ILLINOIS M+E BEST OF 2018 READERS' CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

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Every year, we ask you—our faithful readers—to tell us the best of the best in the Illinois meetings and events world. Your votes always result in a diverse crop of winners, from F&B to event décor to A/V and more, and this year is no exception.

Our winners are located all over the state, from Schiller Park and Chicago to Galena and Northbrook. Some have recently opened while others are passing decades in the business. A team of five work at one company, while another has thousands of employees.

So sit down, take notes and consider this your guidebook to planning all your vendors for your

Chicago Athletic Association

While many people leave their workouts behind on vacation, not so in the case at the Chicago Athletic Association hotel this year's Best Hotel with Meeting/Event Space (Less than 350 Guest Rooms). Leaning into its name, the 241-room hotel has launched a number of new fitness programs, including personal trainers and athletic breaks for groups. "We've worked to mindfully reshape the face of loyalty in the hospitality community and of those in the area," says Patrick Hatton, general manager. "The team has crafted a docket of inclusive, accessible and historic programs where everyone belongs, and the spirit of play never ends."