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**President's Comments**



***“Building Resiliency through engagement in North Texas”***

What is your new life recipe? As we enter into (hopefully) the Endemic, I have been thinking more about what is the new reality of work/life balance within our industry?

Over the past two years we have been on a rollercoaster of emotional, family, logistical and professional challenges. The move to “work from home” for most in our industry provided each of us unique challenges, such as creating the right space to work, home bandwidth capabilities with multiple professionals, and remote school learning. Also, the technology and equipment required to support everyone’s needs.

Then there were the family challenges. Everyone is within the same walls, every hour of every day. Depending on your family, this could have gone any one of multiple ways. In many cases, if you think about it there were positive memories or moments you had that you would never have personally experienced, had you not been at home working.

My question for each of us is what did we miss by being “in the office”? Was it networking, work efficiencies, the commute to work, our co-workers, career growth (out of sight), conversations around the “water cooler”? Coming out of the pandemic I ask you to really think about this through your measuring cup, and not others.

There will be challenges going forward for both employees and leadership to determine what is the right balance in this new world. Of course, we can always go backwards where everyone is back to the office and tests home access as part of your quarterly remote work force resiliency strategy. What will your preferences be, do you care?

After careful consideration, there is no one work/life balance recipe going forward. Each organization and employee will have to keep working the ingredients until they find the right balance and taste that everyone will accept. It will take time as this recipe is new and everyone must be open to trying new variations. There has to be a true balance to ensure everyone can enjoy it going forward, but it may not be perfect for everyone.

If not, you may just need to find a new chef more aligned with your acquired taste.

**Chet Bojarski – ACP North Texas President**

## Program Updates by Scott Williams, CBCP, MBCI

The **February 1<sup>st</sup>** North Texas ACP Chapter meeting delivered another great month of added value for our members. **Andrew “AJ” Jarrett**, Director of Cybersecurity Defense and Compliance at Amsys Innovative Solutions spoke to us on the topic **“Keeping the Business in Business – How Cybersecurity and Continuity can work smarter, not harder”**. As an InfoSec guy, AJ proposed that from his experience, many teams outside of Continuity and Resiliency push documentation and planning to the back burner because they’re typically understaffed and are constantly putting out fires themselves.

With experience as an Emergency Management guy, he further offered some great suggestions to our members on ways to bridge these teams together including speaking the same language, working from the same plans, and having a clear understanding of roles and expectations. AJ also suggested that exercises/tests may be a primary key to help bring these teams together because these tools put people in the same room who can take abstracts and theoretical plans then put them to the test.

The conversation wrapped up with a discussion about the importance of after action evaluations and how these can affect unity and cohesion between these two areas. He reminded us that these meetings should be about processes and should never become personal. One quote I’ll end with related to this discussion: “If our processes assume that humans will not make errors, then the processes are broken”. Great to have AJ with us and hope you were able to make it to our February meeting.

### Next Meeting Date: March 1, 2022 – Virtual ZOOM Call

You’ve probably been asked for quite some time now to choose between “paper or plastic” when checking out at the grocery store. Maybe that choice has officially been made for you depending on where you live or where you shop. You may have also been confronted with choosing between solar vs wind energy for your home or backup generator. While many of us conscientiously try our best to make professional and personal decisions that reduce our impact on the environment, does every “Green” option we choose actually reduce our impact or does it actually increase it?

Make plans to attend the North Texas ACP Chapter Meeting on **March 1, 2022** where we welcome representatives from the **NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)** to discuss the topic **“Resiliency Risks to Going Greener”**. We will hear from **Kelly Ransdell**, Regional Director, South Central Region of the NFPA and **Bob Sullivan**, Regional Director, Southwest Region of the NFPA as they co-present on this topic. Hope to see you there virtually!

### NT ACP Chapter Meeting Location Request!

We are still looking for locations in the North Texas area willing to host our monthly chapter meetings in 2022. If you or your organization would be willing to host even just one “In-Person” chapter meeting this year, please reach out to me directly to coordinate. Looking forward to a continued partnership with our members to make more in-person meetings happen this year. Thanks for your consideration!

