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November 2025 MONTHLY BULLETIN



Message from our Executive Director

Dear Secure Technology Alliance Members,

As November draws to a close, I have the feeling that the month has been very much focused on looking forward to 2026 and beyond.

For both the Forums, Steering Committee elections are underway and will certainly influence the shape of the organization going forward. If you are a primary contact and have not yet cast your vote (one vote per company), please make sure you do. See below for direct links.

In addition, the Secure Technology Alliance Board spent some time in an intensive strategic planning session, taking a look at where the organization would like to be in the next 3-5 years. You can expect to hear more about how that will look early next year!

Perhaps the highlight of the month was the U.S. Payments Forum Member Meeting, which took place at the Best Buy offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which turned out to be one of the warmer parts of the U.S. that week! You can read on below for the highlights.

Looking forward, we are now full steam ahead planning the Identity & Payments Summit in Houston, TX from March 2nd-4th. Read on for more details and please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you are interested in supporting the event, whether through a sponsorship, exhibitor spot or if you have a bright idea that can make the event more successful. Any ideas welcome!

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U.S. Payments Forum Fall Member Meeting



IDENTITY & ACCESS FORUM

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SHAPING THE FUTURE
OF IDENTITY:
MAKING THINGS
HAPPEN

“In life, change is inevitable. In business, change is vital.”

Warren G. Bennis

Thank you for your ongoing **participation and leadership** within the Identity & Access Forum. As we continue preparing for our **2026 Summit** and expanding digital identity initiatives across the ecosystem, we're excited to share **several major updates**—including new projects and committee restructuring.

Also, a **new Steering Committee** will be announced next month, and a **new Identity & Access Forum logo!**

Three New Project Teams Launching

Address Relying Parties

Focused on engaging and supporting relying parties (banks, retailers, stadiums, age-restricted merchants) to define real-world needs and expectations for mDL and digital credential acceptance.

Create/Develop Surveys

Responsible for creating industry surveys to gather data, guide priorities, and inform long-term planning across the identity ecosystem.

Forum Roadmap 2030

Looking ahead, this team will help shape the long-term strategic vision for the digital identity landscape through 2030.

To better reflect its broader scope, the Digital Identity Committee has been renamed the **Digital Credentials Committee**, reflecting its focus on government-issued and high-assurance digital credentials.

If you would like to participate in an IAF working committee or project team, please contact [@Sandy Mayfield](mailto:@Sandy_Mayfield)



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
PAYMENTS - TOGETHER

November brought an incredible wave of momentum for the U.S. Payments Forum, highlighted by our Fall Member Meeting at the Best Buy Corporate Campus. As we reflect on the past year during this season of gratitude, we're especially thankful for the time our members dedicate to this community. Whether serving on the Steering Committee, leading working committees, or participating in our sessions and discussions, your involvement is what keeps the Forum truly member-led and member-driven, and it fuels the open, collaborative dialogue that moves our industry forward. Steering Committee elections are currently underway and close on December 5th, and we look forward to announcing the 2026 Steering Committee soon. As we look ahead, planning is just beginning for our Forum member-only day at the Identity & Payments Summit this March in Houston.

Plenty of progress behind us, and even more on the horizon.

MOMENTUM IN MINNEAPOLIS: FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The U.S. Payments Forum Fall Member Meeting brought together a vibrant cross-section of the payments ecosystem at the Best Buy Corporate Campus for two days of insight, collaboration, and forward-looking discussion. Executive Director Christina Hulka opened with reflections on the convergence of payments and identity, followed by three stakeholder roundtables featuring issuers, merchants, acquirers, and both global and domestic networks. Working committee breakout sessions added to the momentum, with more than a dozen groups sharing updates and aligning on next steps that will carry the Forum into 2026.



The event also featured a dynamic session on Agentic Commerce with leaders from Best Buy, Bank of America, CMSPi and Mastercard – exploring how AI-driven innovation is reshaping customer experience, security, and trust.

Throughout the meeting, one theme stood out clearly: the strength of our member community. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to another impactful gathering, and to Best Buy for their exceptional support and hospitality.





SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
PAYMENTS - **TOGETHER**

FORUM DAY AT THE SUMMIT

Planning is now underway for the **Forum’s member-only day** at the upcoming Identity & Payments Summit in Houston, Texas. Scheduled for **Monday, March 2nd**, this dedicated day will feature a mix of insightful plenary panel discussions and focused working committee sessions—continuing the same spirit of collaboration, cross-industry dialogue, and practical problem-solving that energized our Fall Member Meeting. If you’re interested in helping shape the agenda or contributing to the program, please let [Devon Rohrer](#) know. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



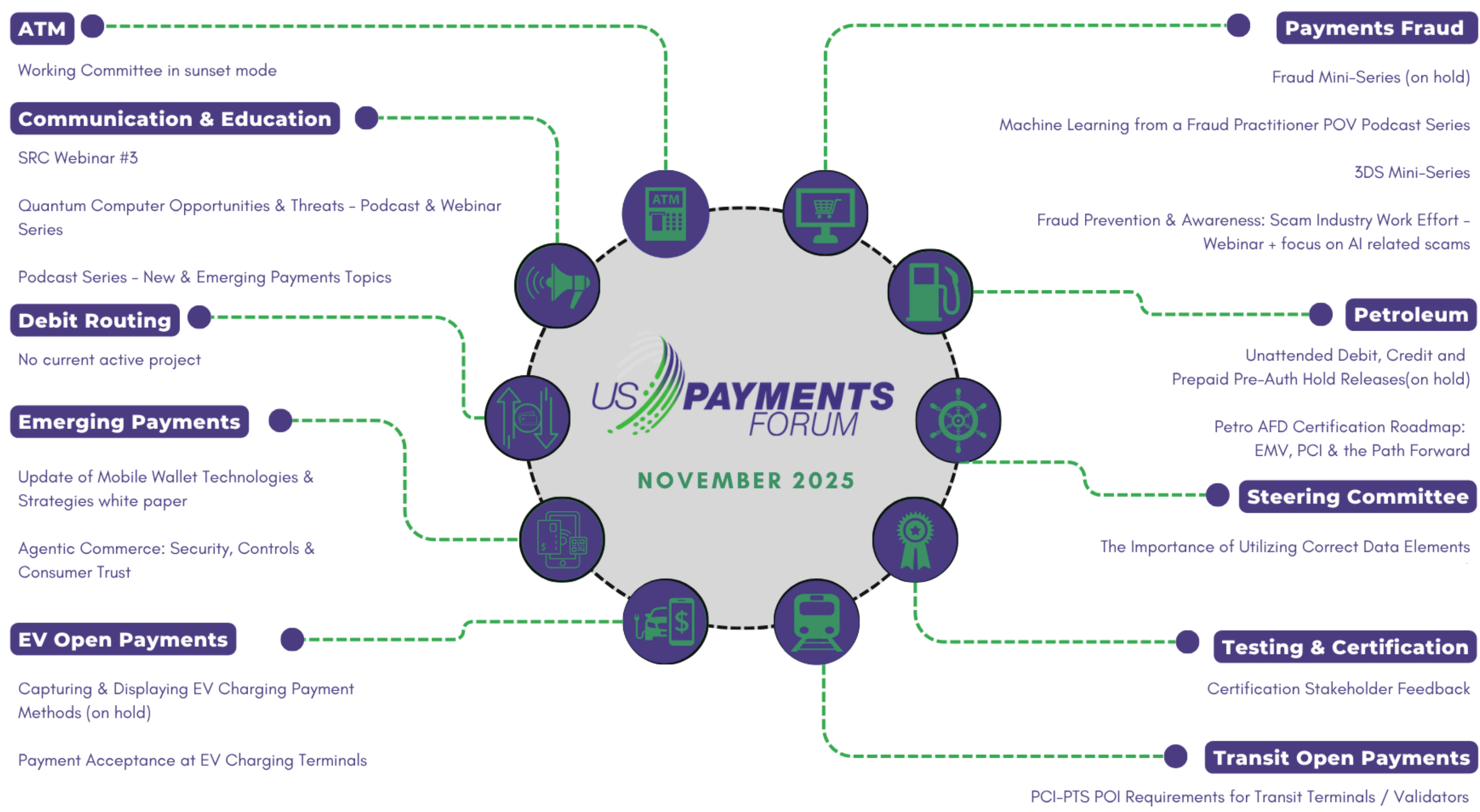
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2026 TERM

STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Steering Committee elections for the 2026 term are now underway, with voting open through December 5th. Eight seats are up for election this cycle, and each member organization’s designated point of contact is invited to cast a vote to help shape the Forum’s leadership for the year ahead. We appreciate the strong engagement shown throughout the nomination period and look forward to announcing the 2026 Steering Committee soon. Additional details and candidate information are available on our member-only site.

