

# 2025 NEAA CONFERENCE AGENDA Celebrating 40 Years of Shaping the Acquiring Industry! Harrah's Casino – Atlantic City, NJ

Monday, March 17

6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Sponsor Appreciation Dinner** 

By Invitation Only - Hosted by the NEAA Board

## **Tuesday, March 18**

10:00am – 6:00 pm REGISTRATION OPEN— Required for all Sessions

11:00am – 4:00pm EXHIBITOR SETUP – (Exhibit Hall Open Only to Exhibitors)

DIAMOND SPONSOR BREAKOUTS OPEN TO ALL

9:00am – 1:00pm Waterfront Conference Center Rooms 1 - 7

AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS IN SPEAKER HALL

1:00pm – 2:00pm High Risk Panel

Moderator Peggy Olson, Strategic Marketing

Fadi Cheikha, USAG

Tom Olk, Grailpay

Michael Brown, Global Payments

NMI, Speaker To Be Announced

# **Tuesday, March 18 Continued**

2:00pm – 2:45pm New Offerings, New Opportunities for ISOs

"How partners are co-creating products to deliver more value to merchants"

Marla Ellerman, Executive Director, MPC

2:45pm – 3:00pm *BREAK* 

3:00pm – 5:00pm *Catapult AI 2025* 

New Focus for 2025: Al innovation

A competition consisting of four companies chosen from multiple submissions presenting their unique usage of AI in the payments space in a lightning round style with Q&A from a panel consisting of four judges from the investment community; Cash Prizes for winners.

Judges:

Stephen Kane, CEO of Stephen D. Kane Enterprises

Additional judges to be announced

**VISIT WITH THE EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS – EXHIBIT HALL** 

5:30pm – 8:00pm Opening Cocktail Reception in the Exhibit Hall

8:00pm – 10:00pm First Night Sponsored Party

## Wednesday, March 19

9:00AM to 6:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

#### **MORNING VISIT WITH SPONSORS and EXHIBITORS - EXHIBIT HALL**

9:30am – 10:30am Coffee Cart and Continental Breakfast

9:30am – 1:00pm Networking with Sponsors and Exhibitors

10:00am –1:00pm Professional Headshot Photographs for LinkedIn (Foyer)

11:00am – 1:00pm Photo Booth in Exhibit Hall

11:30am – 12:45pm Lunch with the Exhibitors

#### AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS: ALL SESSIONS IN SPEAKER HALL

1:00pm – 2:00 pm View from the Hill - Scott Talbott, EVP, ETA

2:00pm – 3:15pm Keynote: "New Frontiers in AI" Sam Maule

Sam is an active mentor, thought leader, and sought after speaker on AI, digital transformation, fintech, cloud leadership and banking and is a former Googler, banker, and start-up executive. He has over 25 years of experience working in the payments and banking space across North America and Europe for both global companies and in the

start-up community.

3:15pm – 3:30pm *BREAK* 

4:30pm – 5:15pm **Banking as a Service** 

**Moderator: Dale Laszig** 

Heidi Ablowitz – Cross River Bank

**Zachary Martinez – PayArc** 

Vlad Sadovskiy - Netevia

# Wednesday, March 19 Continued

#### **VISIT WITH THE SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS – EXHIBIT HALL**

5:15pm – 8:00pm Cocktail /Dinner Reception with Sponsors and Exhibitors

5:15pm – 8:00pm Photo Booth in Exhibit Hall

8:00pm Exhibit Hall Closes and Breakdown Begins

9:00pm – 11:30pm NEAA CLOSING After-Party

**LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED** 

The 2025 NEAA *Conference, March 18 – March 19* is approved for up to 6 ETA CPP Continuing Education credits.

The Board and Advisory Board of the Northeast Acquirers Association offer thanks to our generous Sponsors, Exhibitors, Presenters, Judges and to all Attendees for their support and attendance at this year's NEAA Show.

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<sup>\*</sup>Agenda, Panel Sessions, Speakers, and Times are subject to change