# North Texas ACP Chapter Meetings Info

Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month from Noon to 1:30 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 (to the right on this page).

## Next Meeting:

**Date** March 1, 2022  
**Time** Noon—1:30 pm

**Location** *Virtual via ZOOM*

**Topic** “Resiliency Risks to Going Greener”

**Presenters** Kelly Ransdell, Regional Director, South Central Region of the NFPA and Bob Sullivan, Regional Director, Southwest Region of the NFPA

**QR Code for Survey:**



## 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.

### Position posted for NT ACP Chapter Members:

Senior Organizational Resilience Advisor  
Texas Children’s Hospital  
Houston, TX  
[https://www.texaschildrenspeople.org/career/?job\\_id=27720](https://www.texaschildrenspeople.org/career/?job_id=27720)

### Posted LinkedIn positions:

Disaster Recovery Specialist  
StaffChase  
Dallas, TX

Manager—Business Continuity  
Sutherland  
United States (Remote)

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## Thought Leaders

Learn from Over 20 Subject Matter Experts & Advisors

Partial List



**Pete Nicoletti**  
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## Insight

Interactive Panels & Discussions



PANEL 1  
**Securing the Hybrid & Remote Workforce**



PANEL 2  
**AI & Machine Learning - What it Means for Today & the Future**



PANEL 3  
**Ransomware and Resiliency - To Trust or Not Trust?**



KEYNOTE  
**Closing Keynote with U.S. Government Expert**

## Technology Showcase

Evaluate the Latest Solutions from (partial list)



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## Building Organizational Resilience

Drawing on the work of Collins and Porras, which was published in their book 'Built to Last', Alberto G. Alexander explains that organizational resilience does not start with establishing and implementing a specific management system; instead, it is the outcome of a clear set of organizational characteristics.

In today's business context, organizations are faced with an increased level of pressure from the external environment due to rapidly changing business circumstances. The competition intensifies each day and there is increased occurrence of crisis and disaster situations. In such a context, resilience has become a high concern for both practitioners and academicians.

Organizational resilience reaches beyond risk management and business continuity towards a more holistic view of business health and success. A resilient organization is Darwinian, in the sense that it adapts to a changing environment in order to remain fit for purpose over the long term. It is also one that learns from its own and others' experiences in order to pass the test of time.

This article presents the organizational characteristics that firms need to develop to build and foster resilience. Guidelines to consider for organizational resilience management are also presented.

To read the entire article in ContinuityCentral click [here](#).

### 2022 ACP Membership Grace Period ends Monday February

#### **CAN YOU GIVE ME FIVE?**

- Thank You To Those Who Renewed Their ACPNT Membership For 2022
  - If You Have Not Yet, Please Take Time Today Or This Week To Renew
- Invite A Co-worker Or Peer To Attend A Meeting As A Guest
- Take 5 Ask 5
  - Take 5 Minutes And Ask/Invite 5 Peers
  - Share Your Personal Value To Being A Member And Send Them The Link To Join

## 2022 Volunteer Committee's for North Texas ACP

We have had a number of chapter volunteers step-up to get the 2022 Committee's started, but we need a few more volunteers to join in. To add your name, please send an email to day to [NorthTexas@acp-chapters.com](mailto:NorthTexas@acp-chapters.com). At the end of 2022, what will you say you contributed to North Texas? Please consider continuing the legacy of our founders.

