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**MONTHLY BULLETIN**

## Message from our Executive Director

Dear Secure Technology Alliance Members,

This will be my last message to you as Executive Director of the Secure Technology Alliance. I will be stepping down from the role on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Over the course of the last month, I have been working with the Executive Committee on a transition plan to ensure the ongoing success of the Alliance and both forums. Over the course of the past two years, it has been a pleasure to meet and reconnect with many of the brightest minds in the industry.

As I reflect on the year so far, the highlight is without a doubt the Identity & Payments Summit, where we had 60 speakers, over 300 attendees, and 36 sessions highlighting the convergence of payments and identity and the technologies that are evolving to provide a safer, more secure and privacy preserving infrastructure. See some of the highlights on page 4 of this newsletter.

Looking to the future, we collectively see the need for more focus on some of these emerging technologies, specifically in the area of AI and agentic commerce, where there are still many questions to be answered.

You can expect to see announcements coming soon about the transition plan and call for participation in some new areas that this organization is perfectly positioned to focus on.

I wish everyone all the best and please do keep in touch!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHulka'.

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## 2026 Executive Committee



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SHAPING THE FUTURE  
OF IDENTITY:  
MAKING THINGS  
HAPPEN

## THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL IDENTITY IS HERE

And It's Happening Now

What a remarkable week in Houston at the Secure Technology Alliance Identity & Payments Summit. The digital identity ecosystem is no longer preparing for the future - it is actively building it.

### **mDL Technology Showcase**

The showcase brought together leading organizations driving real momentum across the ecosystem including ONEPROOF, Trinsic, IDEMIA, Socure, HID, and more.

### **Interoperability in Action**

Hands-on testing validated that interoperability is no longer theoretical - it is operational and scalable.

### **22 States. 45% of the U.S.**

ISO/IEC 18013-compliant mobile driver's licenses are now live, marking a shift from pilot programs to scalable deployment.

### **From Conversation to Deployment**

The Identity & Access track emphasized real-world implementation including biometrics, verifiable credentials, and privacy-first design.

### **A Community Driving Change**

Government, industry, and technology leaders are aligned and actively collaborating to move digital identity forward.

## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Help shape the future of digital identity  
**Identity & Access Forum**



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF  
PAYMENTS - TOGETHER

The U.S. Payments Forum community came together in a big way for our Member-Only Day at the Identity & Payments Summit in Houston — and what a day it was. We were thrilled to see such strong engagement across plenary sessions and working committee discussions, all grounded in the collaboration and open dialogue that defines the Forum.

The day's plenary sessions sparked thoughtful conversation on key industry topics, including token lifecycle management, the Forum's work on agentic commerce, and the growing momentum behind mobile driver's licenses (mDLs). Attendees also participated in a dynamic Merchant and Issuer SIG and a full lineup of working committee sessions, each contributing to the collective progress of our shared initiatives.

A sincere thank you to everyone who joined us, contributed their insights, and helped make the day such a success. The energy, expertise, and collaboration on display are what continue to move the industry — and the Forum — forward.

We're carrying that momentum into the months ahead, with ongoing project work, new publications, and continued opportunities for the community to engage, contribute, and help shape what's next.

want to  
**GET**  
**INVOLVED?**

**There's no shortage of opportunity to jump in.** The U.S. Payments Forum Community currently has 10+ active projects underway, spanning topics from tokenization and 3DS to agentic commerce, AI-driven scams, and emerging certification considerations. With multiple working committee and project calls taking place each week, there's real momentum — and real impact — happening across the ecosystem.

Whether you're looking to contribute subject matter expertise, expand your network, or help shape practical industry guidance, there's a place for you at the table. If you're ready to engage more deeply, let us know—we'd be glad to help connect you with the right group and get you plugged in.

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IDENTITY & PAYMENTS  
**SUMMIT**

**Frictionless Futures:  
The Convergence of Payments, Identity & Trust**

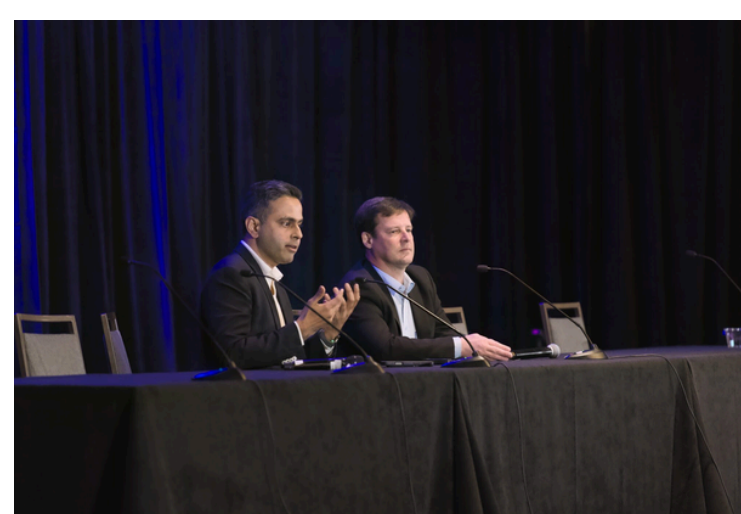
March 2-4, 2026 | Houston, TX



Keynote Speaker:  
Michael Schweiger,  
Airbnb discusses how  
identity is playing a  
crucial role along with  
regulatory requirements  
in the EU



Panelists discuss the  
challenges of agentic AI  
and how the industry is  
starting to answer some  
of the questions



HID and Credence ID  
share real world  
examples of how identity  
and payments are  
converging



Mansour Karimzadeh  
provides perspectives on  
post quantum  
cryptography



Deepanker Saxena shares  
how to identify deep  
fakes in the hiring  
process



**Members can access the available  
presentations from the event [here](#)**

# Congratulations to those that got certified this month!

## **Certified System Engineer ICAM PACS (CSEIP) Training and Certification**

*New members of the CSEIP Community - newly certified*

Andrew Smith (HID Global)  
Ivan Castro (APL Access & Security Inc.)  
Kevin Pawlak (Convergint Federal Solutions)  
Pedro Ricario (APL Access & Security Inc.)  
Ronan Ragasa (BruckEdwards Inc.)  
Shawn Reed (Gorrie Regan & Associates)  
Thomas Klecka (Gallagher North America Inc.)

## **CSEIP Recertification**

*Continuing members of the CSEIP Community*

Clinton Eppler (Cam-Dex Security Corp)  
David Helbock (Hirsch)  
Douglas Oelberg (Pentagon Force Protection Agency)  
Douglas Ritchey (DOC-NIST)  
Garon Ferreira (Cam-Dex Security Corp)  
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Jacob Cangelosi (Rocket City Systems)  
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William Windsor (BW Consulting)