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Larry Wright, Jr., recently completed his term limit as the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Tribal Chairman. He was elected to hold this position in November 2006 for a term of four years and filled his previous term as the Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council and as Representative for District III. Larry is an active member of the *Heduska* (Warrior) Society. This society is dedicated to the cultural preservation of traditional Ponca ways and helping tribal members. Larry has two children, son Takoda, 14, and daughter Taya, 13. Larry is a Northern Traditional Pow Wow dancer and a Sundancer.

Larry completed his Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in May 2001 and earned a Master of Arts in Historical Studies at Nebraska Wesleyan University in May 2007. For six years, he served as a 7-12 Social Studies teacher in Lincoln Public Schools. His previous teaching experience includes Civics, Geography, US and World History, and Advanced Placement Government and Politics. He has been the American Indian Caucus Sponsor for Goodrich Middle School, North Star High School, and Lincoln High School. A highlight of his teaching experience was being named the NSCSS Nebraska Social Studies Teacher of the Year—District 1 in 2004.

He finished his time at LPS as the Teaching American History Grant Coordinator for Lincoln Public Schools. As Grant Coordinator, he directed a multimillion-dollar grant program that was designed to provide Social Studies teachers with curriculum and content development. At the LPS District level, Larry completed projects as a Multicultural Liaison and participated in International Education Symposiums. He has promoted cultural understanding through District staff development and national presentations:

- Democracy and Sovereignty: A Model For Tribal Governments
- Myth and the American Indian in Film
- Indian Law/Education Issues—University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Bridges to Understanding Indian Sovereignty—San Diego
- Sovereignty Issues: The Importance for Teachers—Native American Institute: Nebraska State Historical Society
- Tribal Sovereignty/Government/Health Issues—Creighton University

Larry currently owns his own business, Buffalo Spirit, LLC, and serves on the Board of Directors for Indian Center, Inc., in Lincoln, Ne.

Larry is and has been an active member of such professional organizations as National Council of Social Studies; National Council for History Education; Geography Educators of Nebraska; National Indian Education Association; Nebraska Indian Education Association; National Congress of American Indians-Delegate; Native American Education Advisory Council; Indian Parent Advisory Council—LPS; NSCSS—Executive Board Member-District 1; Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative—Executive Board Member; Tribal-BIA Advisory Committee; Education Delegate for the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen Association.