# The SubAla Insider

ntractors Associ

P.O. Box 381236 Birmingham, AL 35238 Tel 205.981.0086 Toll Free 800.239.4744 Fax 205.981.9588 www.SubAla.org

#### **OFFICERS**

**Brian Atkins President** 

John Till 1st Vice-President

**Mark Bratton** 2nd Vice-President

**George Helms** 3rd Vice-President

Steve Miller **Past President** 

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Bobby Dobson Bobby Reuse Bob Baker** L.F. Chip Pierce Larry Argo Ty McConnell **Bruce McCrory** David Richard David Allen **Tyler Kime** 

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES Marty Robbins Russell Grimes** W.E. (Chip) Braswell, Jr. **Conrad Watson Derek Thomas** 

CHIEF EXECUTIVE **OFFICER David Feemster** 

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Donna Feemster** 

**COO & GENERAL** COUNSEL **David Campbell** 

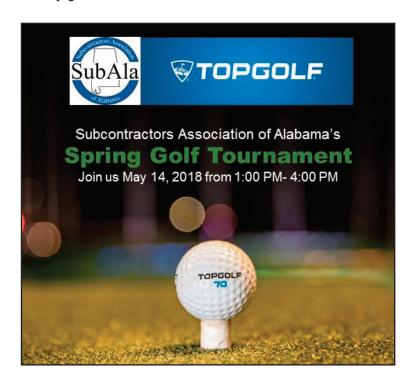


www.SubAla.org Like us on Facebook



#### SPRING TOPGOLF TOURNAMENT

TopGolf provides you the ability to network with all players in each bay. Take advantage of this event to introduce yourself to other business associates. On Monday, May 14th, the tournament will last 3 hours on the rooftop terrace from 1:00-4:00 PM and include: a variety of food, beverages, lifetime memberships for everyone, golf pro to oversee competition, tournament ambassadors to manage tournament flow, a TopContender game, complimentary golf clubs and awards.



Interested in getting your company name in front of players? Sponsorships are still available!

- Bay Sponsorships Have your company logo rotating on one of the 3 screens at each bay.
- Beverage Sponsorships- Company logo rotating through each bay plus recognition on each table and at the bar.
- Food Sponsorships- Company logo rotating through each bay plus recognition on each table and at the buffet table.

All sponsorships will be recognized on our website, Facebook and summer newsletter. Register online www.subala.org or contact Jennifer@subala.org.

#### **MEET THE GC'S EXPO 2018**

SubAla's Meet the GCs Expo was a great way to introduce your company to general contractors, large and small! The event was set up like a trade show; attendees would walk around and network with all of the general contractors and industry exhibitors. Thank you to the following general contractors, sponsors and industry exhibitors for supporting SubAla and making this year's event a success!



### GENERAL CONTRACTOR EXHIBITORS

B.L. Harbert International, LLC

Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC

Caddell Construction Company

Cooper Construction

DEANGELIS DIAMOND

**Dunn Building Company** 

Golden + Appleseed

**Gray Construction** 

**Hoar Construction** 

JOHNSONKREIS Construction

M.J. Harris Construction Services, LLC

Murray Building Company

Prier Construction, Inc.

Rabren General Contractors, Inc.

**Rives Construction Company** 

Robins & Morton

Stewart Perry

Stone Building Company, LLC

#### **INDUSTRY EXHIBITORS**

ACRI- Go Build
Barbizon Atlanta
Construction Education Foundation of Alabama
Crane U
Direct Scaffold Services
DIRTT Environmental Solutions
ERS Construction Products
First Response
PlanGrid
WCA
WorkersFirst CompFund

#### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete
Covington Flooring Company, Inc.
CraneWorks
Golden + Appleseed
Junk King
McGriff, Seibels & Williams, Inc.
Mobile Mini
Rabren General Contractors, Inc.
Robins & Morton
Tennessee Valley BrandSafway Solutions, LLC
Truckworx
United Rentals

#### SUBALA WELCOMES OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER, BOBBY REUSE



Bobby Reuse is the CFO of Alabama Controls, Inc. a local company that has branched in recent years to six locations in Alabama and Florida. He took over this position in 2006 after the sudden passing of his father, Clayton Reuse. Bobby began working at Alabama Controls in 1984 after school and summers handling submittals and printing drawings for his father's emerging business. He continued to work for Alabama Controls throughout the years leaving briefly from 1990 to 1993 for other opportunities. Clayton enticed him to return in 1993 to manage Wholesale Controls International and he held that position from 1993-2006. Since 2006 Bobby and his five additional partners have tripled the number of locations as well as all aspects of the business from sales to employees.

