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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 – February 2019

Distinguished North Texas ACP Chapter Members.

Happy New Year! I look forward to our time together in 2019, it should be an exciting year.

20 years ago, many of you were in the same position as I...working Y2K projects. That was the big risk at hand. The theory of thousands of computing systems erroneously calculating the date back to 1900 rather than 2000 and the pandemonium it would cause. Oh, I relish those simple days.

As the clock ticked midnight, with about 100 of my fellow IT colleagues, it was quiet. Nothing. Of course, the years of hard work and preparation were considered a success. As the days passed and little nit errors cropped up, then worked, we all just took home an etched champagne glass to remember the "event." What's funny, my husband about 20 miles away, was doing the very same thing. And his story was very similar to mine. Well except his company was prepared with champagne to fill the glasses! We now clink our Y2K memorial champagne glasses each year in remembrance.

Just to name a few memorable natural disasters in the past 20 years (taken from <https://ourworldindata.org/natural-disasters>)

- Hurricanes - Katrina, Sandy, and most recent what I call the HIM hurricanes - Harvey, Irma, Maria,
- Tornadoes - Fort Worth March 2000, Moore Oklahoma in 2013, and most recent and close to home, Rowlett December 2015
- Wildfires - California & Colorado seem to be the most heavily affected states on the list.

Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and Wildfires, oh my!

Besides natural disasters, we've seen extreme violence with mass shootings at Sandy Hook, Columbine, Sutherland Springs, and of course Las Vegas. And I doubt any one of us ever will forget the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Gosh, we've seen a lot of real disasters in a very short period of time. My heart goes out to each of the loved ones left behind from 20 years of loss. I don't know about you, I'm glad to be alive and kicking.

I would love to hear some of your Y2K stories, good or bad. Or even what or how you may have used the Y2K information gathered within your continuity programs.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February field trip at Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits.

At your service,

Wendy

Programs Update From Chet Bojarski:

We would like to thank Jim Rosenbluth from Preparis Corporation for traveling in to be a guest speaker at our January monthly meeting. His insightful presentation was on "Business Continuity v. 3.0: BC Goes Strategic", and we thank both Jim and Preparis for being our first presentation of 2019!

As we look ahead to our Tuesday February 5th session, remember that it will be at a special time (tour starts promptly at 3PM, we will leave from the lobby after signing in) and special location. As an active member, you should have already received an evite from Carol, our Program Secretary. Our own Barry Morgeson, CBCP will be giving the Southern Glazer's presentation from the 2018 Continuity Insights conference titled "Resiliency Leadership". In advance, we thank Barry for presenting, and Southern Glazer Wine and Spirits for hosting our February meeting. Because of space limitations, as a reminder only the first 40 ACP members to confirm will be able to attend the facility tour and meeting.

The Farmers Branch meeting address is posted on our website and also in the evite that you received. Finally, with our meeting being at a later time, it gives us an opportunity to enjoy some light beverages and snacks as members network after our meeting, courtesy of Southern Glazer Wine and Spirits, and your ACP NT chapter. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting.

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Introducing a new role - BCI USA Ambassador for North Texas ACP

Intro: Hi, my name is Dianne Stephens. I'm an active 'risk and resiliency' professional. Like many of you, my 'BC/DR/CM/ER' career has evolved to meet changing trends over the past two decades. I've been a member of ACP North Texas chapter since 2009, and served on the board for four years.

Q: What is the new BCI ambassador role?

A: The role of the BCI ambassador is to be the conduit for BCI's research material to resilience groups (such as ACP North Texas). All BCI material is non-commercial and educational in nature. Presentations available are based on BCI's in-depth research such as cyber security, supply chain resilience, emergency communications etc. *(See table for program schedule and links)*

Q: Why are you agreeing to be an ambassador?

A: During my career I've practiced within various disciplines of resiliency programs across the globe. Partnering with those global communities has solidified my enthusiasm and support for the BCI. The BCI helps me stay current with global trends. In addition to their research, I make it a personal practice to read their quarterly magazine from cover to cover, and have pulled many valuable tips from published articles. It is my intent to help raise awareness about BCI's great research program to our local ACP North Texas Chapter.

