



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Central Illinois Chapter

Fall 2024 Newsletter

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2024-2025 Chapter Officers Elected!!

Congrats to our 2024-2025 Chapter Officers!!

The following slate of officers was approved by the membership. Congrats to all!

2024-2025 Slate of Officers

President – Kady Olson

President Elect – Stig Ruxlow

Treasurer – Chris Grieshaber

Secretary – Patrick Costello

Student Affairs – Amy Timmerman

Member at Large – Jim McNiff

Member at Large – Don Cooper

Member at Large – Audra Sargeant

Advisory Group Member – Mark Briggs

We have committees opportunities available and have a need for new officers in 2025-2024. Please use the contact us page if you would like to learn more about being an officer and serving the Central Illinois Chapter!

Central Illinois Chapter LinkedIn Group

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Please join our Chapter LinkedIn Group
at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13040461/>

The Chapter has created a new LinkedIn Group to stay connected and post valuable communications about upcoming chapter events!! Get connected now!!

September and October 2024 Meeting Recaps

- Our September 13, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the ISU campus in Normal, IL. We were joined by Matt Hoge, Sales Director from Voxel – an AI & Computer Vision company based out of San Francisco, CA. Matt presented the topic of Technology’s Role in the Future of Workplace Safety, A Focus on AI.

Technology is an important component of everyday life. Its role in helping to keep our workplaces safe is ever increasing. Learn about and discuss existing technologies available to safety professionals and the future of technology’s role, specifically Artificial Intelligence (AI), in helping to keep people safe. Learn how AI can identify high risk behaviors and near-misses and through coaching and intervention strategies this technology/human partnership can reduce injuries in the workplace.

Matt was the 18th employee hired and has been a consistent part of Voxel’s journey and growth. Matt has directly assisted Voxel customers in integrating computer vision and AI into their existing safety programs to achieve success. Previously to Voxel, Matt worked at VelocityEHS – one of the top three SAAS EHS Software companies which has allowed him to learn the challenges Safety, Operations, and Risk folks face day-to-day and provide technology solutions for those challenges.

Lunch was provided. Thank you Matt for joining our meeting!!

Our October 25, 2024 Virtual Chapter Meeting featured Al Cowie, Regional Health & Safety Manager with Univar Solutions. He presented very valuable information on the topic of Chlorine – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

This discussion reviewed how chlorine is beneficial to society, a general overview of its production, transportation, and storage. A review of chlorine's basic physical, chemical and toxicology properties was presented along with potential release consequences for the public that includes video of actual testing of chlorine releases to improve modeling.

The meeting was open to all ASSP Members and Guests.



Al Cowie

Thank you Al for joining our meeting and presenting this very informative and important information!

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Friday December 6, 2024 – Member Appreciation Meeting – Bloomington, IL

More details and registration information here:

<https://cil.assp.org/events/friday-december-6-2024-chapter-meeting-member-appreciation/>

Friday January 17, 2024 – OSHA Update – Brian Bothast – at The Lariat
Steakhouse Peoria, IL

More details to come soon!!

Future Educational Opportunity!!

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