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Newsletter

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*Our Mission: Everything we do professionally and as an organization is dedicated to protecting lives, safeguarding businesses, and fostering community resiliency.*



## President’s Comments

North Texas Chapter Members,

How are y’all hanging in there? This month has been quite the year, hasn’t it? It certainly feels like we packed an entire year into the last 30 days.

With the new normal of social distancing, remote work, and staying home, resiliency professionals find themselves establishing a new routine with both their work and personal lives.

Our family includes 3 children (10, 8, and 2 years old), and as many may know, children most often succeed with routines. Our approach has worked successfully for two weeks and seems to find that elusive work-life balance. Here are some of my family’s recent learnings:

- It is acceptable to occasionally have your dog bark and be heard on the WebEx – it’s going to happen
- It is still important to get your steps in – between walking the dog, taking our toddler around the block, and pacing around the house, I’ve been close to hitting my daily 10k steps goal by getting away from the desk and staying active
- Set yourself up for success with no more school lessons from the sofa, and no more work from the laptop – we have properly setup workspaces for everyone in the family and increased our happiness and productivity as a result
- Communicate often with friends and colleagues – I’ve probably talked more with friends, family, and co-workers in various group chats (it’s important to be social) than ever before
- Get a good night of sleep – with many folks eliminating their daily commute, fight the temptation to stay up way past your bedtime

We would like to hear about some of your success stories. We are interested in sharing success stories and positive accomplishments during this unique and significant business disruption during our next ACP meeting, which will be taking place via WebEx. In addition, we would like to dedicate some time in our next chapter meeting for your COVID-19 questions. We have a lot of knowledge and experience in our chapter membership – lets leverage it. Send me note and we can add to our meeting agenda.

Remember – if you do have to go out, wash your hands like you just got done slicing jalapenos for a batch of nachos and you need to take your contacts out.

Thank you for all you do to keep your organization resilient!  
p.s. Be like the Mandalorian. This is the way.

Luis Tapia

**BE LIKE THE MANDALORIAN.**



## Program Updates by Chet Bojarski

We want to thank **Tony Tomasi** of *Sirius Computer Solutions* [www.siriuscom.com](http://www.siriuscom.com) for hosting our March ACP Chapter meeting at their new facility in Dallas. Our members were welcomed by Sirius as they graciously provided lunch and we thank them for their generosity. At the meeting **Alain Espinosa**, *InfraGard (IG) National Board Director & Technology Committee Chair* was our guest speaker. The opportunities that IG members can utilize in the industry were timely as we work through the response and threats seen in the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank Alain for taking the time to present to our membership and I look forward to seeing some of you at future IG meetings if you decide to join. Together, both IG and ACP complement each other in what they offer as better prepared professionals.

We have decided as a Board of Directors that our monthly meetings, especially at this time, continue to be important for our members to connect. To achieve that for the next few months we will be resilient and temporarily move to virtual meetings. I hope that more members will be able to join us on this virtual journey the next few months.

Our next meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> (starts at Noon) we will welcome **Bob Fucito**, *VP Enterprise Resiliency and Security at Fannie Mae* who will join our virtual meeting from Washington DC. His topic addresses “*Trends in Resiliency and Observations from the Financial Services Sector*”. We are excited to have Bob join our first virtual session and thank Luis and Fannie Mae for continuing to support our ACP Resiliency mission.

**Schedule Update:** Our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will also be a virtual meeting and continue to be sponsored by Fusion Risk Management. We will be discussing how to build a resilient ecosystem that also incorporates some of the learnings from the current pandemic. We will send out more information on this as it gets closer. (The workshop and networking event we previously had scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to October 6<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate Fusion Risk Management working with us.)

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to evolve rapidly and it's important to stay up to date. In an effort to help, Fusion's team of experts has created the [Pandemic Readiness Toolkit – Powered by Fusion](#) to provide an additional resource for organizational resilience around COVID-19 as well as insights into pandemic best practices. We wanted to share this toolkit with all of our members as an additional resource as it includes:

- Dynamic map of the pandemic and status updates
- Downloadable general pandemic plan template with basic checklist
- Open community forum for topic discussion, including ask the expert and FAQs features (coming soon)
- Thought-leadership information around the pandemic and best practices
- Links to trusted resources with verified information

This site is widely available to assist professionals with managing COVID-19:

[www.PandemicReadinessToolkit.FusionRM.com](http://www.PandemicReadinessToolkit.FusionRM.com).

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## North Texas ACP Chapter Meetings

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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 [Website](#) for location information. If you have a topic you would like discussed or presented, please contact any of our board members (Sidebar on page 3).

### Next Meeting

### Agenda

### Meeting Survey

<b>Date</b>	April 7, 2020	<b>Presenter</b>	Bob Fucito
<b>Time</b>	12:00 pm— 1:30 pm		VP Enterprise Resiliency and Security - Fannie Mae
<b>Location</b>	Virtual Meeting Host - Luis Tapia with Fannie Mae		
<b>Topic</b>	Trends in Resiliency and Observations from the Financial Sector		



# The Top 13 Best Business Continuity Books You Need to Read in 2020

Posted on [February 13, 2020](#) by [Tess Hanna](#)

Sometimes, in order to advance technologically, it's helpful to look at an old-school approach. Business continuity is essential for your organization, but you should first ensure what plan is right for you and your team. While there are many free resources available online, (such as Solutions Review's [best practices articles](#), [solutions directories](#), and [buyer's guides](#)), doing things the old-fashioned way can be beneficial. Solutions Review has taken the liberty of doing the research for you, having reviewed a multitude of books. We've carefully selected the best business continuity books based on relevance, popularity, review ratings, publish date, and ability to add business value. Here they are in no particular order.

