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2023 Q2 Newsletter

ATPC Trans-Atlantic Tour

The ATPC traveled to the UK and Ireland in April to meet with current and prospective members as well as partner trade associations. The team discussed opportunities to build coordination between the US, UK, and EU payments regulatory ecosystems. This first ATPC trip abroad since COVID lockdown is a continuation and expansion of the organization's extended history of engagement in the UK and an important first step to expand engagement with the EU and associated trade associations in Dublin and Brussels. The ATPC team plans to further develop these relationships abroad, creating a cohesive, international message of unity within the payments community. Check out this newsroom [post](#) on the ATPC website to learn more.



New Member Companies and Board Members

The ATPC team is excited to announce two new member companies, [Kani Payments](#) and [RedCompass Labs](#). Kani Payments provides reporting and reconciliation solutions and tools for businesses. RedCompass Labs support financial institutions in combating financial crimes and deliver secure end-to-end payments. Both companies are based in the UK and are part of the ATPC's growing international initiative. They bring unique insights to the team that will be invaluable to our payments industry policy and thought leadership activities.

The ATPC also added three new Board Directors representing existing members American Express, Mastercard and Visa. Alexander Paull is Vice President of OptBlue and Payment Facilitator Partnerships for American Express. Chiro Aikat, the new Board member from Mastercard, serves as EVP of US Market Acceptance. His biography can be found [here](#) for additional information. Kirk Stuart is SVP and Head of North America Merchant and Acquiring for Visa. Learn more about Kirk [here](#). These new Board members bring senior leadership to the ATPC Board of Directors and will help drive the ATPC's mission to protect, promote, and preserve the payments processing industry.



ATPC Staffing Update

The ATPC has a few important staffing announcements to share with our community. Patrick Greer, Policy Director, will depart the ATPC at the end of May to explore opportunities outside the payments industry and we wish him success in his future endeavors. Please reach out to [West Richards](#) if you have any questions.

With Patrick's departure, the ATPC will be bringing on Joe Testa to support state government relations. Joe formerly served as Vice President of Government Relations at American Express. He has nearly two decades of payments industry state government relations experience and will be an invaluable addition to the ATPC team. The opportunity to secure Joe as a resource was brought to our attention by the ATPC policy committee leadership. And the ATPC will add an additional team member to support communications and operations.

Federal Government Relations Update

The ATPC team held its 2023 Congressional Payments 101 staff briefing at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday, April 18th. The briefing's goal was to give an overview of the payments processing industry, how it functions, and highlight key ecosystem players. It was also an opportunity to answer questions on how certain policies might impact our members. The briefing included a member company panel: Rich Santoro, Discover; Andrea Blinkhorn, FIS; Patrick Cuff, Fiserv; and Chris Merida, American Express. There was great turnout from Congressional staff who were engaged and asked valuable questions. These briefings help to meaningfully create awareness with Congressional offices about the importance of our industry and establish the ATPC as a go to resource on issues that impact our members.

In May, ATPC Executive Director West Richards met with House Majority Whip Tom Emmer (MN-6) and Reps. Buddy Carter (GA-1) and Andrew Clyde (GA-9)

in Atlanta. West spoke with the Congressmen about the ATPC and highlighted the importance of Transaction Alley and the payments industry nationally.



ATPC Networking Cocktail Reception

As a reminder, our next cocktail reception takes place at Ecco in Buckhead (3586 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30326) on May 25th. Please join us for

an evening of networking and socializing with industry leaders, executives, and community members. RSVP to Patrick Greer (patrick@atpcoalition.com) if you would like to attend.

ATPC Q2 Board Meeting and Annual Capitol Hill Fly-In

The ATPC Q2 Board of Directors meeting and annual Washington, D.C., fly-in takes place June 13th. The board and guests will hear from ATPC team members about work completed this quarter, and discuss program and legislative priorities for the remainder of the year. Guest speakers representing European government relations profiles will also discuss critical issues that impact the industry. A reception rounds out the evening, followed by our annual Capitol Hill fly-in on the 14th. The fly-in is an opportunity for our members to meet with Congressional legislators and their staff to educate them on the payments industry and highlight key issues.



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