



# Why Did You Join ABC?



**Jason Johnson,**  
*President of J.E. Johnson*

"I can't afford not to. Like-minded freedom fighters, ABC provides a political pressure that a small business just can't do. As well as adding valuable benefits to its members."

"When I joined ABC the reasons were simple - it was company survival within a group and to preserve an eroding freedom to choose granted by our Constitution. Without ABC and a basic understanding of how our freedoms came about - the freedom to choose for whom you work, and how, could be gone. ABC is more important today, than ever, to preserve this freedom."



**John Bartos,**  
*Founder of Three Rivers Corporation*



**Lynn Wolgast,**  
*Wolgast Corporation*

"We joined ABC in 1974 when we did not have a Saginaw Valley Chapter. We joined in order to share a common interest with other contractors who wished to do business the "Merit Shop Way". The sharing of knowledge with them and doing business with them helped us become one of the most competitive general contractors in the Valley. It also allowed us to develop a very good benefit package for our employees from base pay, cash bonuses, profit sharing, health insurance and other non-cash benefits. It also allowed us to eventually create an ESOP in order to pass the company ownership on to those employees who helped make us successful. Today they continue to do well and carry on our family name."

"I got involved believing I could help make this industry a better place for my people. It turns out it made me a better leader for this industry, my people, and my family. Learn about the impact all the leaders have made over the past 50 plus years by coming together to make a difference in an industry they love; learn through the eyes of an ABC member and about the impact they have made to all within the construction industry."



**Dave Mollitor Jr.,**  
*President/CEO of Consolidated Electrical Contractors*



**Dan Murphy,**  
*President of Mag Insulation*

"ABC is out front doing battle every day with our political and governmental leaders protecting our personal and business lives from over-reaching laws, regulations and taxes. They have our backs and do the dirty work so I can stay focused on running my business."

"Three Rivers Corporation is a member of ABC because we oppose discrimination and favoritism in all aspects of construction, from the employment of workers to the award of contracts and we believe that the way for us to succeed is to be the contractor of choice in the eyes of our customers, without interference in that relationship. ABC believes the law should protect the right of employees to work regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, national origin or membership or non-membership in a labor organization. We find our mutual values in close alignment."



**Jon Lynch,**  
*President of Three Rivers Corporation*



**Steve Russell,**  
*President, A/C Electric*

“I joined ABC because I believe in the Merit Shop Philosophy and Open & Fair competition. It impressed me that ABC represents me and my company locally, statewide and nationally so I can focus on running my business to the best of my ability. By joining ABC, I am a stronger voice and part of a great association. The GMCA apprenticeship program and the Self Insured Workers Comp program are just two of the added benefits that have made my company stronger.”



**Don Blasy,**  
*Founder & President*  
*Blasy Electric*

“Why we joined Associated Builders & Contractors is because it’s not just an association, it’s the way we do business! It’s who we are.”



**Mike Parsons,**  
*Founder & President*  
*Valley Electrical*

“The main thing for me is the training, the availability of the after hours classes and our training facility. When I have someone go to school and they make the commitment to attend the classes, to me they have some skin in the game instead of me having to send them to school during the day and getting no productivity from them. The classes are based to the type of work that we perform here instead of just wiring a light switch or receptacle. It is more industry based and that is where the new wave of electricians will be working because that is where the higher wages will be. We now have a facility that is presentable to the public and makes the GMCA training legit in the perception of the students and their parents. Back in the old days when we trained in the bottom of an old church we were perceived as a poor training facility because we had nothing that looked like a training facility. Now, that is not the case. I think parents, after they see the GMCA training rooms and our classrooms, are impressed and encourage their children to seriously look to the trades as a career. This is the biggest benefit of being a member for me but there are also other reasons: being around and working with like-minded in the industry working towards the same goals for important issues like “right to work”, “prevailing wage”, “elections” and so forth.”

“We support the ABC for their superb promotion and advocacy of free enterprise, entrepreneurship, workforce development, and elimination of unnecessary regulation, the very foundations on which America was built and continues to be maintained.”



**Ken LeCureux,**  
*CFO Bierlein Companies*



**Jerry Kipfmiller,**  
*Founder, Answer Heating*  
*& Cooling*

“In 1979 while working on a project on Bay Road, we were harassed by union organization attempts. ABC taught us the tools & methods to keep our business merit shop from then till today.”

“Associated Builders & Contractors actively promotes a free marketplace in which all contractors can compete on equal footing, regularly provides us with meaningful business development opportunities, and is our premier craft training partner.”



**Ken Misiewicz,** *President*  
*Pleune Service Company*