ASCLS-Illinois, the 2018 host society, is proud to welcome ASCLS members and non-members to Chicago for the 2018 Annual Meeting. We hope that you enjoy your stay in America’s Second City!

For an amazing guide to the City of Chicago, consider visiting this website [https://www.choosechicago.com/](https://www.choosechicago.com/). It has a wealth of information on things to do; guides to the various Chicago neighborhoods (more than 100); consider eating at one of the 5,195 restaurants; or you can use it to create trip ideas and that dream itinerary for your stay in the windy city. Whether you are an attendee on a budget, or if you’ve been saving and will turn this into a vacation after the meeting has concluded, this web site can help you get the most out of your Chicago experience.

Consider the Chicago CityPASS. It allows access to many wonderful Chicago institutions. CityPASS allows entrance to:

- Shedd Aquarium (Priority Entry)
- Skydeck at the Sears (not Willis) Tower (Fast Pass)
- The Field Museum (VIP Entry)
- Museum of Science and Industry OR 360 Chicago Observation Deck (Express Entry)
- Adler Planetarium (VIP Entry) OR Art Institute of Chicago (Fast Pass)

The CityPASS is valid for 9 days from the first date of use. Adult tickets cost $106, and represents a 51% savings ($111.90) if purchasing admissions to individual institutions. Visit [https://www.citypass.com/chicago](https://www.citypass.com/chicago) for more information or to purchase your CityPASS.
Activities in Chicago

- **The Second City** (1616 N Wells St.) - Known for its many famous alums, including John Candy and SNL alums Mike Meyers, Chris Farley, Tina Fey—this storied spot hosts popular sketch shows & improv classes. Second City isn’t just a show: it’s an experience. There are multiple scheduled shows, including the “Best of The Second City” show during the meeting. Visit [http://www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com) for tickets and more information.

- **Chicago Lakefront Trail** – Get your Fitbit charged, your shoes laced, and a full water bottle ready. Use this 18-mile trail—which runs from Ardmore Street (5800 N Sheridan Road) on the North Side to 71st Street (7100 S South Shore Drive) on the South Side—to burn off the calories from that Chicago Deep Dish you had at dinner the night before! The trail will take you along the beautiful Chicago lakefront through several wonderful neighborhoods (Lakeview, Lincoln Park, Bronzeville, Hyde Park). *Price = Free!*

- **Chicago Architectural Riverboat Tours** – Multiple options during the day. Tours depart from the dock off Michigan Avenue on the Chicago River. Walking distance from the Swissotel. Tours are $39 for adults. Students with a valid student ID receive 50% off on Tuesdays all season. Visit [http://www.wendellaboats.com](http://www.wendellaboats.com) for more information, to schedule date, and purchase tickets in advance. Limited availability the day of the tour.

- **Chicago Crime Tours** – Come and explore first hand and escape into the seedy underworld of Chicago and the “Crook’d” County criminal underworld. This 1.5-2 hour tour onboard a bus will let you sightsee famous Chicago crime scenes from the 19th century through modern times, with several locations able to be explored on foot, including where John Dillinger stood moments before his death. Tickets are $39.95. Visit [https://chicagocrimetours.com/](https://chicagocrimetours.com/) for this tour or other tour options.

- **Chicago Segway Tours** – Experience Chicago on the Segway! See and visit some of Chicago’s greatest attractions. This company offers multiple tour offers available, including the Lakefront Museum Campus Tour, the Chicago Haunted Segway Tour, or the Historic Chicago Mob and Gangster Tour! Use the following code all summer (TENOFF) to receive $10 off your booking. Visit [http://chicagosegways.com](http://chicagosegways.com) for more information and to make your reservation.

- **The Great Escape Room** – Get a group of friends together and put your minds together to solve an exciting Sherlock-themed escape adventure. Our rooms are part scavenger
hunt and part puzzle-solving. All groups must work together as a team to escape. You have just 60 minutes: Will you escape? Pick from one of 4 themed rooms and see if you have what it takes. Visit https://www.thegreatescaperoom.com/ to make your reservation.

- **Lucky Strike – Chicago** – Head on down to the Lucky Strikes – Chicago, an entertainment complex that brings together American comfort cuisine, hand crafted cocktails, and distinctive nightlife in a hip atmosphere. Located just 2 blocks from the historic Navy Pier and 1 block off the bustling Magnificent Mile- with 18 bowling lanes, 3 ping pong tables, 11 billiard tables, multiple high definition screens and 130 deluxe arcade games this is the perfect place to gather friends and colleagues. [http://www.luckystrikessocial.com/](http://www.luckystrikessocial.com/)

- **Navy Pier** – A major Chicago landmark is Navy Pier. This 3,000 foot long pier sits on the shoreline of Lake Michigan in the Streeterville neighborhood. It first opened to the public on July 15, 1916. Enjoy free programming and events, live entertainment, cultural attractions, public art and exhibitions, shopping, dining options and more when you visit Navy Pier. Take a ride on the Centennial Wheel and get a breathtaking view of the Chicago skyline. Visit [https://navypier.org](https://navypier.org).