[Read More](#)

## BC/DR Job Postings

Looking for a new position, Cheyene Marling at BC Management suggests subscribing to their BCM Career Alerts (orange button) on their [website](#). The system quickly notifies professionals once a new job is posted that might be a potential match to your search preferences. Posted LinkedIn positions:

**Business Administrator - Business Continuity Coordinator**  
CBRE Dallas, TX, US

**Summer 2020 Intern—Business Continuity**  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, TX, US

**Business Continuity Project Manager**  
DXC Technology Dallas, TX, US

**Disaster Recovery Specialist**  
GyanSys Inc. Irving, TX, US

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## Why Join?

Knowledge.

Integrity.

Innovation.

Support.

ACP is the premier organization for business continuity professionals providing a powerful networking and learning environment for its members.

Known for its progressive programs, workshops and symposiums, the organization has become a unifying force in defining and leading the continuously evolving fields of business continuity, disaster recovery and emergency response.

We would love feedback from you regarding our meetings. Below are the QR codes for the last couple of meetings. Scan the code with your phone and answer 10 questions. Thank you.

11-12-19  
Mary Kay



1-14-20  
FEMA



2-4-20  
Ericsson



## Rethinking Business Resilience In The Midst Of The Coronavirus Outbreak

As U.S. and world leaders step up efforts to slow the coronavirus pandemic, the estimated financial ramifications on businesses may be deep as companies struggle to produce and move many of the everyday products and services consumers have come to depend on.

German luxury auto giant Daimler—which makes Mercedes-Benz—cautioned in its [annual report](#) that the virus “may not only affect the development of unit sales, but may also lead to significant adverse effects on production, the procurement market and the supply chain.”

In China, the virus could [affect](#) up to 42 percent of China's economy—that will be felt globally as China represents about 16% of the world GDP.

*The New York Times* [reports](#) that more tonnage of container ships is idled around the world now than during the 2008 global financial crisis.

The impact of COVID-19, and other global emergencies like it, is compounded by the fact that many companies have limited visibility into their risk exposure or supply chain – especially among tier 2 and tier 3 suppliers that provide parts to their direct suppliers. And without knowing who is supplying what and from where, companies have no real-time knowledge of which parts and products will be affected. This leaves executives, employees, and customers at risk – and without comprehensive knowledge of just how at risk they really are.

[Read more](#)

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# 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

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Schedule and Locations are Subject to Change!

## 2020 Dates

April 7	Virtual—Fannie Mae
May 5	Virtual— Fusion
June 2	Toyota Motors North America, Plano
July 7	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
August 4	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
September 1	Sirius Computer Solutions, Dallas
October 6	TBD (Hosted by Fusion)
November 10	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
December 8	Holiday Luncheon & Year End Event (North Texas Chapter members-only)

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.

## Five steps to maintain business continuity during the coronavirus pandemic

A five-phase strategic and systematic approach to [strengthen the resilience](#) of organizations' current business models is key to business continuity during the coronavirus pandemic, according to Gartner.

“Companies tend to have traditional business continuity strategies and plans that focus on the continuity of the resources and processes but omit the business model,” said Daniel Sun, research vice president at [Gartner](#). “However, the business model itself can be a threat to continuity of operations in external events, such as the global outbreak of COVID-19.”

[CIOs](#) can play a key role in the process of raising current business model resilience to ensure ongoing operations, since [digital technologies](#) and capabilities can influence every aspect of business models. [Read More](#)

## [ACP COVID-19 Membership Forum Recording](#)

Thanks to the many members who joined us for yesterday's timely and informative membership forum. You are on the front lines of this pandemic and we are grateful for your participation. Now, more than ever, we in the ACP community need each other!

[Click here to listen to the conversation.](#)



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Upcoming Conferences

### Continuity Insights Management Conference 2020

April 20-22, 2020 – Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX  
Approx. \$1395 [Conference Link](#) (\$200 Discount if attending both conference and ACP Summit)

### ACP Summit (Post Conference)

April 22-24, 2020 – Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX  
Approx. \$195 (Link to follow)

### DRJ Fall 2020

September 28—October 1, 2020—Phoenix, AZ

### INTERFACE Dallas

October 14, 2020—Irving Convention Center  
[Conference Link](#)

### DRJ Spring 2021

March 28-31, 2021—Orlando, FL

### Critical Facilities Summit

2020 TBA

### North Texas Facilities/Managing Green Buildings Expo

2020 TBA

## Local Certification Classes

### DRI

BCLE 2000 Dallas 7/13/2020 - 7/17/2020, \$2750 Does not include lodging/transportation. [Class Link](#)

### BCI

CBCI Certification Course (Dallas, TX)  
December 2-4, 2020 through Premier Continuum  
[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](http://www.thebci.org)

Disaster Recovery Institute International [www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)

InfraGard (Partnership between FBI and Public Sector)  
[www.infragard.org](http://www.infragard.org)

TEEX [www.teex.org](http://www.teex.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:

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