



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 – March 2018

March has been a very busy month for me. Much to my surprise, I attended 3 different classes in Agility as well as participated in the inaugural meeting of the Dallas Factor Analysis of Information Risk (FAIR) chapter. My journey began on Saturday, March 10 when I attended a breakfast meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI). The session was titled *DevOps: Advantage for Business Agility*. We've all heard of DevOps, Agile, and Scrum but what does this mean for us as continuity professionals? We have an excellent opportunity to utilize our skills by incorporating continuity practices with DevOps and

Agile. Introducing your talent early in adoption is key. We are all masters at collaboration and for me personally, that has been the only way I have been able to work my way into projects and initiatives. Continuity design and implementation will be much more difficult if left to the end, much like we experience with non-DevOps/Agile environments of today. The danger of leaving continuity protection planning until the end will absolutely increase costs and risk for our companies. In my view of the world, Agile is for software development with DevOps being the Agile for infrastructure. Both are required to deliver software and technology solutions to our internal/external customers.

Mid-March I was fortunate to attend a 2 day course titled *Leading SAFe – Applying a Lean-Agile mindset with SAFe* (Scaled Agile Framework). It is amazing how much our continuity skill set can augment adoption, implementation, and execution of these methodologies. Consider reading the Agile Manifesto. It's free for you to read at www.agilemanifesto.org. Also free is the history of Agile located at www.agilealliance.org. Begin now! Don't wait! Jump on the bandwagon or you will be left behind.

For those of you who are members of PMI, consider taking the PMI Agile 101 training. I attended this 4 hour training session which was excellent. Liam Davidson (aka "Red" – yes he is a ginger!) from Toyota was amazing in sharing his expertise with Scrum Agile while the group practice simulations reinforced the concepts.

My learning journey was well rounded this month with the introduction to DevOps and Agile, the training in SAFe methodology, and reinforced with the PMI Agile 101. I am grateful the universe laid this training out so well for me.

Let me now switch gears to FAIR (Factor Analysis of Information Risk). I was introduced last year to the FAIR risk methodology where risk is a derived value that represents loss exposure. Simply put, FAIR is a methodology to *quantify* risks. Traditional methods for risk management usually boil down to qualitative opinion that are based on a set of learned assumptions. Complicating this varied interpretation of traditional risk methods is the fact that not everyone's assumptions are the same. Consider learning about FAIR (which, by the way, originated within a company headquartered in Dallas!). There is no cost in learning about FAIR, www.fairinstitute.org. As the chapter grows, consider joining the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the FAIR institute.

There is a wealth of information at the tips of your fingers. The world is changing. To keep pace, you've got to adopt an attitude of lifelong learning. Only you can jump on the bandwagon, embrace new concepts and technologies, and implement the habit of self-learning. Enhance your ability to ensure your enterprise is resilient. Don't wait. Act now!

At your service,

Wendy

Updated Member Badges

Updated badges are now available. Please contact Carol DeLette at carol.6323@gmail.com to make arrangements to have your badge mailed to you. Thanks again to our Chapter President, Wendy Nelson for undertaking this project. It is greatly appreciated!

Member Recognition

Please welcome our new members from Toyota:

- Michael Garza
- Katie Sibert

It's Spring. It's North Texas ACP Mentorship Time

It's time for the North TEXAS ACP 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

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Programs:

Scheduling of programs continues for the rest of 2018, keep looking online at our Events page for latest updates. At our next meeting (April 3rd) we are excited to have our own Greg Holdburg presenting "Ranking the Maturity level of your BCP using a Resiliency Maturity Model" in advance of his presentation at Continuity Insights. What a great local opportunity, before anyone else, to see one of the presentations. Following up on that at our May 1st monthly meeting, we will be meeting at a special time in Plano. Make sure you mark your calendars to join us from 4 – 7PM at the new Toyota North America HQ, Plano TX. Over and above presentations, the session will include a tour of facility and an opportunity to mingle before we all depart. You will need to pre-register for the event to streamline the check in process, so keep looking for updates. The ACP-NT continues to appreciate the speakers and hosts of our monthly events in supporting our profession.

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-----April 3, 2018

Time-----12:00 pm

Location Boy Scouts of America
 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
 Irving, TX 75015
 [Map](#)

Food-----Food can be purchased at the cafeteria on site. Feel free to bring your lunch

Meeting Agenda

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome.....	Wendy Nelson
Upcoming Events.....	Wendy Nelson
ACP Officer Reports.....	ACP Board
Educational Opportunities.....	Allan Schmidt

Program: Ranking the Maturity Level of Your BCP Using a Resiliency Maturity Model
Featured Speaker: Greg Holdburg

2018 Meeting Schedule and Locations

Schedule and location are subject to change!

April 3, 2018.....	Boy Scouts of America
*May 1, 2018.....	Toyota

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 at 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)

- Continuity Insights Management Conference 2018
 - April 23-25, 2018 – Miami, FL
 - Approx \$1295 (Discounts available for ACP members) Does not include lodging/transportation
 - <http://continuityinsights.brownrice.com/events/16th-annual-continuity-insights-management-conference>

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