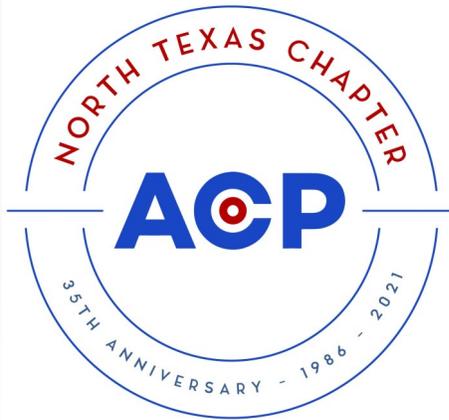




December 2021  
Newsletter



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



### President's Comments

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My wife and I were recently at the AAC stadium to attend the Dan and Shay concert. We were in line to get “beverages” to take into the concert. As we began to order, the person immediately behind us in line stepped up next to us. We heard him say to the bartender; “Everyone deserves something unexpected”, and then he told us *he was going to buy* our drinks and to order whatever we wanted.

Granted we were totally caught off guard by this stranger offering to buy our “beverages”. The only three things we had in common with this person were being at that exact same concert; in that exact “beverage” line; and that we both walked up at that exact moment.

Of course, we were shocked and thought he was joking, so we jokingly said “really?” He very much assured us he was paying for our drinks and pulled out his credit card. We talked for a couple of minutes while in line and of course thanked him multiple times. Afterwards, we all went to our seats to be separated by 19,000+ yelling fans and not to cross paths again.

For many years I have been an advocate for paying it forward, aka, doing random acts of kindness for the unexpected. It does not have to be expensive: Buying someone’s lunch, paying for the coffee of the car behind you in the drive-through, whatever the opportunity and situation may allow. Many times, I was able to do it and leave before the recipient ever knew about it. It was never about the recognition; it was about the unexpectedness of it. But to be honest, this was the first time I can remember being the recipient of that random act of kindness. And you know what? It felt remarkable!

As we are now officially in the Holiday Season, I wanted to take this opportunity to share this story with each of you and ask to look around this season for ways you can sneak in some random acts of kindness. We are (hopefully) coming out of a Global Pandemic that has stressed all of us in different ways, but doing a random act might just be the next necessary part of all of our recovery treatment. The act is something that makes the recipient feel fortunate (no matter how their day is going), while making you feel absolutely amazing. Remember, it is not the value of the act that matters, it is the actual act itself.

May each of you have a wonderful, safe and blessed Holiday Season.

**Chet Bojarski** – President ACP North Texas Chapter

## Program Updates by Scott Williams, CBCP, MBCI

As I write this month’s Programs Update, we enter a season of Thanksgiving. An opportunity to reflect with a spirit of thankfulness and mindset of gratefulness. In that spirit, we want to send a special thank you to our November Chapter Meeting speaker and fellow North Texas ACP chapter member Steve Waken of Waken Resources – Technology & Risk Management Solutions who presented the topic “Transitioning Your Career from Corporate to Consulting”. Steve shared with us a bit of his career path within the 36 years he spent at AT&T serving in a variety of positions including his time as Assistant Vice President of their Business Continuity Management Program. Bringing a wealth of knowledge from his experience in large corporations and with small to medium-sized businesses from his consulting work, Steve also provided those in attendance with a checklist of things to consider when starting your own BC consulting business including how to initiate successful engagements and also offered insight on the potential pitfalls to consider when starting out as well. Steve provided several valuable resources for those starting down this career path and engaged members in helpful dialogue around the topic.

Our December meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the ACP will be a Members Only event as we ring in the Holiday Season with our Annual North Texas ACP Holiday Luncheon. This in-person event held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 is always a great way to network with other North Texas Chapter ACP Members with good food in a fun and relaxed setting. Many of our chapter members also provide those in attendance several take-away gifts and door prizes from the companies for which they serve. Thank you and your organizations for your consideration in providing these prizes and gifts and know that we are grateful for everyone involved in making this annual gathering a much loved and anticipated event.

Finally, we are also grateful and thankful for YOU our chapter members for your continued dedication and involvement with the North Texas Chapter of the ACP. The last two years have been challenging for us all, but I do believe we can make our chapter and our individual investments in this chapter stronger and more valuable by getting back to more in-person events in 2022. Be sure to renew your annual ACP North Texas Chapter membership soon to take advantage of the many educational and networking opportunities that membership has to offer! We will be kicking off 2022 with several fantastic speakers and engaging topics for our monthly chapter meetings. We look forward to visiting with you soon at Maggiano’s in Plano at our Annual North Texas Chapter of the ACP Holiday Luncheon!