**Museums in Chicago**

- **Adler Planetarium** – America’s first planetarium and an amazing locale to inspire the next generation of space explorers, or just to excite the kid in all of us.
- **The Art Institute of Chicago** – The Art Institute of Chicago is one of the oldest and largest art museums in the United States with almost 300,000 works of art.
- **Museum of Science and Industry** – MSI is located in Jackson Park (Hyde Park neighborhood) housed in the former Palace of Fine Arts form the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition. Check out one of the newest exhibits, the U-505 submarine that stalked Atlantic waters before it was captured on June 4, 1944.
• **The Field Museum** – The Field Museum allows visitors to connect with science and natural history. Visitors can discover a new love for dinosaurs, ancient artifacts, cultural insights, and groundbreaking science.

• **Shedd Aquarium** – The Shedd Aquarium is home to more than 32,000 species from around the world’s aquatic environments. The Aquarium has been open since 1930 and offers visitors connections to the entire aquatic ecosystem: from oceans, rivers, and lakes. Check out the newest limited time, special exhibit “Underwater Beauty” and catch a glimpse of more than 100 species from around the world.

**Getting Around Chicago**

• **The CTA** – Visit [https://www.transitchicago.com/](https://www.transitchicago.com/) for information on the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). The CTA is the public transit system of Chicago which includes, buses and the elevated (L) train. Apps are available for iOS and Android smartphones for train and bus trackers.

• **The Chicago Pedway** – Did you know there was more to Chicago than meets the eye? Below the hustle and bustle of the downtown streets like Michigan Avenue or State Street lies a complex underground pedestrian walkway. Known as the Chicago Pedway, this underground connection connects multiple buildings and dozens of city blocks all from underground. Perfect for our unpredictable Chicago weather especially when, you know, you forgot the umbrella!

**Eating in Chicago**

Boy, do we know how to eat in Chicago. With over 5,000 restaurants, there is sure to be something that will satisfy even the most fickle appetite. While not an exhaustive list, we have tried to curate a selection of dining options that represents the diversity of Chicago.

*Denotes vegetarian menu options available as of 7/10/2018*

**Quick Bites near the Hotel**

• **Dunkin’ Donuts** (303 E Upper Wacker Dr.) - Chain serving signature donuts, breakfast sandwiches & a variety of coffee drinks.

• **Brockwinkel’s** (222 N Columbus Dr.) - Upmarket grocer open late with a deli serving take-out sandwiches, a salad bar & prepared foods.

• **Potbelly Sandwich Shop** (111 E Upper Wacker Dr.) - Retro-style counter-serve chain known for made-to-order toasted sandwiches, salads & baked goods.

• **Hannah’s Bretzel** (233 N Michigan Ave.) - Casual spot serving gourmet sandwiches made with organic ingredients on pretzel bread.
• **McDonald’s** (233 N Michigan Ave.) - Long-running fast-food chain known for its burgers and fries.
• **Starbucks** (225 N Michigan Ave.) - Seattle-based coffeehouse chain known for its signature roasts, light bites and WiFi availability.
• **Jaffa Bagels** (225 N Michigan Ave.) - Counter-service eatery creating light fare, including bagels, sandwiches, falafel & smoothies.
• **Jimmy John’s** (225 N Michigan Ave.) - Counter-serve chain specializing in sub & club sandwiches, plus signature potato chips.
• **Wow Bao** (225 N Michigan Ave.) - Inventive baozi (steamed, filled buns) & other Chinese dishes ordered via touch screens.
• **Pret A Manger** (225 N Michigan Ave.) - Ready-made sandwiches plus breakfast, coffee, soups & salads.
• **Chipotle Mexican Grill** (316 N Michigan Ave.) - Fast-food chain offering Mexican fare, including design-your-own burritos, tacos & bowls.
• **Naf Naf Grill** (326 N Michigan Ave.) - Modern Middle Eastern counter-serve chain dishing up shawarma & falafel on pitas, rice or salads.
• **Rōti Modern Mediterranean** (80 E Lake St.) - Casual fast-food Mediterranean chain eatery serving pita sandwiches & build-your-own salads. *Chicken roti and falafel are the most popular proteins.*

**Chicago Dining**

The following are located within the Swissotel Chicago

• **The Palm Chicago** (323 E Upper Wacker Dr.) - Storied chain serving high-end steakhouse fare, seafood & diverse wines in clubby surrounds.
• **Amuse** (323 E Upper Wacker Dr.) - Amuse your senses with one of the signature cocktails, seasonal small plates, and DJ-style music to fit the mood.