FORUM WORKING COMMITTEE PROJECTS



If you would like to participate in a U.S. Payments Forum working committee, please contact [Danielle Mattison](#).



IDENTITY & PAYMENTS SUMMIT

Frictionless Futures: The Convergence of Payments, Identity & Trust

March 2-4, 2026 | Houston, TX

This month, we announced the agenda topics for the Summit -

Payments Track

AI, deepfakes and fraud
Agentic Commerce
Next-gen wallets
Biometric initiated transactions
Identity and Open Payments
Virtual Cards

Identity Track

AI - fighting fraud without breaking UX
mDL ecosystem evolution
Mobile biometrics and IDV
Global Trust Networks
Digital ID for Transit
Navigating Non-Human Identity

Emerging Technology Track

AI - fighting fraud without breaking UX
mDL ecosystem evolution
Mobile biometrics and IDV
Global Trust Networks
Digital ID for Transit
Navigating Non-Human Identity

Mobile Driver's License Technology Showcase + Interoperability Test Event

Contact [Sandy Mayfield](#) for more information and to purchase a table

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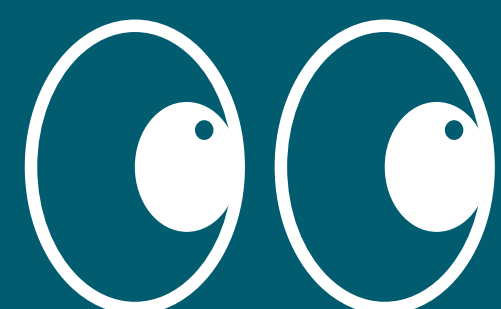
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Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out for announcements and registration for these exclusive add-on events -

mDL 101 training
Payments basics training
Deepfake symposium



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

Ari Erenthal (Certipath, Inc.)
Ashley Bourne (Chenega Security International)
Chris Dante (Life Safety Integrated Systems)
Long Le (M.C. Dean)
Luis De Anda (IntegriWard)
Steve Eckgren (SOV Security)
Theodore Pratt (Johnson Controls)

CSEIP Recertification

Continuing members of the CSEIP Community

Anthony Shields (Parsons Corp.)
Aric Ament (US DHHS)
Brandon Sutphin (Pavion)
Brian Havekost (Convergint)
Carl Seiber (Evergreen Fire & Safety)
Christian Grohmann (Force Security Solutions)
Clifford Hall (Cliff Hall Consulting)
Clyde Fox Jr. (Johnson Controls)
Courtney Gant (Communications Resource)
Dalton Shaffer (Fedora Intertech)
Dan Morrissey (United Security & Communications)
Daniel Burnell (Convergint)
Daniel Reilly (OBXTek)
David Farrington (ProTech Security)
Douglas Nelson (BRCI)
Erik Larsen (Johnson Controls)
Franco DeAngelis (BCF Solutions)
Galen Weimer (Communications Resource)
Glen Ballew (Security Install Solutions)
Jacob Haymore (Johnson Controls)
James Burke (SynchroCyber Corp.)
Jefferson Tross (Versar Inc.)
Jennifer Hicks (Johnson Controls)

Jim Hansen (Secure Contract Advisors)
Jim Kemp (Colsa Solutions)
Job Rushdan (Diamond Security)
John Placious (Integrated Security Solutions)
Joseph Barbone (RedTop Group)
Joseph Peltier (M.C. Dean)
Jaun PC Viricochea (Johnson Controls)
Kathryn Spangler (M.C. Dean)
Luke Pasqualcci (Communications Resource)
Martin Fletes (Digital Technologies)
Melvin Terezon (Gallagher Group)
MG Mala Grover (Digitronics)
Michael Plaughter (Johnson Controls)
Nasir Durrani (M.C. Dean)
Nicholas Rodrigues (AMAG Technology)
Nigel Stewart (M.C. Dean)
Paul Haake (Gallagher Group)
Paul Wojdyski (Controlled Key Systems)
Richard Dietz (M.C. Dean)
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