

“SIM Chicago and AITP Chicago award the CIO’s Most Effective IT Awards 2016” - Chicago, IL



SIM Chicago and AITP Chicago wish to congratulate the teams of Connect Hearing (pictured left above), Mesirow Financial (pictured center above) and the City of Chicago (pictured right above), winners of the 2016 CIO’s Most Effective IT Team Awards. All nominations, judging, and elections were done by peers in the information technology community. The awards were presented at the Awards Program dinner on November 17th, 2016.

The Chicago chapters of the **Society for Information Management (SIM)** and the **Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)** are proud to announce the winners of the **2016 CIO’s Most Effective IT Team Awards**. Three year’s team winners are **The City of Chicago** – Large Company, **Mesirow Financial** – Mid Company, and **Connect Hearing** – Small Company.

The awards are designed to recognize the achievements of the teams as well as the significant role that teams play in the overall success of an organization and contributions to the IT community as a whole. Nominated teams were judged in award classes based on company size with points awarded in the following categories: cost effectiveness, innovation, change leadership, value creation, service quality, and community.

The awards evaluation process occurs over a 90-day period including a nomination, qualifying, and peer panel evaluation, culminating with an Awards Dinner at the Metropolitan Club of Chicago in November.

Winner award attendees on November 17th 2016 included:

Representing the IT team of **Connect Hearing**: Demond Taylor (Service Desk Manager), Sven Davies (VP of Information Technology), Ernest Schipman (Infrastructure Manager).

Representing the IT team of **Mesirow Financial**: Jerry Hendrickson, (Senior Vice President), Phil Letarte (Senior Vice President), Mariusz Krolczynski (Senior Vice President), Ryan Surratt (Vice President), Mohan Iyer (Senior Manager Director and CIO).

Representing the IT Team of the **City of Chicago**: Danielle DuMerer (First Deputy Commissioner & CTO), Tina Hauri (Chief Information Security Officer), Tom Schenk (Chief Data Officer), Carleton Nolan (Managing Deputy CIO), Doug Hurdelbrink (IT Director, Software Development), Roderick Warren (IT Director, Technical Operations), and Yolanda Gardner (Director of Finance & Administration).

The program received local industry sponsorship from **Comcast**, **Brilliant** and **EarthLink**. Support was provided by **CompTIA**. The CIOs of the winning teams held an interactive panel discussion moderated by John Fisher of rethinkingIT immediately after the presentation of the awards.

Kevin Rooney, President of SIM Chicago and **Justin Nemeth**, President of AITP Chicago were delighted by this year’s slate of CIO nominated teams. “SIM and AITP believe strongly in the team concept. It starts with great leadership, building the culture, and attracting and developing talent. These teams we honored tonight have made a significant impact on their organizations and we are proud to have the opportunity to recognize them for their achievement” said Rooney.

Nemeth shared "SIM and AITP Chicago have shared a strong partnership for many years with this award. We are privileged once again to highlight Chicago's best and brightest teams, showcasing how Chicago business works."

To consider membership in either organization for 2017, technology executives and professionals are invited to visit the websites listed below.

About SIM Chicago (www.sim-chicago.org)

With a membership over 4,900 technology executives including CIOs, prominent academicians, consultants, and other IT leaders, SIM provides a common ground for technology leaders and business executives to connect and grow. The Chicago chapter of SIM is one of the largest chapters in the association with more than 200 members. SIM Chicago provides a unique opportunity to interact with technology leaders throughout the Chicagoland area and to join peers in giving back to the industry and community.

About AITP (www.aitpchicago.org)

Founded in 1951, the Association of IT Professionals (AITP) remains one of the largest professional technology associations in the country. It is the mission of AITP Chicago to provide superior leadership and education in Information Technology. AITP is dedicated to using synergy of Information Technology partnerships to provide education and benefits to our members and to working with the industry to assist in overall promotion and direction of Information Technology.

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