

ROBERT J. BABCOCK

President/CEO

Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad

As President/CEO of the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad, 35-year railroad industry veteran Robert "Bob" Babcock is responsible for the overall operational and financial performance of the LA&L and 3 other privately owned railroads (B&H Rail, Ontario Midland, and Western New York & Pennsylvania). Bob joined the LA&L in 2022 after spending 15 years at the Indiana Rail Road Company.

Prior to coming to LA&L, Babcock served as Senior Vice-President of Operations and Business Development at the Indiana Rail Road Company. As Senior Vice-President, Babcock was responsible for all facets of field operations, encompassing train service, mechanical and engineering. He also led the organization's sales and marketing efforts. Babcock joined INRD in 2006 as General Manager of Transportation, responsible for train and employee safety and performance in compliance with all state and federal (FRA and OSHA) regulations. The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) is a 250-mile Class II railroad that hauls a variety of consumer, energy and industrial products serving central and southwest Indiana and central Illinois.

He previously served as Division Manager for CSX Transportation in Baltimore, MD, where he oversaw operations for 2,000 railroad miles and 1,800 employees. At CSX he held a variety of leadership positions over seven years, including Terminal Superintendent, Superintendent of Field Operations, and General Director of Car Management.

Babcock launched his railroad career in 1988 with the Santa Fe Railway where he held increasingly responsible managerial positions in the Operating and Commercial Departments during his 11-year tenure. At Santa Fe, he was certified as a FRA Locomotive Engineer and served as Trainmaster; National Account Manager for United Parcel Service; Terminal Superintendent; and Superintendent of Operations for Southern California. Babcock received the *Cyrus K. Holiday Award* in 1993, the highest employee recognition award at the Santa Fe Railway.

He is a member of the ASLRRA board and previously served as a member of the board of the Association of American Railroad Superintendents and on the AAR-Senior Operating Manager Committee. Babcock also served as President of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington, IN

Babcock Graduated in 1988 from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN with a BS in Public Affairs. He was also awarded IU's *Transportation Student of the Year* in 1988. He and his wife Tara reside in Canandaigua, NY and have two grown children. He enjoys outdoor activities, especially golf, running and hiking.

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