There are two things that Bobby is passionate about and they are Alabama Controls, Inc and Auto Racing. The order of importance changes from week to week. He, along with his brother, Roger Reuse, compete in a number of races each year including in 2017, Texas, Alaska, New York, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and even Canada. Bobby is a licensed NASCAR driver and will compete in 3-4 NASCAR events in 2018.

Bobby lives in Southlake in Hoover with his wife Lisa. Along with his son Zach and her son Tanner they all attend many Auburn events together. His daughter Shelby lives in Chattanooga with her Husband Jeremy.

Bobby's son Zach is a third generation employee at Alabama Controls having graduated from Auburn and currently an engineer with the company.

SubAla.org \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **ELECTION TIME IS HERE**

The Primary election for all state-wide candidates is June 5. After the Primary, many races will essentially be over, since there are no viable candidates in the other party in their districts. SubAla has been busy analyzing data, voting records, committee assignments and other factors to best determine which candidates have supported SubAla in the past and will be SubAla's best advocates moving forward. We need your help to reach out to candidates that you are familiar with so that even stronger connections can be made when we approach an elected official in the next legislative session.

During the next month, the only priority for candidates running for office is to get elected or re-elected. It should be noted that according to the State Ethics Commission and the Secretary of State's office, there are more than 500 registered lobbyists for various groups and causes and well over 600 political action committees that give money to candidates. That means there are 1.5 lobbyists for every legislator and that is why your commitment to the SubAla PAC has been so key in our representation of you in Montgomery. Whether we like it or not, money is the milk of electoral politics. While PAC contributions don't buy or rent votes on an issue, they do support candidates who support your members and their efforts. This election cycle is every four years, and this is the opportunity to thank those that have voted and pushed for our issues through our campaign contributions, volunteered time, and endorsements.

Through SubAla's grassroots efforts, events such as the SubAla Industry Awards Banquet, consistent lobbying presence in Montgomery and your PAC dollars, SubAla can continue the excellent track record that has been maintained thus far. A few statistics to consider when looking at the importance of this election process: There were more than 900 bills introduced in the 2018 session and just 314 bills received final passage. That includes bills that are local in nature and budget items. Our two priority bills were the Alabama Construction Recruitment Institute (Act No. 2018-141) and the Craft Training Board (Act No. 2018-181). Both pieces of legislation passed out of statehouse, and out of the 900 bills they became law.

With success becomes responsibility. We want to continue to be trustworthy advocates in the legislative process. We don't take our legislative friends for granted. We would encourage you to invite your lawmaker to your place of business or other appropriate venue that will put a human face with the issue. Continue to support your PAC so it can support lawmakers who support you. Please take a few minutes to contact an elected official six times a year. This will make you more active than 99.9 percent of all citizens in the state of Alabama and, therefore, 99.9 percent more successful. Remember the quote by Thomas Jefferson that says "America does not have government by the majority; we have government by the majority of those that participate."

SubAla would like to thank all of our PAC contributors listed below for their generous support which helps us to have a legislative voice in Montgomery. Again, the next month is a critical time for us to be active and engaged with the candidates who are fighting for issues that impact our members.



#### **INSPECTIONS**

Did we have a wild, wet and cold winter or what? I hope that everyone made it through the season without any property damage, injuries and/or illnesses. As we look toward better weather and the "busy" season, let's review a process that should help with production and safety - Inspections. A regular inspection process is a part of any complete safety program. In this Spring 2018 newsletter let's take a look at a few of the items we should be inspecting:

#### **VEHICLES**

Tires, batteries, engine oil, lights, blinkers, mirrors, horns, flashers, etc... Your folks are going to be on the road a lot more during the "busy" season, enable your drivers to succeed!

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Tires/tracks, lights, strobes, controls, back-up alarms, batteries, engine oil, hour meters, lubricants, etc... If equipment doesn't perform as the operator expects, harsh outcomes are to be expected.

#### **TOOLS (POWER AND HAND)**

Screwdrivers, drills, saws, snips, chisels, files, punches, pry bars, augers, bits, knives, etc... In addition to cords and guards on power tools, always remember to inspect hand tools and accessories. If a tool is dull, mushroomed or bent it needs to be repaired or replaced.

#### **GEAR (INCLUDING PPE)**

Gloves, sleeves, hard hats, safety glasses, hoods, safety shoes, harnesses, lanyards, ropes, slings, chains, etc... Damage in the form of cracks, scratches, burring, stretching and/or any other type of deterioration must be identified. Faulty gear must be replaced.

