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Quote of the Month

"Just because the river is quiet does not mean the crocodiles have left."
Quote attributed to: Malay proverb.



President's Comments...

July 1 signals the beginning of the second half of 2012. Another year of activities moving at a rapid pace.

In a few months, we will hold chapter elections for our 2013 officers. This is a great point to decide if you would like to run for a position or nominate someone to serve as a chapter officer. The requirements for serving in a director position are:

- 1) An ACP member for a year or more
- 2) Currently a member in "good standing" which means your dues have been paid.

For the corporate board positions (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) an additional requirement is that you have previously served as a chapter director in the past.

I encourage you to consider running for a position, but, also would note that there will be time commitments associated with each position. The most time-consuming positions (in my opinion) are the Director of Programs, Director of Membership, Director of Communications, and Director of Information.

Our Nominations Committee has been appointed and the members will be presented during our July chapter meeting. They will be calling for nominations in late August or early September. Since we have an off-site meeting (field trip) for August, we wanted to get the committee established so elections can be completed in October to insure a thorough hand-off to the new officers well before the positions become effective on January 1, 2013.

We have a great meeting planned for Tuesday, July 10. Please note this is the second Tuesday and the meeting was moved since many people will be on vacation the prior week since July 4 falls on a Wednesday.

See you at Boy Scout Headquarters on July 10 at noon!

-Mike

North Texas Chapter Meetings

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday July 10, 2012

Subject 1: Overview of the Regional Assessment Tool

Subject 2: PS Prep

Speaker 1: Michael Gaciri **Affiliation:** North Central Council of Governments

Speaker 2: John Small **Affiliation:** Business as Usual

Location: Boy Scouts of America

(Note: There is a cafeteria available for lunch)

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

Agenda:

- **Welcome**
 - Recognize new members
 - Recognize visitors
 - New certifications, jobs, job searchers
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Bureau of Engraving Tour: August 7
 - CPM West Conference: ACP meeting on Tuesday, October 9: Gaylord Texan
- **Career Corner**
 - **Spotlight:** Jesse Davis – AA Credit Union
 - **Speaker:** Mary Crea – Supply Chain DRII 2012

Special Points of Interest/Inside this issue

- *June Field Trip recap of our exciting trip to the Norman Weather Center*
- *Upcoming Bureau of Engraving Field Trip in August*
- *Career Corner*
- *Welcome*
- *Congratulations*
- *Meeting Calendar for 2012*

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June Meeting Recap



FIELD TRIP TO NATIONAL WEATHER CENTER OKLAHOMA

ACP members and guests had an exciting road trip to the National Weather Service. What a great time we had visiting and learning about meteorology and the weather. Topics covered encompassed weather warnings, preparation of storm information and distribution to the public before, during and after a weather event.

We were fortunate to be the recipients of the best tour guide, whose name was Daphne Thompson. Daphne, being a meteorologist herself, was extremely knowledgeable and passionate about anything to do with the weather! She answered our wide array of questions ranging from the real storm chasers (“or not”), to “are there any good/better/best weather websites?”, and “What happens to weather balloons after they are released?”

The weather center itself houses the latest in technology, tools, monitoring and weather instrumentation. One new piece of equipment includes a significantly improved radar system modeled from the military. There is technology under development that will be able to send out waves into a storm to identify what the particles are inside. Not only can they send undulating ‘up and down’ waves, but also ‘side to side’ waves. With this “side to side” measuring capability, meteorologists will be better able to predict the content of precipitation within a storm. For example: depending on whether particles are large, small, rounded or vertical, they could represent ice, snow, rain or hail. Having this information will empower the weather channel to issue more accurate warnings to the public of what to prepare for in a timelier manner.



Our tour of the 5 storey facility included the lookout area at the top - weren't those bouncing spring stools the best?! We were able to monitor the live national weather prediction center which consisted of state of the art technology and layering to provide meteorologists with an accurate view on multiple screens. In the same vicinity was the local Norman weather center equipped with several large screens where the experts monitor anything and everything – including “breaking news”. Any significant event – explosion, wild fire or similar, can be hugely impacted by weather (heavy rain, winds, storms etc). It is therefore important for the weather experts to stay tuned in to current news. It was a privilege to be able to see some of the country's top meteorologists in action.



One of the highlights of our trip included a lively impromptu discussion over lunch, which took the form of an open forum. The topics were thought provoking and included the different roles that BC/DR professionals are responsible for in our current market – such as Information Security and Safety. This was a refreshingly casual, yet professional luncheon. We received a request to hear more on the new ISO standard. In response to that our board is investigating the possibility of having an ISO standard presentation included in either the upcoming CPM West convention or possibly someone speaking at our local chapter meeting. Watch this space for more details.



Photo submitted by Tim McKay

We were very thankful to have this opportunity and look forward to all the innovation and progress that is happening on a daily basis at the National Weather center. Our sincere thanks go to Daphne Thompson from the NWC, as well as Mia Marzullo for organizing this enjoyable outing.

