

International Special Events Society - ISES

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Minneapolis-St. Paul ISES members win 2006 *Minnesota Meetings & Events* at 5th Annual Best of Awards

Each year, readers of *Minnesota Meetings & Events* magazine are asked to choose who they believe are the best in their industry. These "Best Of" awards honor suppliers, such as hotels and caterers, attractions, audio visual providers and entertainers who serve as vendors for the meetings industry. Readers recently voted, through a magazine poll or online, in 20 categories from a slate of finalists who were selected through a nomination process.

The following ISES member companies were selected by readers for the “Best Of” in their respective categories:

Best Caterer - D'Amico Catering

275 Market St. Suite C25 / Minneapolis, MN 55405 / 612.238.4444 / www.damicocatering.com

Best Audio-visual Presentation Provider - Hoffman Communications Inc.

2900 Washington Ave. N. / Minneapolis, MN 55411 / 612.436.3600 /
www.hoffmancommunications.com

Best Photography/Videography - Hoffman Communications Inc.

2900 Washington Ave. N. / Minneapolis, MN 55411 / 612.436.3600 /
www.hoffmancommunications.com

Best Destination Management Company - metroConnections

1219 Marquette Ave., Suite 110 / Minneapolis, MN 55403 / www.metroconnections.com

Best Entertainment or Talent Agency - Temporary Heroes Orchestra

801 W. 106th St. / Bloomington, MN 55420 / 952.224.9591 / www.temporaryheroes.com

Best Meeting Space without a Hotel – Nicollet Island Pavilion

40 Power St. / Minneapolis, MN 55401 / www.mintahoe.com

Best Conference Center– Oak Ridge, a Dolce Hotel & Conference Center

1 Oak Ridge Drive / Chaska, MN 55318 / www.oakridge.dolce.com

Best Event Décor - The Design Group

2912 N. Second St. / Minneapolis, MN 55411 / 800.616.6460 / www.thedesigngroup.com

**Best Destination Marketing Organization – Meet Minneapolis,
Official Convention & Visitors Association**

250 Marquette Ave. South, Suite 1300 / Minneapolis, MN 55401 / www.meetminneapolis.org

In addition, the magazine also enlisted the help of its editorial advisors to select six individuals for its Hall of Fame honors. Nominees were chosen for meeting planner, supplier and event planner in two categories: Up-and-Coming and Best.

ISES members inducted into the MME Hall of Fame were:

Jim Leighton - Best Event Professional.

Jim Leighton, who is Director of Events and Programs Children's Cancer Research Fund, is also currently the President-Elect of the Minneapolis-St. Paul chapter of ISES.

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Dianna Fuller, CMP - Best Supplier

Dianna is the Director of Marketing for Hoffman Communications Inc.

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Alice Lynn Olson - Up-and-Coming Supplier

Alice-Lynne Olson who owns and operates *The Late Bloomer Floral Design Studio Inc.*, also serves on the ISES Minneapolis-St. Paul board of Directors.

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Winners were announced at a reception at Karma nightclub in Minneapolis January 16, 2007.



What is ISES

The International Special Events Society is comprised of over 4,000 professionals associated among 41 chapters world wide who work in the special events industry as event planners, caterers, decorators, florists, destination management companies, rental and production companies, tent suppliers, audio-visual technicians, party and convention coordinators, hotel and convention managers, entertainers and much more. ISES provides education and networking to its members to promote professionalism in the special events industry.