I sincerely hope that the members of SubAla and WorkersFirst have a happy, healthy and safe Spring and Summer. Please remember that our Loss Control Department is always prepared to provide support for your company's safety program. Calls and emails are welcome!

Sincerely,
Robert Moore
Loss Control Manager
WorkersFirst CompFund





## We would like to give a very special thanks to the members listed below who have generously contributed to the SubAla PAC fund this year. Without your help, our legislative efforts and governmental accomplishments would not be possible.

A & B Electric Company A & L Metals, Inc. Abbott Services, Inc. Acton Flooring, Inc. Air Flow Products, Inc. Air Movement, Inc. Alabama Controls, Inc. Allen's Air Conditioning, Inc. B & B Roofing, Inc Basic Drywall, Inc. Bhate Environmental Associates, Inc. Birdwell Heating & Cooling, Inc.
Black Warrior Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Blocher Company, Inc. BRAWCO, Inc. Brewton Air Conditioning, Inc. Bright Future Electric, LLC Brown Machine & Fabrication, Inc. Call Chad, LLC Carr, Riggs & Ingram CB Roofing, LLC Central Supply Odenville, LLC Champion Steel Builders Civil Contractors, LLC CJF Construction, Inc. Clarke-Air, Inc. Classic Flooring, Inc. Concrete Flooring Solutions Inc. Construction Specialty Associates, Inc. Coosa Heating & Cooling, Inc. Cornelius Welding & Maintenance, Inc. CraneWorks, Inc. Criss Construction Company, Inc. Crowe Mechanical, Inc. CRV Surveillance, LLC D & D Construction, LLC Dallas Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc. Delta Flooring, Inc. Deno Refrigeration LLC Dependable Sheet Metal, LLC Discovery Resources, Inc. Dogan Steel, Inc. Donald Carter Heating & Cooling LLC Donnie Hooper Metal Building Services, LLC Douglas Cooling & Heating Co.
Farley & Hysaw Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. First Řesponse Flanagan Contracting, LLC Fuller Metals Garrison Steel Gaston Construction Company, Inc. Gen-Co., Inc. Geoservice, Inc. Guin Service, LLC Gulf Construction, LLC H & H Heating & Cooling Harwell & Company, LLC Hastings Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Inc. Hinkle Roofing Products, Inc. Holman Floor Company, Inc. Houseal Insurance & Bonding Irons Electric Company, Inc. J.D. Morris Construction Company, Inc. J.R. Prewitt and Associates Jackson Thornton & Co., P.C. James B. Donaghey, Inc.

Jesse Stutts, Inc. JK Richard & Co., LLC Johns and Kirksey, Inc. Johnstone Supply JR Industrial, Inc. K & S Plumbing Services, LLC Kebco, Inc. Labit Heating & A/C Service, LLC Lawson Construction Co., Inc. Leak Solutions M E S Construction Corp., Inc. M G Roofing, Inc. M. Lacy Contracting, Inc. Madison Electric, Inc. Magic City Roofing, Inc. Maldonado Roofing, LLC Marty Robbins Roofing Co., Inc. Mata Electric, LLC MGL, Inc. Midstates Asphalt Corp Mitchell Roofing, LLC Morris-Shea Bridge Company, Inc. Olympia Sprinkler Installation, Inc. OnTheWayNOW, Inc. Painting Services, Inc. Paradiso Painting Company, Inc. Paramount Mechanical, Inc. Parrot Structural Services, LLC Patco Electrical Contractors, Inc. Pearce Trawick Services Pell City Heating & Cooling, Inc. Performance Coatings, Inc. Pro Construction, LLC Quality Architectural Metal & Roofing, Inc. R. B. Atkins & Associates, Inc. RBC Enterprises, Inc. RDA Service Company, Inc. Reelentless Construction, LLC Reynolds Electric & Refrigeration, Inc. Richard Electric Co., Inc. RJ Mechanical, Inc. Rock Hardscapes, LLC Sanders Electric & Plumbing, Inc. S-Dap, Inc. Siberton Fence Sales, Inc. SJ & L General Contractor, LLC Smith Roofing, LLC Southeastern Cooling, Inc. Standard Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Inc. Stewart Electric Co., Inc. Summit Electrical Construction, Inc. SunnBuilders, Inc. Teague Construction Systems, Inc. Temperature Control Services, Inc. Thermal Insulation, Inc. Thomas Industries, Inc. Thomas Sheet Metal Co., Inc. Tillery Heating/Air Conditioning, Inc. Total Fire Protection, Inc. Town & Country Ford Trawick Contractors, Inc. Western Sales & Service, Inc. Wilder Rebar, LLC Wise Environmental Solutions York Risk Services Group