



## **Margaret (Meg) Vasey**

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Margaret (Meg) Vasey is the executive director of Tradeswomen, Inc. (TWI). She has been a construction electrician since 1979 and has served as TWI's executive director since 2009. Vasey served her apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 302 in Martinez, California and represented Local 302's members as a retirement plan trustee for 30 years. She worked with the tools as a journey-level electrician until 1998 when she enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, graduating and passing the California State Bar in 2001. Since graduation, Vasey has used her legal and construction knowledge to increase the participation of women and other underserved populations and to promote apprenticeship and sustainable job opportunities in construction and related skilled trades. She has worked with dynamic coalitions of local contractors, community groups, trade unions, apprenticeship professionals and public agency staff. These include coalitions to increase the number of women mechanics and machinists in the Bay Area through preapprenticeship. At TWI, Vasey has revitalized the organization's programs in direct services, technical assistance and advocacy for women in the trades while expanding TWI's staff and overall capacity. She serves on several state and community boards as well as the National Taskforce on Tradeswomen's Issues. Vasey has been recognized as a labor visionary by the California AFL-CIO. In addition to earning her juris doctorate degree, she holds a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and philosophy from Antioch College.