Headline	Proposed Objective
Chapter Historian <b>(Started)</b>	<i>As Chapter Historian, generate a history of the ACP NT continuing our efforts in 2021. Identify, document and interview (as appropriate) past (board) members &amp; identify chapter accomplishments and milestones. Deliverable considerations should include physically documenting our history as appropriate, consideration of an article in 2022 to be included in our Chapter Newsletter and coordinated within our social media platforms (under separate committee).</i>
Chapter By-Laws review <b>(Started)</b>	<i>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.</i>
2022 Year-End Holiday Event Committee	<i>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.</i>
Community Service Opportunities	<i>Identify &amp; 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.</i>
2022 Fall Summit Meeting	<i>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.</i>
2023 Board Nomination Committee (2-3)	<i>Committee shall insure a Chapter Board is 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.</i>
Mentorship Program	<i>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.</i>
Young Professional Resiliency Group <b>(Started)</b>	<i>This committee would generate a proposal to the board for the engagement activities needed to supporting the unique needs of new/young professionals entering any of the Resiliency Disciplines. It would be an extension of the ACP NT Chapter. Young professionals* is a place holder and committee would provide suggestions on naming of the group, and other consideration and the definition of success of this group.</i>
<b>C COMPLETE</b> 2021 Audit Committee	<i>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.</i>
Regional Booth Opportunities <b>(Started)</b>	<i>This committee would evaluate and provide recommendations for the use of resources and targeted conferences in the region to host a booth to expand awareness of the ACPNT. Committee would recommend preferred opportunities and marketing materials needed for booth support and engagement. ACPNT has already identified 4+ conferences for 2022 where this is an option for our Chapter.</i>

## 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.

February Meeting  
Andrew "AJ" Jarrett  
Amsys Innovative  
Solutions  
Keeping the  
Business in  
Business



January Meeting  
Cheyenne Marling  
BC Management  
BCM Career  
Resiliency



November Meeting  
Steve Waken  
Waken Resources  
Corporate to  
Consulting



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**Texas Statewide Virtual Tabletop Exercise**

Are you ready to Exercise in 2022! We have you covered, well in a Resiliency way at least. We invite you to join ACP members across Texas on **Thursday, February 24th from 8am to Noon** for an **ACP Hosted Statewide Virtual Tabletop Exercise**. This event will focus on testing your organization's response plans (BCP, ITDR, IR etc.) responding to a cyber blackout due to ransomware.

This is a great opportunity to bring a Table Top exercise to your company without the time investment it takes to plan out the event (talk about an **ACP Member Benefit!**), but be assured our all-Texas Exercise team has been working behind the scenes planning this event for months!

All active 2022 ACP Texas members are welcome to attend and take advantage of this unique member benefit, and bring a guest. To ensure your guest will receive a log in, you will need to register them at the time of your own RSVP. Guest registration can be found when you scroll to the bottom of the registration page.

This is a great opportunity to attend a facilitated exercise with your organization. Don't miss out on the virtual experience!

Click on this [link](#) for more information and to register. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Special Member Benefit

Dallas Cyber Security Summit - 2/25  
Hybrid - Live/Virtual

- \$100 off code to all members/friends of the chapter
- With the code Live = \$95, Virtual = Free

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# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Upcoming Conferences

### DRJ

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

### DRII

February 26—March 1, 2023 Marriott Downtown  
Austin, TX

### Continuity Insights

April 25—27, 2022 Omni Hotel Louisville, Kentucky  
2022 Continuity Insights Management Conference

### Dallas Facility Expo

October 5-6, 2022

### Secure World Dallas

October 19-20, 2022 Arlington, TX

### The National Hurricane Conference

April 11-14 2022

Three full days of workshops and training sessions on a wide range of topics for Hurricane Responders. A full day of general session speakers including many of the nation's top experts in hurricane related issues. EMI and FEMA Certificate Training courses and rap sessions.

<https://hurricanemeeting.com/>

## Upcoming Webinars

### ACP:

Lessons in Dynamic Risk  
March 10, 2022 Noon CT  
[Click here to register](#)

### BCI:

Business Continuity Institute  
BCI Horizon Scan Report 2022—Americas Launch  
March 24, 2022 1pm CT

## Dallas Cyber Security Summit

February 25, 2022 7:30am—6:30pm  
Dallas Marriott Downtown and Virtual  
See page 5 for discount code and link 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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