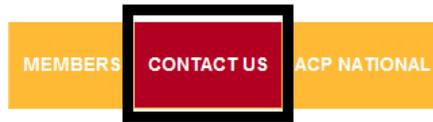


THANK YOU from all of us!!

NWC article and photos (unless otherwise specified) by Dianne Stephens

Do you know who to call at ACP if you need support?

You can find this information (and more), on our ACP website on the “Contact us” tab



For any questions or issues related to ACP International, download the [ACP Customer Service Matrix](#)

Welcome New Members

We would like to give a warm North Texas chapter “Howdy” to the following new members:



**Mathew Kennedy
George Macrelli
Dana McGowan
Brandon Mohon
Warren Shayler
Samuel Taylor**

Congratulations!!



A hearty “Congratulations!” to the following members on their recent Certifications:

Jodi Ouellette - CBCP

If you have recently received a certification and would like us to publish your achievement, please contact Dianne Stephens at Dianne.stephens@vertexgroup.com or notify any of the Chapter Officers (listed on page 2)

Career Corner

This column will be devoted to our members from the perspective of the employee.

We will be focusing on:

- Your job classification, are you:
 - Unemployed/ in Pre-Employment
 - Under employed
 - Miserably employed
 - Gainfully and Happily employed
- Jobs, which companies are hiring and how can I land that opportunity of a lifetime?
- Career Development/ Empowerment
- Using Social Networking- the Dos and the Don'ts
- Risk, how broad can we go to obtain opportunities?
- Internal HR, just what are they looking for?
- Head Hunters, are they working for me?
- Your community, what can we do to assist the community and also be recognized as a leader?

If you have any ideas or suggestions for topics you want included in the Career Corner, please send me a note at: Susan.Guinn@citi.com

Welcome to...

Career Corner:

This month's article is written by [Buffy Rojas](#) who is the Director of Communications at DRI International.

The Most Pressing Issue Facing BC Professionals IS...

Last time around, our one-question survey asked about the most pressing issues facing business continuity professionals. Here are the results:

Budget cuts 47.0%
Public image 29.4%
Other 29.4%
Supply chain 23.5%
Lack of trained BC staff 23.5%
Power/ infrastructure vulnerabilities 17.6%
Shortages of BC staff in tough economic times 17.6%
Cyber-crime 5.8%

The "Other" category included the following:
Lack of management buy-in, ignorance, and lack of recognition that disasters will happen

Comments included the following:

"It seems that management in many companies still does not believe that having a plan is all that important to being able to recover the business after an event (thus the willingness to cut staffing and training for BC staff)."

"Budget cuts can be a catalyst for everything else on the list!"

"Company doesn't see the need for unit/dept to handle BC."

"The biggest threat I face every day is convincing people that BC/DR planning is important, especially in the wake of the past few mild hurricane seasons. I'm very happy not to have had to evacuate due to a hurricane since Gustav, but that lack of disruptive events breeds complacency and complacency is more dangerous than any storm."

Again, all of this information will be driven from what you are interested in. If you have a particular area of interest - Please contact Susan at Susan.Guinn@citi.com or at 469-220-8604.

UPCOMING JULY MEETING – What an exciting program!!

FIRST SPEAKER - Michael Gaciri

Title: Overview of the Regional Hazard Assessment Tool (RHAT)

Summary: The Regional Hazard Assessment Tool (RHAT) is a dynamic web based mapping and assessment reporting tool. The RHAT will assist address unmet needs in hazard identification and analysis for emergency preparedness stakeholders in the North Central Texas region. These needs include the quantifying of risk for grant requests, providing regional emergency preparedness stakeholders a resource to assist in vulnerability assessments, resource staging during response, risk analysis and also assist in quantifying loss for damage assessment and decision making.

Bio: Michael currently works as the Emergency Preparedness Specialist in the Emergency Preparedness Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Michael has a several years of professional experience and has worked in non-profit, professional service and government organizations in Africa and the United States. Michael earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate Degree in Organizational Development from Bowling State University in Ohio. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Technology from the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton in Kenya. Michael is married to Wangeci and they have a son – Fadhili, and twin daughters Subira and Sifa.



SECOND SPEAKER – John Small CBCP, CBCLA, MBCI

John Small will be one of the speakers during our July meeting. John's presentation will be covering "PS Prep" and we look forward to hearing from him. John's company is Business As Usual, Inc and he has extensive experience auditing Business Continuation Plans, Business Impact Analysis (BIA), and recovery testing. Audit activities include internal pre-audits and interfacing with a wide variety of auditors (i.e., corporate internal, Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Office of Thrift Supervision, etc.). John provided inputs and remedial recommendations to address the identified "Gaps In Excellence".

SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this month will be Jesse Davis from American Airlines Credit Union

CAREER CORNER – JUNE SPEAKER

Mary Crea will be sharing a very interesting presentation with our group, plus additional feedback on Supply Chains from her recent trip to DRII2012. We look forward to hearing from you Mary.

*****Upcoming Tour in August*** **Bureau of Engraving Fort Worth****

We have yet another outstanding tour prepared for our members in August, so mark this one in your calendars!!

August 29th celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Bureau of Engraving. What a GREAT time for us to visit the facility!! We are scheduled to attend a tour of the facility located in north east Fort Worth.

When: 12:00pm noon on August 7th

We will take the tour and then Gary Medesy has arranged for ACP members to have a question and answer session regarding BC/DR and some security issues following the tour. For more details, please click the link below.

<http://moneyfactory.gov/tours/fortworthxtours.html>

We will provide more details and driving directions in next month's newsletter.

Articles of Interest

What makes a successful BC or DR Professional?

The answer to that question may well be to master the "The Art of the Disaster Simulation". We are both honored and fortunate this month to include an article which was featured in Continuity Central, and written by one of our very own North Texas chapter members – Mark Armour.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0988.html>

"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."

Warren Buffett

We welcome your suggestions for quotations: Send your quote to Dianne.stephens@vertexaroup.com

****HOT TOPIC****
WERE YOU IMPACTED BY THE RECENT HAIL?

If you were impacted by the recent hail storms, we commiserate. Not only does the damage cause disruption to you, your family, your business or your possessions during the storm – but it also leaves a trail of inconveniences around the repairs AFTER the storm. To help you prepare or be aware, we have included some interesting facts about Hail:

Interesting Facts!

Some of the most damaging Texas weather is due to Hail! “Hail Season” typically begins in March and runs through June. These severe spring storms are caused from the transition from cold to warm months. The clash of two different air masses allows the atmosphere to generate the violent storms which produce hail. (TASBF)

Did you know....

- 1) Hail is the single largest cause of property damage to buildings in the United States.
- 2) Sixty-Five percent of hail falls outside of a typical 8 a.m. to 5p.m. workweek. This means there is a higher probability of a hail storm occurring while you are home.
- 3) Hail storms cannot be predicted or prevented. Know the signs of a pending hail storm
 - a. Hail is produced by strong thunderstorms
 - b. Be on the lookout for dark clouds (sometime with a greenish tinge), heavy rain, thunder, lightning and strong winds

BE PREPARED

- 1) Provide covered shelter for you, your family and pets. Animals are especially vulnerable to hail. The noise can be frightening for them
- 2) Prepare a storm kit and make sure everyone in your household knows where it is. The kit should contain a flashlight, battery-operated radio, fresh batteries, candles, waterproof matches and emergency contacts. Pack a blanket that can be used for additional protection. Wearing running type shoes is a good idea in case of broken glass.
- 3) Close all windows and external doors if a hail storm is approaching.
- 4) Make sure your vehicles, boats, RV's. etc., are in a covered area.
- 5) Inspect your gutters and drain pipes to ensure water can drain properly.
- 6) Keep your trees trimmed and watch so branches don't fall and cause additional damage.
- 7) Remove or cover patio or lawn furniture that may be damaged by the hail

Hail Tips and Facts

Large hail stones can fall at speeds faster than 100 miles per hour. If you see a hail storm approaching, take cover immediately, but do not stand under a tree because of the danger of lightning strikes.

Read more: [How to Prepare for a Hail Storm | eHow.com](http://www.ehow.com/how_2060060_prepare-hail-storm.html#ixzz1yHKIGdF0)
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UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting calendar

Date	Location	Spotlight	Career Corner	Presentation 1	Presentation 2
July 10	Boy Scouts	Jesse Davis, AA Credit Union	DRI 2012: Mary Crea	Risk Database: Michael Gaciri	John Small (PS Prep)
Aug 7	Fort Worth	Bureau of Engraving	none	Risk Manager	Tour
Sept 11	Boy Scouts	none	none	Private Public Partnership: Mia getting a speaker	[swap with November if date is an issue]
Oct 2--tentative	UNT (evening)	none	none	UNT speaker	NTX ACP Overview for the students
Oct 9 2-4 PM	Gaylord Texan	CPM West: ACP Regional	none	Keynote (Nat'l Board?)	Introductions
Nov 6	Boy Scouts [consider holding this meeting topic at H5 CoLo]	none	none	Overview on DRII Professional Practices: Short by section, then roundtable-- identify SMEs for future sessions	[swap with September if date is an issue]
Dec 4	Lawry's	Annual Luncheon: 65 people limit	Recognize 2012 MVP	Welcome / All 2012 Certifications & Awards	Prizes



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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jul 10 th	Boy Scouts of America
Aug 7 th	Field Trip
Sep 11 th	Boy Scouts of America
Oct 2 nd	Evening Field Trip
Nov 6 th	Boys Scouts of America
Dec 4 th	Holiday Luncheon

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