-Scott

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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 4).

#### **Next Meeting**

<b>Date</b>	December 7, 2021
<b>Time</b>	11:30 am—1:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	<b><i>Maggiano’s Little Italy—Willow Bend 6001 W Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093</i></b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Christmas Luncheon</b>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>NT ACP Chapter Board</b>

## CISA Cyber Security Playbook

On November 16, CISA released [Federal Government Cyber-security Incident and Vulnerability Response Playbooks](#) that provide federal civilian agencies with a standard set of procedures to identify, coordinate, remediate, recover, and track successful mitigations from vulnerabilities and incidents affecting FCEB systems, data, and networks. These playbooks were developed in accordance with Executive Order 14028, “Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity.”

CISA intends for these playbooks to evolve the federal government’s practices for cybersecurity response, however, private sector, critical infrastructure entities, and state, local, tribal and territorial governments are encouraged to review the playbooks and evolve their response practices as appropriate. Most of the content could easily be adapted by organizations outside the federal government, especially the response checklists. The direct PDF link to the TLP:WHITE document will be found [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 Senior Specialist  
NTT DATA Services  
Irving, TX

Senior Disaster Recovery Analyst  
Pinnacle Group, Inc.  
Dallas, TX

Manager, Business Technology Risk Management and Compliance  
Salesforce  
Dallas, TX

Risk Manager—Data Protection  
Microsoft  
Irving, TX

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“Blessed is the season  
which engages the  
whole world in a  
conspiracy of love.”  
**Hamilton Wright Mabie**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ACP NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER  
HOLIDAY EVENT**

**Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

Only current members will receive an invitation to the holiday event.  
Seating is limited and registration is required.  
Member invitations will be sent out in November.

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## 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.

November Meeting  
Steve Waken  
Waken Resources  
Corporate to  
Consulting



October Meeting  
Mark Doi and Team  
Toyota  
BCM Program



September Meeting  
Dr. Ron Timmons  
UNT, Denton  
Emergency Mgt.



## Mentorship Program Reminder

We are pleased to be able to offer 'something for everyone'. Whether you have recently joined ACP, or you are new to the profession and looking for guidance, or simply looking to sharpen your skills amongst a group of experienced professionals – we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities below.

### New Member Ambassador Program

We love our new members and are thankful for our volunteers who stepped up to help acclimate new members to our chapter and show them the inroads. Welcome!

### Mentor Mentee Connections

There are several mentor / mentee partnerships underway. Those participating have provided feedback that these relationships are already satisfying and rewarding conversations. Kudos to those participating who are hungry to learn and share about our profession.

### Think Tank

We are off to a great start! Our Think Tank is a great space for experienced professionals to come together and discuss openly about topics of interest. This interactive and thought-provoking group has been taking a solid look behind the scenes at the exciting evolution of our "Resilience" profession. This is a great forum to step outside the box, set aside any preconceived notions driven by regulations or standards and talk about where you perceive we are going. Come join us – show up ready to tell us what you really think!

If you would like to join any of the above groups, you can reach out to Dianne Stephens. [dmstephens@globe.life](mailto:dmstephens@globe.life).

## REQUEST: 2022 Member Meeting Rooms

We assume in person meetings are in our future so we are looking to lock in our 2022 monthly meeting locations. Our meeting dates have been set and if you can donate the use of a conference room at your facility to host one or more of our chapter meetings, please reach out to our Programs Director (Scott Williams) as soon as possible to lock in your date(s). Hosting a physical meeting does NOT require you to provide the meeting speaker. The ACP NT board has agreed to support Hybrid meetings in 2022 as we recognize the convenience for some members along with the chance that some in person meetings may not occur as scheduled due to last minute company/facility/health restrictions. But we definably want to plan out 2022 in a positive way. Thank you to all our members for the support.

## Upcoming Conferences

### DRJ

Fall 2021—October 11—14 Virtual  
 Spring 2022—March 20—23 Orlando, FL  
 Fall 2022—September 11—14 Phoenix, AZ

### DRII

February 13—16, 2022 Planet Hollywood Las Vegas, NV

### Dallas Facility Expo

October 5-6, 2022

### Secure World Dallas

October 19-20, 2022 Arlington, TX

## Upcoming Webinars

### 7 Core Capacities Necessary for Supply Chain Resilience

Thursday, December 9, 2021  
 1:00 PM Eastern | 12:00 PM Central | 11:00 AM Mountain | 10:00 AM Pacific  
[\*\*\*Click here to register!\*\*\*](#)

### **DRJ—Working Smarter in 2022 for Better Outcomes**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2pm CT  
[\*\*\*Click here to register!\*\*\*](#)

## 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](#)

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