



Diane Koester-Byron
2019 Pacific Region Vice Chair
Associated Builders & Contractors

Diane Koester-Byron, founder and owner of I.E. – Pacific Inc., Escondido, California, began her term as Pacific region vice chair of Associated Builders and Contractors in 2017, which includes members and chapters in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

As a member of the ABC Executive Committee, Koester-Byron 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. She is also on the board for Associated General Contractors' San Diego chapter and the ABC San Diego chapter, where she served as chair in 2016.

Koester-Byron received her degree in civil engineering in 1981 from Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly the University of Missouri-Rolla). She built IE-Pacific into one of the most successful San Diego construction firms topping \$30 million in revenue, making it the in the top 10 women-owned businesses in San Diego for the past 10 years. IEP's federal construction and design-build projects can be seen throughout California, garnering numerous awards, including ABC Excellence in Construction® awards and National Construction Safety Excellence awards.

She has participated in SDSU's Construction Management Mentor program and has mentored teen girls in the "Women in Engineering" at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in San Diego, as well as served on the school's board. She's passionate about helping children and needy adults at home and abroad, including Hogar del Nino, an orphanage in Mexico. Not only does she provide financial assistance, but she also spends time with the children and brings them school supplies,

backpacks and educational materials. She also supports Los Cabos Women's Wellness Foundation, which provides prosthetics to cancer survivors.

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