The following restaurant selections are available within walking distance from the Swissotel (~1 mile or less walking distance). *This list is not intended to be comprehensive.*

• **Stetsons Modern Steak and Sushi** (151 E Upper Wacker Dr.) - Modern, upscale chophouse & lounge offering steaks & sushi along with organic produce.
• **American Craft Kitchen & Bar** (151 E Upper Wacker Dr.) - Sprawling atrium eatery at the Hyatt Regency offering American fare & breakfast, plus a lounge.
• **Mezcalina** (333 E Benton Pl. #100) - Upscale Mexican fare with 100-plus varieties of mezcal & tequila in a space with folk art & murals.
• **MingHin Cuisine** (333 E Benton Pl. #300) - Cantonese menu of dim sum, hot pots & seafood, plus cocktails, presented in a modern space.
• **Chicago Burger Company** (301 E North Water St.) - Hip joint with a scenic patio along the Chicago River dishing up inventive burgers & hot dogs.
• **Shula’s Steak House** (301 E North Water St.) - Former football coach Don Shula’s clubby chain serving aged beef & other steakhouse fare.
• **Tavern at the Park** (130 E Randolph St.) - Bi-level, contemporary pub featuring upscale American comfort food, cocktails & an outdoor patio. *The Great Chicago Fire Burger will ignite your taste buds.*

• **Elephant & Castle** (185 N Wabash Ave.) - British pub feel serving fish 'n' chips, American classics & beers on tap. *Stop on by for a pint and pair it with a pub classic, Fish & Chips.*

• **Howells & Hood** (435 N Michigan Ave.) - Sprawling pub & eatery with over 100 draft beers, tap wines & locally sourced New American cooking. *Great outdoor patio to people watch along North Michigan Avenue, and they serve wine in Erlenmeyer flasks.*

• **Niu Japanese Fusion Lounge** (332 E Illinois St.) - Sushi, noodles & other Pan-Asian dishes, plus cocktails, are served in this hip, minimalist lounge. *Try the Mellow Yellow roll or Red Dragon specialty rolls!*

• **Pinstripes** (435 E Illinois St.) - Italian-American fare, bowling & bocce in a sprawling space with indoor & outdoor seating & a bar.

• **Carson’s Prime Steaks & Famous Barbecue** (465 E Illinois St.) - Long-standing steakhouse serving slow-smoked American barbecue like its signature babyback ribs.

• **Chicago Cut Steakhouse** (300 N LaSalle Dr.) - Stylish modern steakhouse with a patio overlooking the river & iPad wine list.

• **Untitled Supper Club** (111 W Kinzie St.) - Restaurant/lounge featuring creative American food & craft cocktails in space with a speakeasy vibe. *+500 American whiskeys and counting.*

• **Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria** (439 N Wells St.) - Family-owned local chain for Italian classics & Chicago-style, deep-dish pizzas with butter crusts. *If you don’t order Chicago-style Deep Dish here, you’re missing out!* 

• **Bohemian House** (11 W Illinois St.) - Michelin Bib Gourmand-awarded Bohemian-inspired cuisine and cocktails with influences from the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, and Austria.

• **GT Fish & Oyster** (531 N Wells St.) - Seafood hot spot pairing inventive shared plates with creative cocktails in a buzzy, modern space. *Learn to Shuck like a Chef at their oyster shucking classes.*

• **Tanta Chicago** (118 W Grand Ave.) - Inventive Peruvian fare served in a stylish Peru-inspired space; known for its pisco sour cocktail. *Enjoy the Tanta signature cocktail, Sangre de toro, on the rooftop terrace.*

• **Maggiano’s Little Italy** (516 N Clark St.) - Semi-upscale chain for classic Italian fare served family-style in a relaxed, polished space. *Bring your appetite and be prepared to loosen the belt notch. They don’t mess around here.*

• **Beatrix** (519 N Clark St.) - Modern, all-day venue combining an American eatery, wine & cocktail bar & a bakery/cafe.

• **India House Restaurant** (59 W Grand Ave.) - Offering over 250 menu items, this Indian restaurant has both classic dishes & a lunch buffet.

• **RPM Italian** (52 W Illinois St.) - Pasta, steaks & seafood served in a sleek, group-friendly eatery backed by Giuliana & Bill Rancic.

• **Cantina Laredo** (508 N State St.) - Upmarket chain restaurant featuring Mexican specialties & margaritas in stylish quarters. *The guac is made fresh tableside.*
• **Eataly Chicago** (43 E Ohio St.) - Modern outpost featuring a range of Italian eateries & food markets.

