc2@airmail.net.

Another BC organization our ACP chapter is partnering with is British Standards Institute (BSI). They also provide training and certification, but take a slightly different approach to BC. BSI is a recognized standard that is primarily used in the UK and Europe. Since many of our members are now performing BC for global companies, this training may be essential in understanding BC from an international perspective. Our chapter is in the early stages of partnering with BSI and don't have all of the particulars such as class location and cost, etc., clearly defined. However, if you are interested in any of the training they provide, please visit their website at www.bsigroup.com.

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