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Message from our Executive Director

Dear Secure Technology Alliance Members,

It's been great to see some of your faces as we have been out and about during this busy conference season. Devon met up with members at the MAG Conference, Sandy and I were at Identity Week, and I recently presented to the EMVCo Advisors.

Looking forward, the U.S. Payments Forum Member meeting is almost upon us, taking place at Best Buy's headquarters in Minneapolis November 12-13. If you have not yet registered, you can find a link and more details below.

That same week, the Secure Technology Alliance Board will be holding a strategic planning session to talk about the next 3-5 years and what the organization looks like. I look forward to sharing more with you all in the future!

The forums are also thinking about how to best serve the membership and address some of the new challenges that the industry is facing. Unsurprisingly, agentic AI has been the topic of many conversations and the U.S. Payments Forum has now kicked off a project to start tackling the answers to the many questions being asked. The conversation will continue in Minneapolis and you can expect to see more on this topic in our working committees and at the Summit!

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Identity & Payments Summit 2026

Registration is now open!

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NEW PROJECTS & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT Identity & Access Looking Towards the Future

The Identity & Access Forum has three new projects and three committee restructures to better serve our membership:

- **Project Team to Address Relying Parties** - This project team will address the need and project outcome of “decks” that may be utilized at events for speaking as to what the IAF is doing and current relevant material, and keeping the material updated.
- **Project Team to Create/Develop Surveys** - This project team will create and develop surveys to address feedback from members and non-members on what the current industry needs are and to support overall membership. The results will be shared so that the material shared can be disseminated through the IAF to drive membership, etc.
- **Project Team to Form Roadmap (2030)** - This project team will primarily be used for strategic planning in projects and for guiding the vision and goals, along with the building blocks of progress, providing a clear picture of direction and progress.
- **Communication & Education Committee Restructure** - This committee is restructured to include an education strategy and align with all working committees.
- **The Oversight Committee for Training** - replacing the Identity Access Management Committee, the Oversight Committee for Training's purpose is to maintain, modernize, etc., the current and future training that the Alliance offers.
- **Digital Credentials Committee** - renamed from Digital Identity Committee: This committee will concentrate and move forward with digital credentials and other digital projects outside of mDLs.

WORK IN PROCESS

Jumpstart Committee White Paper (in review) – This paper compares government and derived credentials to encourage adoption not only of mobile driver’s licenses (mDLs), but of digital identity more broadly. It outlines what the future could look like for verifiers and relying parties as we transition to a landscape that includes government-issued identities and other ecosystem-driven credentials.

Jumpstart Committee ISO Working Group Report (in review) – Developed from feedback gathered at the 2025 mDL Technology Showcase in San Diego, this paper provides recommendations to ISO working groups on how they can contribute to building a stronger identity ecosystem. It reflects real-world input from relying parties and is intended to inform and guide standards efforts.

Check out the updates @mdlconnection – the Identity & Access Forum maintains ownership of this site used across the mDL ecosystem.

Caught in Action!

Members of the IAF Steering Committee out representing!



If you would like to participate in an IAF working committee or project team, please contact @Sandy Mayfield



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As we wrap up October, excitement is building for our **November Member Meeting at Best Buy Headquarters—now just around the corner!** This month brought great momentum across the Forum community, including the launch of our new Electric Vehicle Charging Payments Glossary, a practical resource helping the industry speak a common language as the EV landscape evolves. We also kicked off a new project, Agentic Commerce: Security, Controls & Consumer Trust, exploring how AI-driven innovation is reshaping not only the payments ecosystem, but the broader commerce experience. And as a reminder, Steering Committee nominations for 2026 close on the 31st, with elections kicking off in the second week of November. Lots of progress, plenty to celebrate, and even more ahead!



COUNTDOWN TO MINNEAPOLIS!

The Fall Member Meeting is just around the corner—**November 12–13 at Best Buy Corporate Campus** in Minneapolis, MN—and excitement is building across the Forum community. This in-person event will bring together members from every corner of the payments ecosystem for two days of collaboration, innovation, and insight. The agenda features **three stakeholder roundtables, over a dozen working committee sessions,** and a featured panel on **Agentic Commerce: Opportunities, Challenges and What's Next.** With registration continuing to climb, now's the time to make sure you're part of the conversation that's shaping the future of payments. [View the full agenda and register here.](#)

The U.S. Payments Forum Electric Vehicle Charging Glossary offers a clear, comprehensive reference for terminology shaping the electric vehicle (EV) charging payments landscape. Developed by the Forum's Electric Vehicle Open Payments Working Committee, this resource promotes consistent communication, shared understanding, and industry alignment as EV charging and payment technologies continue to evolve. Members and stakeholders are encouraged to explore and share the glossary to support collaboration across the ecosystem.



