

July 21-23, 2026
Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, Chicago, IL
MWAA 2026 Conference

Tuesday, July 21, 2026	
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Registration Open (7th Floor) <i>Follow the signs to Registration</i> Sponsored by American Express
3:30 pm to 6:00pm	Entrepreneurs Executive Forum <i>Invite Only - contact william.treciak@midwestacquirers.org for more information</i> Sponsored by NMI
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	
8:30 am to 6:30 pm	Registration Open (7th Floor) <i>Follow the signs to Registration</i> Sponsored by American Express
8:30 am to 1:00 pm	Exhibitors Setup (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom) <i>Exhibitors Setup in Exhibit Hall</i>
8:30 am to 11:30 am	Midwest Fintech at MWAA (6th Floor - Indiana/Iowa/Michigan) <i>Check-In & Networking - Light breakfast, coffee, juice, water, pastries and informal networking</i> <i>The Growth Stack Panel: GTM strategy, sales excellence, payments innovation, and integration</i> <i>Extended Networking & Q&A - One-on-one conversations with panelists, peer networking, closing remarks</i> <i>Hosted & Moderated: Holly Glowaty & Angi Milano, Founders of Midwest Fintech</i>
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Merchant Level Sales Forum (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) <i>Learn more about the industry from payments experts</i> Tony Drescher, Tony the Credit Card Guy Jason Isadore, Summit Payment Solutions Carlos Nieto, CANPAY Jonathan Young, PayBright Moderator: Steven Morris Sponsored by FlexFactor Jodi Durst, ChainIT Pay Debra LeJeune, Integrity Payments Group Jenna Padilla, GOAT Payments Eva Powers, Old National Bank Moderator: Angela Summa
12:15 pm to 1:15 pm	PayTech Women Discussion (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) <i>Co-Founders of PayTech Women: Holli Targan, Diane Faro, Linda Perry</i> <i>Moderator: Gail Burgos, CEO of PayTech Women</i> Sponsored by PayTech Women
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	PayTech Women Networking (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom)
2:45 pm to 3:15 pm	Opening Remarks & Welcome (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) <i>Rod Katzfey, President, MWAA</i> Sponsored by PayCompass
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm	Keynote Speaker (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) <i>Damon West, acclaimed author of "The Coffee Bean: A Simple Lesson to Create Positive Change"</i> Sponsored by GETTRX
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Industry Achievement Award Presentation (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) <i>Presentation Recipient - Lori Carney</i>
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Opening Reception – Exhibit Hall (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom) <i>Visit with the Exhibitors and enjoy the hospitality of the MWAA</i>
9:00 pm to 12:00 am	After Hours Party - (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) Sponsored by Luqra
Thursday, July 23, 2026	
8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Registration Open (7th Floor) <i>Follow the signs to Registration</i> Sponsored by American Express
8:30 am to 10:00 am	Breakfast – Exhibit Hall (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom) <i>Visit with the Exhibitors and enjoy the hospitality of the MWAA</i> Sponsored by American Express
8:30 am to 12:15 pm	Exhibit Hall Open (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom) <i>Visit with the Exhibitors and enjoy the hospitality of the MWAA</i>
10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Chair Massages by Therapy Professionals, Inc. (7th Floor - Ballroom Foyer) <i>Relax with a professional chair massage</i> Sponsored by Simetrik
10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Cyber Connection (6th Floor – Indiana/Iowa/Michigan) <i>A great place to meet clients, make phone calls, get some work done or just relax</i> Sponsored by Woodforest Acceptance Solutions
11:30 am to 12:15 pm	Lunch – Exhibit Hall (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom) <i>Visit with the Exhibitors and enjoy the hospitality of the MWAA</i> Sponsored by Gradient Labs
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Wisdom Blueprint for Scaling Smart (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom) <i>John Badovinac, Flute</i> <i>Todd Linden, Woodforest Acceptance Solutions</i> <i>Dustin Siner, Springboard Consulting</i> <i>Dustin Magaziner, PayBright</i> Moderator: Alexis Lichterman, Mentom Payments
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Legacy + Fintech: The Modernization of Payments (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom)

Jason Noto, Polsinelli
Laura Gibson-Lamothe, GA Fintech Academy
Kevin Lambrix, Hoyne Bank
Moderator: Ania Lackey, Fintech Atlanta

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm **Coffee/Stretch Break**
Sponsored by VISA

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm **VAMP is here, SCAM Protect is coming! (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom)**
Anush Amiryants, VISA
Richard Parrott, Talus
Jonathan O'Connor, Fiserv, Fintech Atlanta
Moderator: Ken Musante, Napa Payments and Consulting

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm **How to Build for the Exit (7th Floor - Salon 1 Grand Ballroom)**
Anthony Malatesta, Wellesley Hills Financial
Joe Cherry, Exectras
Ashley Basnett, Reeve Basnett Pirog PLLC
Moderator: Jennifer Johnson, Moreton Bay

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm **Closing Reception – Exhibit Hall (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom)**
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6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **Exhibit Hall Tear Down (7th Floor - Salons 2 & 3 Grand Ballroom)**

8:00 PM **Register Online NOW for 2027 MWAA Conference**