

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Tribal Nation **MEMBERSHIP**

2023 - 2024

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WHY NCAI?

- ★ **For the past 80 years**, NCAI has consistently made a significant impact in Indian Country through strong partnerships with Tribal Nations, Native Villages, individuals, and organizations.
- ★ **NCAI represents a diverse membership** comprising of Tribal Nations, individuals, and organizations. Together, we strengthen a unified national voice, enhance educational outreach, and empower legal, legislative, and administrative advocacy.
- ★ **NCAI membership** is representative of the strength and resilience of Indian Country. NCAI strives to ensure that all tribal communities and Native people are well-informed about all issues affecting the welfare of Tribal Nations. Collectively, we work to strengthen tribal sovereignty for the prosperity of Tribal Nations and tribal communities.
- ★ **NCAI's voting membership** is composed of Tribal Nations and individuals who have met the eligibility criteria and paid dues as outlined in Article III of the NCAI Bylaws. Members are determined to be in good standing upon having fulfilled the credentialing requirements also located in NCAI's Bylaws.

HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

- ★ **Amplifying Voices:** NCAI membership provides a powerful platform for your voice to be heard at the national level. By joining forces with tribal leaders, professionals, and advocates from across Indian Country, you contribute to a unified voice on critical issues affecting American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. Additionally, NCAI membership provides opportunities for leadership development and honing advocacy skills. Take advantage of training programs, including the Leading Tribal Nations Executive Education Program in partnership with Harvard Business School, and mentorship opportunities, like the Wilma Mankiller Fellowship program, investing in the next generation of leaders. Gain a deeper understanding of policy processes, learn effective communication strategies, and acquire the skills necessary to engage with policymakers, media outlets, and other stakeholders. NCAI can be your springboard for personal growth and professional advancement within the AI/AN rights and governance arena.
- ★ **A Seat at the Table:** NCAI is a membership-driven organization representing the diverse Tribal Nations and individuals that make up Indian Country. Membership categories range from Tribal Nation Membership to Individual Indian Lifetime Membership, all of whom can participate in the deliberative process which ultimately produces NCAI's consensus-based policy positions. Member benefits also include email news updates, reduced conference rates, exclusive NCAI merchandise, and access to all the resources that NCAI produces on a wide range of topics.
- ★ **Creating Space to Collaborate and Build Partnerships:** NCAI membership opens doors for collaboration and partnerships with other individuals and organizations that are working to advance Native rights. By connecting with other members, you can forge alliances, share resources, and build collective power to tackle shared challenges. Engage in discussions, workgroups, and task forces, like the Violence Against Women Act Task Force or Climate Action Task Force. NCAI and Indian Country rely upon diverse perspectives and expertise to develop innovative solutions and initiatives. Collaborate with other Tribal Nations, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and government agencies to amplify the impact of your work and create lasting change.



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Assigning a Delegate from a Tribal Nation Process

NCAI Membership is made up of Tribal Nations and Individuals who have met the eligibility criteria and the payment of dues as outlined in Article III of the NCAI By-Laws. Annual Bi-fold Template membership dues shall be due and payable at the Annual Convention of each year.

All members are determined to be in good standing upon full payment of tribal dues. To become a Member Tribe in good standing, please complete these important steps:

1. Submit the attached Tribal Membership Application
2. Submit a current year Tribal Resolution for membership by re-typing the attached template on your Tribal letterhead.
3. Submit the attached Tribal membership Application. Mail all of the above-referenced documents along with your payment to:

National Congress of American Indians
1516 P Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

4. Tribal Delegates must be NCAI members in good standing -- they must have an active and current Individual Indian Membership or Lifetime Indian Membership

ARTICLES FROM THE NCAI CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS:

Article III: MEMBERS

Section B: Tribal Membership

Any Tribal Nation, band or identifiable group of American Indians or Alaska Natives shall be eligible for tribal membership provided it shall fulfill all the following requirements:

1. A substantial number of its members reside upon the same reservation or, in the absence of a reservation in the same general locality;
2. It maintains a tribal organization, with regular officers and the means of transacting business and arriving at a reasonably accurate count of its membership;

3. It is not a mere offshoot or fraction of an organized Tribal Nation, itself eligible for membership; and;
4. It is recognized as a Tribal Nation or other identifiable group of American Indians or Alaska Natives by the Department of the Interior, Court of Claims, the Indian Claims Commission, or a State.

Article III: MEMBERS

Section C: Dues

In accordance with the following table:

Income	Dues
\$30 million or over	\$30,000
\$20 million to \$30 million	\$20,000
\$10 million to \$20 million	\$12,000
\$5 million to \$10 million	\$6,500
\$1 million to \$5 million	\$1,300
\$500,000 to \$1 million	\$650
\$0 to \$500,000	\$150

If revenue exceeds \$60 million please consider increasing your dues as a contribution to NCAI.

Article III: MEMBERS

Section B 1d: Votes

Each individual member is entitled to one vote. Each member Tribal Nation is entitled to 100-180 votes, depending upon the enrollment of the Tribal Nation. Each member tribe shall vote in accordance with the following table:

Tribal Enrollment	Number of Votes
Up to & including 500	100
501 to 1500	110
1501 to 2500	120
2501 to 3500	130
3501 to 4500	140
4501 to 5500	150
5501 to 6500	160
6501 to 7500	170
over 7500	180



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2023-2024 NCAI TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TRIBAL DUES AMOUNT: \$ _____

TRIBAL NATION: _____

TITLE/TRIBAL LEADER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

GENERAL TRIBAL E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

Tribal Membership provides Broadcasts and Alerts to two [2] E-Mail Addresses: [Please print clearly]

Name: _____ E-mail #1: _____

Name: _____ E-mail #2: _____

CHECK # _____ Enclosed is a check or money order payable to the National Congress of American Indians.

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE SCAN PAPERWORK TO MEMBERSHIP@NCAI.ORG AND CALL: (202) 466-7767.

NCAI TEMPLATE: TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION (RE-TYPE THIS ON YOUR TRIBAL LETTERHEAD)

WHEREAS, the _____ wishes to become a Member Indian/Native Government in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); and,

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribal Nation meets all requirements for Tribal Membership, pursuant to Article III - Members, Section B of the Constitution and By- Laws of NCAI.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____, which is the official governing body of the above- named Tribal Nation, hereby authorizes who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribal Nation in Membership with NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal funds in the amount of \$ _____ based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in the NCAI By-Laws, Article III - Members, Section C 2 are authorized to be paid for NCAI membership; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the tribal enrollment of persons, the Tribal Nation shall have _____ votes, in accordance with Article III - Members, Section B 1d; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article III - Members, Section B 1(b) of the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Nation designates the following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing with NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Congress of Americans Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session and Mid Year Conference.

(Please provide expiration date for term of office)

Delegate: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Term Expiration Date: _____

Alternate: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Term Expiration Date: _____

Alternate: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Term Expiration Date: _____

[Number of Alternate Delegates is determined by Tribe]

Process a current year Resolution in accordance with your procedures and mail your Tribal Resolution along with the Tribal Membership Application and Membership Dues to:

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