

Irene Cuch -- Bio

Chairwoman Cuch has served on the Tribal Business Committee as Chairwoman and as a Member for almost 14 years. In this capacity, Chairwoman Cuch has testified numerous times before Congress on Indian energy development and hydraulic fracturing on Indian lands. She has also represented the Tribe before numerous federal agencies. Chairwoman Cuch has long been an active leader on the Reservation, in the Tribe's energy development, and national Indian affairs. Chairwoman Cuch served as a Member of the Board of Managers for Ute Energy, LLC. She also recently completed a term as the Western Region Representative on the Executive Board the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Prior to that, she served at an NCAI Area Vice-President for three terms. In 1972, Chairwoman Cuch was appointed by President Nixon to the Nation Council of Indian Opportunity. As a long-standing member of the Ladies' Axillary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chairwoman Cuch served as State President for the Department of Utah from 2006 to 2007. Chairwoman Cuch was the first Native American to the position of State President. She currently serves as Treasurer for her local post.