



Wendy J. Laros, President and CEO
Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce

Wendy J. Laros is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit member organization that exists to provide leadership and advocacy for a successful business environment on the west side of Hawai'i Island. Prior to joining the chamber staff in 2016, Ms. Laros was an active volunteer in the organization and chaired the Education and Workforce Development Committee.

Education:

- University of Hawai'i, Manoa: Master of Education, Learning Design & Technology
- University of Hawai'i, Hilo: Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Professional Associations:

- Western Association of Chamber Executives
- Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

Community Leadership and Service:

- U.S. Army Garrison Pōhakuloa Training Area Advisory Council
- State of Hawai'i House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic & Financial Preparedness
- Hawai'i Community College Advisory Council
- Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau Board of Directors

Other Experience:

- Director of Education at Jack's Diving Locker, an internationally recognized, locally owned business in the ocean tourism industry located in Kona, Hawai'i. Member of the Jack's team from 1991-2016. Member of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors since 1990.
- Cofounder of Manta Pacific Research Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to research, education and conservation concerning manta rays and the marine environment. The organization was founded in 2002 and is located in Kona, Hawai'i.