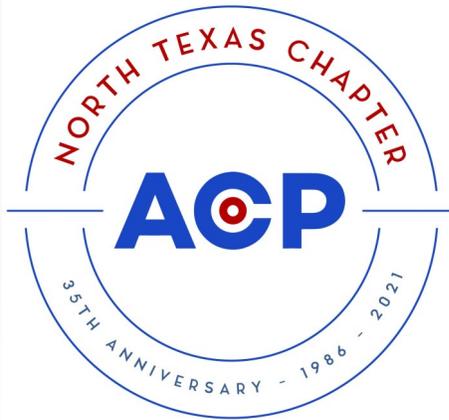




March 2021
Newsletter



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



President's Comments

Happy Anniversary to every current and past North Texas ACP Chapter member! This March we officially celebrate our 35th anniversary as a Chapter committed to all resiliency disciplines. At the time of our founding, they were more focused on data centers and Disaster Recovery, but just as the industry has matured, we have developed into the amazing professional program we are today, supporting all each and every discipline in our space.

In 1986 it took a few forward-thinking individuals to actually begin our Chapter (ACP formally started in 1983 in California). I could only imagine those conversations believing they were mostly in person. Probably in response to sending letters through the post office to a small network of people or using the early communication technologies, like a phone. Think about it, Lotus notes came out in 1989, Microsoft mail in 1996, Gmail in 2004, before those user interfaces were launched writing an electronic message was more like writing machine code. I thank those individuals who took that risk to start our chapter as 35 years later we are still going strong with a bright future in front of us. Risks to the businesses are growing, and the need for our profession is stronger than ever.

I truly believe we are one of the best kept secrets in North Texas. We continue to be one of the largest national chapters that the ACP has, even during the Pandemic we continued our monthly meetings and engaged our members (granted virtually). The strength of the chapter is each and every member that has been a part of our success through all the years. Every connection, every discussion, every shared experience is a part of our history, and I also have to include the friendships that have developed, all because of the North Texas ACP Chapter.

This 35th year we are working extra hard as a Board of Directors to expand our program and awareness of the value of being an ACP member in North Texas. Last month you saw our list of Committees we are looking to start up (have you volunteered yet?) and also our announcement that we have become a member of the **Frisco Chamber of Commerce**.

I am excited to have each of you as members to experience our 35th Anniversary and all that is in front of us. Thank you for your continued support and membership, and I look forward to each and every member making their own personal mark on the future history of the North Texas Chapter.

Chet Bojarski, MBCP
ACP North Texas Chapter President

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Program Updates by Scott Williams

“*Very Informative and Scary!*” is how I believe February’s Chapter Meeting presentation “Cyber Threat Landscape - A Law Enforcement and U.S. Intelligence Community Perspective” was described by one of our members as we closed last month’s meeting. We had the privilege of hearing from **Brett E. Leatherman**, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas Division on the National Security Cyber Squad as he presented us with insight around Cyber Risks/Threats including real-world examples of how cyber-criminal activity can destroy individual lives, companies, and entire countries in the process. Tying it all together, he provided us with some practical information we can all use as Continuity Professionals to help prepare, prevent, respond, and recover from these kinds of events. We appreciate Brett taking the time in his schedule to share such insightful information with us.

For the March meeting, we’ve asked **Michael A. Costanzi**, CFE, Corporate Security Manager, HilltopHoldings to speak to us on the topic of: “Critical Incident – Crisis Management”. Mr. Costanzi worked for the FBI for 23 years serving most recently as the FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office where he had strategic investigative oversight for Complex Financial Crimes, Healthcare Fraud, Public Corruption, and Cyber Crime. Mr. Costanzi’s experience in the FBI includes serving in Oklahoma City where he assisted in the Oklahoma City Bombing investigation and trial preparation; in the FBI Headquarters serving as Supervisory Special Agent in the Counterterrorism Division, Domestic Terrorism Operations Unit providing operational oversight and program management to all undercover investigations for 12 Field Offices in the Northeast Region; and in the Newark Field Office where he led, supervised, and managed a squad of FBI Agents and professional support personnel assigned to investigate Public Corruption, White Collar Crime, and Counterterrorism matters. In January 2020, Mr. Costanzi retired from the FBI and took a position with Hilltop Holdings as Corporate Security Manager. In this position, Mr. Costanzi leads the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Resiliency team for four financial companies and more than 100 lines of business. He also manages physical security, surveillance, access, and investigations for more than 5000 employees in 44 states. We hope you’re able to join us virtually this March for a look into some of Mr. Costanzi’s insight from his experiences providing practical application in the work we as Continuity Professionals provide for our own respective employers.

-*Scott Williams*

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 [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

QR Code

Date	March 2, 2021
Time	Noon—1:30pm
Location	Virtual Meeting
Topic	Critical Incident – Crisis Management
Presenter	Michael A. Costanzi, CFE, Corporate Security Manager, HilltopHoldings



Effective, real-world business continuity management tips

Andy Osborne shares some business continuity advice from the 101 tips included in his new book 'Practical Business Continuity Management 2'. The tips aim to provide useful thoughts for improving all levels of business continuity management systems...

Business continuity mismanagement

There are lots of things you can do to improve your chances of developing a robust and fit-for-purpose business continuity capability. Listed below are seven ways to make sure it's a spectacular failure!

Read entire article from Continuity Central [here](#).

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 Continuity Manager Dallas
Baylor Scott & White Health
Dallas, TX

Business Continuity Analyst
SoFi
Lewisville, TX

Crisis Management Director
CBRE
Dallas, TX

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“A great, great deal has been said about the weather, but very little has ever been done.”

Mark Twain

Benefits of Membership

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 some previous meetings. Scan the code with your phone and answer 10 questions. Thank you.