• **Pizano’s Pizza & Pasta** (61 E Madison St.) - Area mini-chain with Malnati roots that dishes deep-dish & thin-crust pies plus pasta & more.

These popular must eats offer something delicious, but may require trekking away from the hotel and into some amazing neighborhoods. Accessible by public transit, cab, or popular ride-sharing services (Uber, Lyft).

• **The Original Rosebud** (1500 W Taylor St.) - Chicago staple serving traditional Italian fare in a space with wood floors & white tablecloths. The tiramisu is amazing!

• **Girl & the Goat** (809 W Randolph St.) - Hot spot where Stephanie Izard serves up innovative small plates from a dramatic open kitchen. Reservations required if you want to dine here.

• **Bar Siena** (832 W Randolph St.) - Regional Italian fare & drinks served in a stylish, 2-story space with a patio & a buzzy bar.

• **Bad Hunter** (802 W Randolph St.) - Hip New American eatery serving a vegetable-centric menu plus low-alcohol craft cocktails.

• **Green Street Smoked Meats** (112 N Green St.) - Hip counter serve dishing house-smoked Texas BBQ & homey sides in woodsly, warehouselike digs featuring large commune tables for group dining. Make new friends over BBQ and beers!

• **Pequod’s Pizza** (2207 N Clybourn Ave.) - Casual, brick-walled pizza pub where deep-dish pies with caramelized crusts are served until late. The Deep Dish with the burnt crispy crust (aka the flavor ring) makes it worth the trip.

**Chicago Nightlife**

• **Three Dots and a Dash** (435 N Clark St.) - Tiki drinks (flaming options included), 200+ rums & luau bites in a retro Polynesian-island setting.

• **Chi Bar** (301 E North Water St.) - ChiBar offers a notable wine list, hand crafted cocktails and shareable bar bites all overlooking the Chicago River. Accessible via the Sheraton Grand Chicago.

• **Arbella** (112 W Grand Ave.) - Hip, lofty lounge where intricate, globally inspired cocktails pair with eclectic small plates.

• **Enolo Wine Café** (450 N Clark St.) - Global wines & beers plus pasta, panini & small plates served in a modern space with unique style.

• **Tri Level Rooftop Bar** (85 E Wacker Dr.) - Tri Level Rooftop offering bar cuisine and cocktails at the indoor 21st floor bar, 22nd floor Rooftop Bar and 23rd floor exclusive Cupola. Accessible via LondonHouse Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton.

• **Andy’s Jazz Club** (11 E Hubbard St.) - Live jazz takes the stage 7 nights a week at this intimate lounge.

• **Redhead Piano Bar** (16 W Ontario St.) - Cocktail piano bar dressed in yesteryear memorabilia draws the well-heeled for crooners & cocktails.
• **Babtiste & Bottle** (101 E Erie St.) - Bourbon-centric restaurant serving an elevated American menu in a cozy saloon setting.

• **Social Twenty-Five** (25 W Hubbard St.) - Bi-level, walnut-clad bar with rustic wood-beamed ceiling, plus live music, DJs & bottle service.

• **House of Blues Chicago** (329 N Dearborn St.) - Rock- & blues-themed chain with Southern dishes such as po’ boys & jambalaya, plus live music.

• **The Chicago Theatre** (175 N State St.) – Catch a show while you’re in town at this French Baroque-style 3,600-seat auditorium that has been showcasing national musical & comedy acts since 1921.

• **Oriental Theatre** (24 W Randolph St.) – This 2,253-seat theater often hosts touring Broadway shows in a renovated historic cinema built in 1926.

• **Blue Chicago** (536 N Clark St.) - Late-night blues club with a casual crowd of adults (21 & over) enjoying music & drinks.

• **Drumbar** (201 E Delaware Pl.) - Inventive craft cocktails are the draw at this chic, speakeasy-inspired rooftop Raffaello Hotel bar.

• **Broken Shaker** (19 E Ohio St.) - Creative craft cocktails made with interesting ingredients & diverse eats in a hip space. *Accessible via Freehand Chicago Hotel.*

• **Le Bar Chicago** (20 E Chestnut St.) - Upscale bar with floor-to-ceiling windows pairing bites like cheese & dessert with wine & spirits.

• **Old Town Pour House** (1419 N Wells St.) - Upscale pub food & a massive beer list served in an elegant wood-clad space with a mezzanine.

• **Sparrow** (12 W Elm St.) - Sophisticated spot with Cuban flair serving rum cocktails & craft beer in a 1927 art deco building.

• **Sidetrack** (3349 N Halstead St.) – Visit this Boystown staple for great cocktails and showtunes on Sundays.