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EV PAYMENTS GLOSSARY





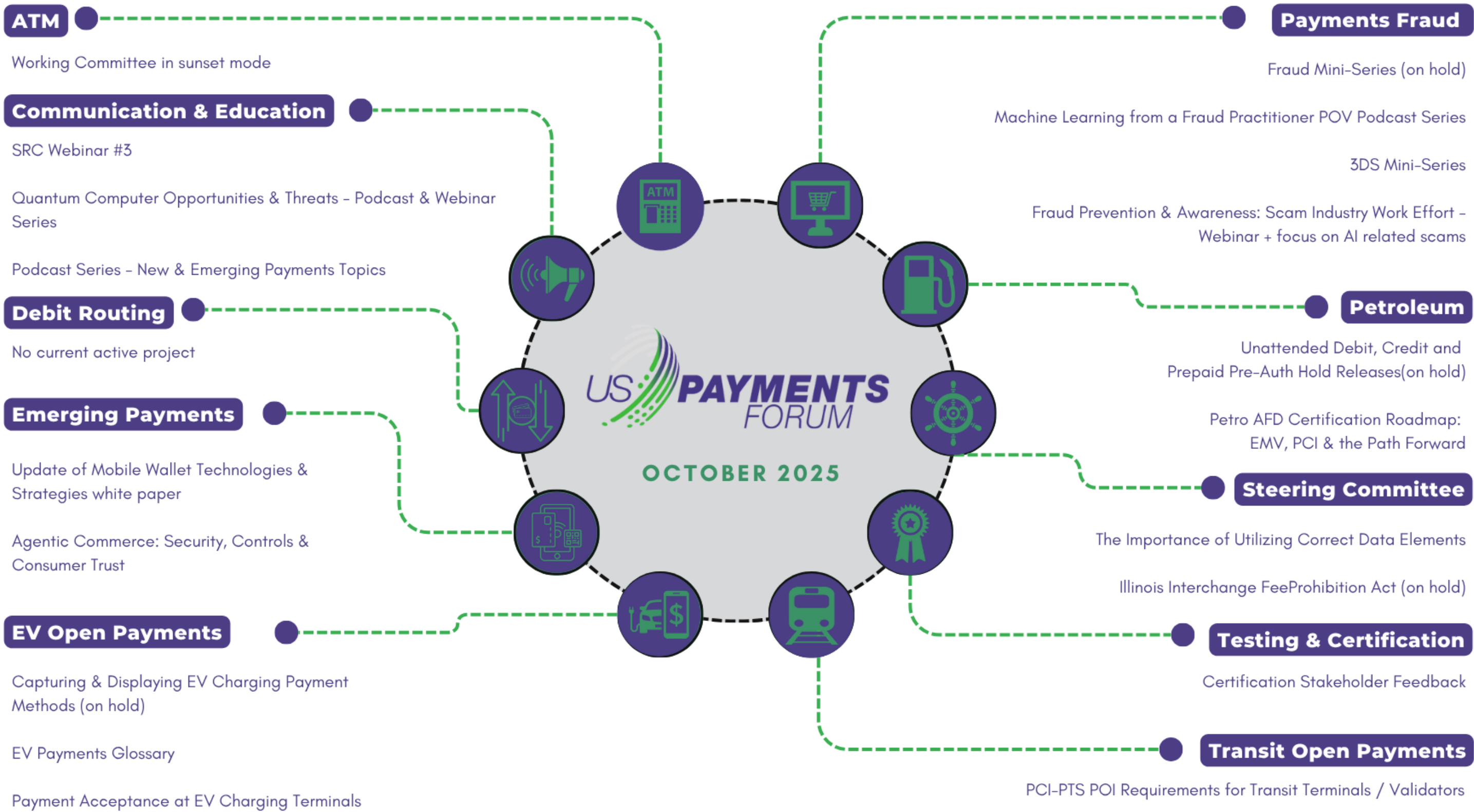
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NEW PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Forum has launched a new joint project—**Agentic Commerce: Security, Controls & Consumer Trust**—led by the Emerging Payments and Payments Fraud Working Committees. This collaborative effort will identify key risks and opportunities introduced by agent-driven commerce and develop practical guidance to help stakeholders prepare for this next evolution in digital payments. The project will explore how wallets, financial institutions, merchants, developers, and networks can adapt to new agentic models while managing consent, minimizing fraud, and preserving consumer trust. **Members interested in contributing to this effort are encouraged to contact info@uspaymentsforum.org**



FORUM WORKING COMMITTEE PROJECTS



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