

Joseph G. Baldwin 2017 Mid-Atlantic Region Vice Chair Associated Builders and Contractors

Joseph G. "Jay" Baldwin, President/CEO of Reliable Contracting Company Inc. in Gambrills, Md., began his term as Associated Builders and Contractors' (ABC) Mid-Atlantic Region vice chair on Jan. 1, 2017. The Mid-Atlantic region includes members and chapters in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

As a member of the ABC Executive Committee, Baldwin helps oversee the activities of the national association, sets policy and assists the national chairman in carrying out the mandates of the ABC Board of Directors.

Baldwin is past chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors – Chesapeake Shores Chapter. He is the past president of the Maryland Highway Contractors Association and the Anne Arundel Utility Contractors Association. He currently serves on the boards of Bank Annapolis and the Community Bank of Maryland.

He started the chapter's Excellence in Construction® awards program in 1995, serving as its chairman the first three years. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1991 and served in various capacities before taking on the chairman's position in 1998. At the time, he was the youngest elected chairman at the age of 35 and was responsible for the name change to the Chesapeake Chapter to better reflect its members' diverse territory.

Baldwin was named president/CEO of Reliable Contracting Company in 2002, representing the company's third generation of family leadership. Under Jay's leadership the company has grown into one of the State of Maryland's largest sitework, road and highway construction companies. Reliable employs more than 500 people, operates three

asphalt plants in two locations, and in 2003 began operating in Charles County with the addition of its White Plains office facility. *Baltimore Business Journal* recently ranked Reliable as one of the area's top construction companies.

In the spring of 2007, Baldwin received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Construction and Contracting Services category in the Mid-Atlantic.

Active in his community, Baldwin serves on the Building Campaign Committee at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Reliable Contracting Company has been an active supporter of ABC since joining in 1951. Tom Baldwin was one of the four co-founders of the now Chesapeake Shores Chapter in 1958. Jay recalls the story of them "flipping a coin" to decide who would serve as the first president. Reliable has had six members of its team serve as chairman and has held a seat on the board in almost every year since its founding.

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