

Larry Wright, Jr. (Ponca Tribe of Nebraska)
NCAI Executive Director

Larry Wright, Jr., is the Executive Director for the National Congress of American Indians. Previously, he worked as the Director of Leadership Engagement for NCAI. Mr. Wright served his people as Ponca Tribal Chairman for eleven years after serving four years as a member of the Tribal Council. Additionally, Wright represented his Tribal Nation in the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association, and his peers elected him to represent the Great Plains Region as an NCAI Regional Vice President on the NCAI Executive Committee.

Wright is a recognized national Tribal leader and advocate, familiar to many on Capitol Hill and in every corner of Indian Country, and has testified before Congress on four occasions. In addition, Wright served on the Board of Directors of the National Indian Health Board, as Chairman of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs Board of Directors, and as Chairman of the Nebraska Inter-Tribal Coalition. He also previously served as Co-Chair of the NCAI Taxation Subcommittee and the NCAI Trust Lands, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Subcommittee while serving on NCAI's Executive Committee.

Wright is a military veteran who served in the United States Army National Guard and is dedicated to national advocacy on behalf of Tribal veterans. He has a diverse background in education, management, and entrepreneurship. For six years, he taught Secondary Social Studies in Lincoln Public Schools and owned and operated a general contractor business. Wright graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a BA in Secondary Social Studies and Political Science and an MA in History from the University of Nebraska Wesleyan.