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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 – December 2018**

Holiday Greetings Distinguished Members of North Texas ACP.

Our year is almost at a close and we get to celebrate the chapter's success together at our annual Holiday Luncheon this Tuesday, December 4. Thanks to Chet Bojarski, we've had some great meetings in 2018! The field trip to the new Toyota campus along with the entire team sharing the growth of their continuity program was amazing. Other highlights included learning how to engage millennials from XM Performance, Greg Holdburg presenting how to rank

the maturity level of your BCM program, and Assurance Software sharing how best to plan a surprise DR exercise. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was incredibly supportive in sharing cyber security trends, providing a summary of the free tools and resources they offer, and conducting a free active shooter awareness training session. Strategic BCP presented a wonderful session on the intersection of BC and cyber security and provided some useful links. I must say this has been one of the best ACP years-to-date. Our chapter is successful because of YOU! Now, just imagine 2019 being even better!

The 2018 chapter leaders were (and still are!) a great team. A president cannot lead without quality lieutenants. I cannot say enough thanks to each and every chapter leader for everything they do. You've had innovative main speakers because of Chet, an agenda because of Carol DeLatte (she's been my right hand too!), fiscal stability because of Phyllis MacLachlan, a strong member connection because of Tim Prewitt, an extremely current web site because of Mark Pousard, abundance of communication because of Allan Schmidt, the first official mentor program in ACP because of George Philpott, and National Board member Susan Guinn keeping us current with ACP International as well as chairing the 2019 nominating committee. Our immediate past president, Mark Armour, has continually guided our team throughout the year. With such a great team, our chapter is strong!

Let's reflect on the 2018 BCI Horizon Scan Report which named the top 10 business continuity risks as:

1. Cyber attacks
2. Data breaches
3. Unplanned IT and telecom outages
4. Interruption to utility supply
5. Adverse weather
6. Acts of terrorism (i.e. active shooter incidents)
7. Security incidents (physical security)
8. Fire
9. Supply chain disruptions (upstream or downstream)
10. Transport network disruptions (air, sea, and land)

To some extent, each of the 10 risks listed above have been realized. While some only on a local scale, each of our continuity programs could have realized at least a few of the risks. Most continuity programs go for an all-hazards approach. This may or may not be sufficient for specific threats we have. I know I'm preaching to the choir. It will be interesting to see how the 2019 BCI Horizon Scan comes out as I think the resulting top 10 will be the same as 2018 but maybe in a little different order. Would you happen to have any incidents to share about how you overcame a continuity challenge? Please share and email me at [wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com](mailto:wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com).

As we begin planning for 2019, please share your specific interests with any of the North Texas Chapter leaders. We want to be sure our ACP chapter is addressing your needs. What do you want to hear about or discuss?

I wish you and yours a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday season. Don't drink and eat too much, don't text and drive, and don't forget to renew your ACP membership for 2019. You'll be glad you did.

At your service,

Wendy

### Programs Update From Chet Bojarski:

So how would your company have done? As a chapter, I think we've done pretty well. At our November meeting, we had the opportunity to implement some "resiliency planning". As sometimes happens, there are always things that, no matter how much you plan and prep, come up at the last minute. In November, our

own Joe Kieszkowski, who was hosting the meeting, put his backup plan in place. Even though the scheduled tour and location that was originally planned had to be changed (now rescheduled for February), everyone stepped up and we had a great session with an in-depth and interactive discussion. Thank you to Joe, the ACP members who got the word out quickly on the venue change, and all the members who quickly redirected their GPS's to the normal Quest meeting space. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the lunch that Quest provided to our members.

As we look to December, we hope to see you at the annual year end event at Maggiano's Little Italy - Willow Bend on December 4th starting at 11am. **An RSVP to this special event is required** as it is only for North Texas ACP members and invited guests. As always, it is an event not to be missed.

As we continue to work on 2019 speakers, if you have someone that you feel would be a good presenter, have a topic of interest to our members, or a site that you can host 30 to 40 members for our monthly meeting, please reach out to the me. I can be reached at [chet\\_bojarski@yahoo.com](mailto:chet_bojarski@yahoo.com). Make sure in the subject line you put "ACP SPEAKER/VENUE" so that it will receive the right priority. We are always looking at new and creative ways to benefit our members (Presentations, Tours, Discussions, and Assistance).

Chet

### 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 DeLatta at [carol.6323@gmail.com](mailto:carol.6323@gmail.com). Ensure your membership information is up-to-date.

### Mentorship Program

#### What is Mentoring?

Mentoring is a developmental partnership through which one person facilitates the growth of another by sharing known resources, expertise, values, skills, perspectives, attitudes and proficiencies. Mentoring allows the Mentee to build his/her professional competence in a safe environment, while providing the

opportunity for the Mentor to enhance his/her own capabilities.

### **Which one are you? Mentor? Mentee?**

All of us are one or the other. When you renew your yearly ACP membership, there is an option to sign up for either one. Please take some time to consider which you are. Choose one.

We are sponsoring the 2019 North TEXAS ACP Mentorship program. Please be a Mentor or Mentee.

If you are interested in being a Mentor or Mentee or know someone that may be interested, please contact George Philpott at [George.Philpott@EmployBridge.com](mailto:George.Philpott@EmployBridge.com)

## **Elections**

Elections for the 2019 Board are currently underway and closing shortly. If you did not receive the emailed survey for you to vote, please contact the Nominating Committee Lead Susan Guinn at [susan.guinn@citi.com](mailto:susan.guinn@citi.com)

### **2019 National Board Elections**

Congratulations to Susan Guinn and Allan Schmidt on their election to the ACP National Board of Directors! Their 3 year term begins January 1, 2019. Susan was re-elected to her second term while Allan is new to the board this year.

### **ACP Membership Renewals**

If you haven't renewed for 2019, now is the time to reconsider!! ACP International is offering the renewal for 2019 via a 'monthly' drawing of \$100 gift card for each month: November and December. If you renew in November and do not win the gift card then you are automatically re-entered into the December drawing. The earlier one renews, the more chances one has to win a \$100 gift card. You can call 1-800-445-4427 for more information.

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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**-----**Holiday Luncheon:** December 4, 2018

**Time**-----11:00 pm (Please not earlier time!)

**Location:** Maggiano's Little Italy  
The Shops at Willow Bend  
6001 Park Blvd.  
Plano, TX 75093  
[Map](#)

Please note the holiday luncheon is open only to members of the N. Texas ACP Chapter and invited guests. An RSVP is required. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Carol DeLette, [carol.6323@gmail.com](mailto:carol.6323@gmail.com)

### **2019 Meeting Schedule and Locations**

***Schedule and location are subject to change!***

Planning for an exciting 2019 is currently underway. Please check the [ACP N. Texas Chapter Website](#) for current topic, speaker, and meeting location as they become available. 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](http://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!

## Training Opportunities

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

- DRI2019
  - February 17-20, 2019 – Las Vegas, NV
  - <https://conference.drii.org/>
- DRJ Spring 2019
  - March 24-27 – Orlando FL.
  - <https://www.drj.com/spring2019/>
- Continuity Insights Management Conference
  - April 15-17, 2019 – New Orleans, LA
  - [www.continuityinsights.com/events/17th-annual-continuity-insights-management-conference/](http://www.continuityinsights.com/events/17th-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](http://www.thebci.org)
- Disaster Recovery Institute International
  - [www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)

- ISO Based Training
  - <https://pecb.com/training>

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



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