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Central Illinois Chapter

# Winter Newsletter

## 2025-2026

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### Recent Meetings

The following is a recap of our chapter meetings from September 2025 to January 2026!

**September 2025 Chapter Meeting** - Joint Meeting with ISU Student Section at Illinois State University in Normal, IL.

Harry 'Hap' Hileman – Outreach Coordinator from the Illinois Department of Labor – Onsite Consultation Program. Harry discussed the Expectations, Realities and Your Rights During an OSHA Inspection. Lunch was provided.



**October 2025 Chapter Meeting** - Grain and Feed Association of Illinois in Bloomington, IL.

John Lee - Director, Safety-Health-Environmental Services Program with the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois hosted us to a tour of the IL Corn Growers building. We viewed a demonstration of a grain dust explosion, various pieces of safety related equipment and their grain entrapment rescue training facility. Lunch was provided. Thank you John!



John Lee with a Grain Leg Model



Grain Bin Rescue Simulation



Grain Dust Explosion Simulation

[Video Link to Grain Dust Explosion Simulation in Slow Motion](#)

November 2025 - 75th Anniversary and Member Appreciation. The Central Illinois Chapter celebrated it's 75th Anniversary as an ASSP Chapter! Various memorabilia and documents were shared along with stories from the members in attendance. Mark Briggs gave a quick history of the chapter and Jim Nelson Region V RVP gave a quick presentation about the value of ASSP. This meeting was held at the IL Corn Growers Building in Bloomington, IL! Lunch was provided! Thank you John Lee for providing this facility!



Mark Briggs



Jim Nelson and Group



9 Past Presidents in Attendance!

No December 2025 Meeting - Happy Holidays!

January 2026 - OSHA Update - Brian Bothast, Compliance Assistance Specialist. Brian gave a wonderful annual update on OSHA local, area and national emphasis programs. Lunch was provided at the Lariat Steakhouse in Peoria, IL. Thank you Brian!



Brian Bothast

## Membership Updates

### Long Service Recognition of Chapter Members

- Dan Consalvo, 50 Years of Membership!
- Congrats to Dan!

## Upcoming Events and Chapter Meetings

Visit the Events page of [cil.assp.org](http://cil.assp.org) for more information and registration details!

### February 2026 Chapter Meeting

Friday, February 20, 2026 - Virtual Meeting - ANSI/ISEA Z358.1 Shower and Eye Wash Compliance Training at 11am Central – Please Log-in at 10:55am Central. Michelle Clements, Director of National Accounts – Safety Industrial at Haws Corporation.

### April 2026 Professional Development Conference!

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - ISU Alumni Center in Normal, IL. More details to be posted on the website soon! We will have a full day of presentations with 6 speakers. We will also have our chapter elections!

### May 2026 Chapter Meeting

Friday, May 15, 2026 - Virtual Meeting - **Update on OSHA Proposed Heat Stress Standard.** Jim Nelson, ASSP Region V RVP. More details to come soon! Keep an eye out for information in newsletters and on the website.

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