February Meeting
Brent E. Leatherman
FBI, Dallas



January Meeting
Michael Boettcher
Morgan Stanley



November Meeting
Virtual Happy Hour



Chapter Membership Information

News from your Membership Director: I just wanted to take this time to thank you for your past membership and remind you that your ACP North Texas chapter membership will **expire on December 31, 2020**. We believe the North Texas Chapter provides many benefits including networking opportunities and actionable, valuable information shared at our monthly meetings.

We encourage you to renew your membership by clicking [here](#) and select **Renew**. If you need an invoice or online assistance, please contact ACP National headquarters at (800) 445-4227 or customercare@acp-international.com.

If you are unemployed, retired, or a full-time student, AND you want to remain active with the chapter please visit our chapter website (<https://chapters.acp-international.com/northtexas>) to find information on our **Reduced Rate Program**.

We look forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting.

Joel Navarro, CBCP, MBCI

connect. grow. lead. give back.

FRISCO  **CHAMBER**
of commerce

The **ACP North Texas Board of Directors** is proud to announce that our Chapter is now a 2021 member of the **Frisco Chamber of Commerce**. The Frisco Chamber continues to grow and has over 1,400 members (includes Frisco and surrounding areas). Membership consists of small, medium and large size businesses, while also including other non-profit organizations and the HQ's of many professional sports organizations (MLB, PGA, NFL, NHL, MLS, etc.).

The Chamber membership this year will give our Chapter some visibility outside our normal word of mouth, while also giving back to the community by emphasizing the importance of resiliency planning to continue business operations, no matter the size of a business.

There are additional benefits we can build off of with our new membership that include Chamber networking events and being listed in 2021 in the Chamber Directory that gives to us a wider footprint. In fact, we are already in discussions with the Chamber on an event that share the value our profession brings to any size business. We are excited about the possibilities as we continue to be a part of North Texas and give back to the communities we serve.

Member Volunteer Opportunities.

Please send an email to northtexas@acp-chapters.com and volunteer!

Committee Titles in Bold Proposed Objectives Follow

Chapter Historian As Chapter Historian, generate a history of the ACP NT as best as possible in 2021. Identify, document and interview (as appropriate) past (board) members & identify chapter accomplishments and milestones. Deliverable considerations would be a Year-end presentation at our holiday event, consideration of a regular article in 2021 to be included in our Chapter Newsletter and coordinated within our social media platforms (under separate committee).

Chapter By-Laws review Review and update the current North Texas Chapter By-Laws to ensure alignment with the National By-Laws and our Chapter. Present to the Board of Directors and then Chapter Members for review.

Chapter Growth & Awareness Program Develop and document a proposed cohesive and engaging program that drives Awareness and Growth of our program and our disciplines through the specific recommendations and use of Marketing, Community and Social Media platforms (including university partnerships?)

2021 Year-end Holiday Event Committee Develop, coordinate, and host (President can host event) the December 2021 North Texas Chapter Year-end review within the budget as approved by the 2021 ACP NT Board of Director.

Community Service Opportunities Identify & propose Community Charity opportunities that Chapter individuals or the entire Chapter can volunteer for as a team. Objective is to be a more active Chapter member in the communities we serve.

Job and temporary consulting opportunities Develop and document a proposed internal chapter process (includes internal POC and communication avenues/best practices) ensuring chapter members are aware, on a timely basis or possibly on demand, of new job opportunities (be they full time, part time, volunteer) within our disciplines. Output may also consider a current or future phase on how to identify a database of active members interested in new opportunities, if recommended and or appropriate.

2021 Summit Meeting Identify the need, recommendation, and if approved the coordination of an ACP North Texas Summit in later 2021. Objective is to benefit the members, and community and region we serve as it relates to our Chapters discipline. Summit could also be in partnership with other ACP Chapters as appropriate.

2022 Board Nomination Committee (2-3) Committee shall ensure a Chapter Board nominations are in place for 2022 in alignment with the Chapter By-Laws. Committee to coordinate acceptance of all nominations, present candidates to membership, facilitate the membership voting process, and deliver the results to the Board of Directors, which will then be announced by the Board to the Members.

Mentorship Program As point of contact for the Mentorship Program, review existing program, recommend any enhancements, and facilitate the matching of Mentors/Mentees for the calendar year.

Third Party Best Practices Committee would collaborate to develop a document that would be shared with others on the best practices when using Third Party services. Output would include a white paper issued under the cover of the ACP North Texas to be available to businesses or professionals based on the contributions of its members.

2020 Audit Committee

(no additional volunteers needed, audit in progress) The Audit Committee will examine all 2020 Chapter financial records and make a report of their findings. Present output to the Board of Directors for review. Once approved and complete, Treasurer to provide certification to National ACP by end of March for previous year.

Upcoming Conferences

DRJ Spring 2021

March 28-31, 2021—Orlando, FL
Virtual and In-Person

Continuity Insights 2021

April 27-28, 2021—Minneapolis, MN

Continuity and Resilience 2021

March 17-18, 2021
Registration Link [Here](#)

Local Certification Classes

DRJ

What 2020 Taught Us About Risk and Resiliency
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1pm—2pm CT

ACP Webinars

The Greater Tampa Bay Chapter would like to invite our chapter members to register and attend our February program.

Date: Wednesday, February 24th, 2021, 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM EST

Topic: The Chaos of Dealing with Death in Today’s Digital Age!

Presenter: Jonathan Braddock, Author, Speaker, Professional Advisor/Coach, and Co-Founder & CEO, My Life and Wishes, Inc.

Location: Go To Webinar

Registration Details: ACP Chapter Members

Registration URL: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6262008304358180875>

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

InfraGard (Partnership between FBI and Public Sector
www.infragard.org)

TEEX 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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