Q: How can we contact you if we have questions about the BCI's research program? Email: dmstephens@tmkmail.net

You're the Reason! Update your ACP profile

Because of you and your interest in giving back to the continuity community as a mentor or mentee, ACP is creating a formal ACP Mentorship Program!

In your current ACP profile, you shared a desire to be a mentor and/or mentee by selecting the "Be a mentor" or "Be a mentee" on the Special Group Interest section of your profile. ACP

wants to continue our partnership with you in starting a valuable and sustainable Mentorship Program. Here's how you can help us do that.

At your earliest convenience, please go to the ACP International website and renew your interest in the Mentorship Program by updating your profile www.acp-international.com:

- Your Information: Provide the most current contact information
- Please share with us: Special Group Interest, select "Be a mentor" or "Be a mentee"
- Demographics Section: Provide Industry Segment and Areas of Expertise information

Updating your profile before January 2019 is greatly appreciated. We know you probably have lots of questions about participating in this great program. So be on the lookout for more information coming from ACP soon!!

Activity	Deadline/scheduled publications
Continuity and resilience report (Sponsor Everbridge)	6-7- November 2018
Supply chain resilience report (Sponsor Zurich)	6-7 November 2018
Emergency communications report 2018 (Sponsor F24)	January 2019 (week commencing 21 st)
Horizon scan report (Sponsor BSI)	15 February 2019
Supply chain resilience trend analysis (Sponsor Zurich)	March 2019
Physical & Cyber security project	TBD
Terrorism and social media	June 2019

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-----February 5, 2019 RSVP required, seating limited

Time-----3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Note special time)

Location: Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits
 2001 Diplomat Drive
 Farmers Branch, TX 75234

[Map](#)

Light Snacks: Sponsored by ACP N. Texas Chapter Board

Meeting Agenda

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

Program: Site visit & tour / meeting & presentation / Networking event to follow

2019 Meeting Schedule and Locations

Schedule and location are subject to change!

February 5.....	Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits, Farmers Branch
March 5.....	Quest Diagnostics Lab, Irving
April 2.....	Sirius Computer Solutions, Dallas
May 7.....	Toyota North American Headquarters, Plano
June 4.....	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
July 9.....	Quest Diagnostics, Farmers Branch

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

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

Why should you join ACP 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 2019, now is the time to reconsider.

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Training Opportunities

Upcoming Conferences

- **ACP 2019**
 - February 17-20, 2019 – Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
 - \$129 for ACP Members
 - [Conference link](#)
- **DRI2019**
 - February 17-20, 2019 – Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, NV o Approx. \$1295 (ACP Discount code is POM193)
 - [Conference link](#)
- **DRJ Spring World 2019**
 - March 24-27, 2019 – Orlando, FL
 - Approx. \$1395 (\$200 Discount until 1/25/19, \$100 Discount until 2/25/19)
 - [Conference link](#)
- **Continuity Insights Management Conference 2019**
 - April 15-17, 2019 – Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA
 - Approx. \$1595 (\$200 Discount until 2/15/19, \$100 Discount until 3/15/19)
 - [Conference Link](#)
- **Business Resilience Conference**
 - April 25, 2019 – Grand Hyatt DFW, Dallas, TX 75261
 - Approx. \$795
 - [Conference link](#)

Local Certification Classes:

- **DRI**
 - ABCP Certification Class - BCLE 2000 Dallas 3/18/19 -3/22/2019 (4.5 days of instruction/half day for qualifying exam)
 - \$2750 Does not include lodging/transportation
 - [Class link](#)
- **BCI** (through Brison, Ltd)
 - CBCI Certification Course 2/25/19 -3/1/2019
 - \$3340 Does not include lodging/transportation
 - [Class link](#)

Ongoing Webinars:

- **Federal Government**
 - [Webinar link](#)
 - Held on the **1st Wednesday of every month at 1 P.M. Central Time.**
- **ACP International**
 - [Webinar link](#)
 - Held monthly. Check website for details.
- **Firestorm**
 - [Webinar link](#)
 - Held monthly. Check website for details, scroll down and look under Events
- **Bright Talk**
 - [Webinar link](#)
 - 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>
- **National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCS) Training**
 - [More info](#)

Here are a more ways to find out what we have planned:

Our web site: <http://northtx.acp-international.com>

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