



ASSOCIATION OF CONTINUITY PROFESSIONALS

North Texas Chapter

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 – July 2018

Distinguished North Texas ACP Chapter Members.

We have half a year to complete our 2018 goals. To help you prepare your last half of the year as I write this article, we have 169 days until Christmas. Whether its perception or reality, I am amazed how fast time flies. Could be I'm getting older or that I simply have more on my plate nowadays.

Our biggest threats continue to be climate and cybersecurity. Although we can't change Mother Nature or Cyber Criminals, we can certainly be prepared. Even Edna

Mode (The Incredibles movie super hero fashion designer) stated, "Luck Favors the Prepared." Our profession certainly knows this to be true. But how do we persuade those who don't believe that disaster will strike or impact them?

I personally use the broken record method and present some sort of "business case." That is, I continually provide the data that shows our level of preparedness. For example, I recently performed a tape vault audit and data recovery capability analysis at one of my sites. I found the tape librarians weren't ejecting the weekly backup tapes prior to pick-up by Iron Mountain. This resulted in the backups staying on-site for an additional week. That's 168 more hours of data loss! I then presented that information in business terms. We currently have about 5000 engineers in our company. If you multiple 5000 X 168 X \$100 (fictitious hourly rate), that adds up to a whopping \$84M in billable revenue. That definitely turned some heads and resulted in easily persuading the tape librarians to change their habits and ensure the data is promptly taken off-site.

My enthusiasm increases whenever I am able to grow and gain a continuity advocate. It is exciting when you see the light bulb turn on when one of my fellow co-workers "get it," which is the purpose, reasoning, and techniques behind continuity of IT service. As a team of one, I need all the continuity advocates I can find!

Our world is getting more technologically complex and our companies are increasingly relying on that technology. There will be no shortage of need for our continuity

discipline, practice, and protection. Yep, there is no lack of work.

Have a safe and fun filled 4th of July holiday. Looking forward to seeing you Tuesday, July 10th. The Department of Homeland Security will be presenting the Current Trends in Cyber Security at Quest Diagnostics.

Cheers,

Wendy

Member Badges

Updated member badges have now been mailed out. If you did not receive yours or are a new member and would like to request a badge, please contact Carol DeLatte at carol.6323@gmail.com. Ensure your membership information is up-to-date.

Mentorship Program

The Mentorship Program is a chance to form a relationship with new and future ACP members and develop your personal and professional skills! Don't miss this chance to further your development within the ACP industry! We are looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a Mentor or Mentee or know someone that may be interested, please contact George Philpott at george.philpott@ftr.com

Programs:

Reminding everyone that because of the Independence day holiday, our next meeting is one week later than normal and is scheduled for Tuesday July 10th, 2018 at Quest in Farmers Branch. Please make sure your calendars are updated as we have a very special guest scheduled for our July meeting. **Mr. Chad Adams** from the Department of Homeland Security will be our featured speaker and he will be presenting "*Current Cyber Threats and DHS Cyber Offerings*". We are excited to have Chad present which will highlight Cyber, and also build on the interest for our August session where we will have **Mr. Jeffrey Murray** presenting from the DHS – Office of Infrastructure Protection. Mr. Murray will be sharing with our ACP members the multiple tools and resources that may be available to companies, of which many I promise you that you never knew you could request...and are no charge!

Looking back, I wanted to again thank **Melissa Rhodes** from Assurance Software (previously Sungard Availability Software & Services) who was our presenter at the June ACP meeting. Her presentation was titled "*Planning a*

Surprise DR exercise – Is your program ready to take DR testing to the next step and have a surprise DR test?" It was a great and energetic presentation, that made many of us wonder what would happen at our companies if.... I cannot close without also thanking Melissa and Assurance Software for sponsoring the lunch for our North Texas monthly ACP meeting (it was delicious). If you would like more information about her topic or Assurance Software, feel free to reach out to Melissa at melissa.rhodes@assurancesoftware.com or visit their website at <http://www.assurancesoftware.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 2:00 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-----July 10, 2018

Time-----12:00 pm

Location: Quest Diagnostics
2655 Villa Creek
Dallas, TX 75234

[map](#)

Lunch-----Not Provided

Meeting Agenda

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome.....	Wendy Nelson
Upcoming Events.....	Wendy Nelson
ACP Officer Reports.....	ACP Board
Featured Speaker.....	Chad Evans

Program: Current Cyber Threats and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Offerings

2018 Meeting Schedule and Locations

Schedule and location are subject to change!

July 10.....	Quest Diagnostics
August 7.....	Boy Scouts of America
September 11.....	Quest Diagnostics
October 2.....	Boy Scouts of America
November 6.....	Quest Diagnostics
December 4.....	Holiday Luncheon-North Texas ACP Members and invited guests ONLY-RSVP Required

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

Please contact a board member if there is a topic that you would like discussed, if interested in presenting, or know of others who would be willing to present an upcoming meeting.

The Benefits of ACP Membership

Submitted by: Carol DeLatte, MBCI, CBCP and Secretary
for the North TX Chapter of ACP

Why should you join or renew your ACP membership? We polled several active members of the North Texas Chapter, here's what they had to say:

- ... information provided ... which helps me stay relevant in the industry.
- ... network, which often includes sponsored lunches (free to ACP members)
- ... BC learning/improvement and support group
- ... the friends I have made (i.e. networking)
- ... learning new ways of doing things
- ... behind-the-scenes field trips which are interesting, relevant, educational and fun
- ... personal development – Over and above the professional side, by being a member and working with peers across multiple companies, industries and disciplines, I have a better appreciation of areas that I may not have exposure to within my own company. As such, I can use that information about my industry to advance myself personally and professionally.
- ... deep-dive discussions on relevant and timely topics

... networking. Meet the best people within the DFW area that have similar job duties.

What's your "WHY"?

What does ACP National list as top benefits of membership? Here's their top ten list:

10. Online Resources – news, information etc. www.acp-international.com
9. Recognition – peer support and industry acknowledgement of accomplishments
8. Industry Presence – recognized as authoritative voice for the profession
7. Local Chapter Presence – 30+ chapters across US
6. Speaker's Bureau – locally and nationwide
5. Sharing Accomplishments – share your news, we will broadcast it!
4. Member Discounts – group insurance, conferences, trade publications
3. Social Media – LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook – to name a few
2. Education – local presentations, monthly national webinars, annual conference
1. Networking – often with food/drinks involved!

If you haven't renewed for 2018, now is the time to reconsider.

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Training Opportunities

Upcoming Conferences (training courses often available pre- and post-conference)

- DRJ Fall 2018
 - September 23-26, 2018 – Phoenix, AZ
 - <http://www.drj.com/fall2018/>
- ASIS 2016 Seminar and Exhibits
 - September 23-27, 2018 – Las Vegas, NV
 - <https://www.gsx.org/>
- BCI World
 - November 6-7, 2018 – London, UK
 - <https://www.thebci.org/event-detail/event-calendar/bci-world-conference---exhibition-2018.html#about>

Ongoing 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
- Bright Talk
 - [BC webinars and recordings, by date](#)
 - Random scheduling.

Courses beyond conferences/webinars:

- Business Continuity Institute
 - www.thebci.org
- Disaster Recovery Institute International
 - www.drii.org
- ISO Based Training
 - <https://pecb.com/training>



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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