

## NCAI Policy Research Center

### Biography

#### Keller George

President, United South and Eastern Tribes and  
Member of the Oneida Indian Nation Men's Council

Keller George, whose Oneida name *Laluhtay^thos* means Tree Planter, is the Nation's only full time diplomat. He represents the Oneida Indian Nation at local, state and national levels.

As a Wolf Clan Representative to the Nation's Men's Council, Keller helps to make decisions that deal with policy aspects of the tribal government and the successful business enterprises of the Oneida Nation. He is also the Chairman of the Oneida Indian Nation Gaming Commission, which oversees gaming and licensing operations at Turning Stone Casino Resort.

Additionally, Keller is a board member of Standing Stone Media, Inc., a wholly owned enterprise of the Oneida Nation that publishes the nationally recognized newspaper *Indian Country Today*.

Keller represents the Oneida Nation in a variety of capacities in the American Indian community. He is serving his fifth term as president of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., an organization of 24 federally recognized Indian Nations, located east of the Mississippi River. This organization works to assist member tribes and their governments in meeting the needs of their Members and in dealing with public policy issues.

Among his other roles, Keller is a delegate for the National Congress of American Indians, which is considered the oldest, largest and most influential Indian organization in the United States. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Tribal Development Association, which is dedicated to the promotion and sale of Indian products throughout the global marketplace.

Keller is also on the Board of Directors for the "First American Education Project". In August of 2001, Keller attended Harvard University and earned a certificate from its Senior Managers in Government Program. On January 3, 2003, Keller was asked to join the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Indian for a three year term.

Additionally, Keller is on the advisory committee of Close Up Foundation, which is dedicated to bringing disadvantaged youth to Washington, DC, to educate about the legislative process. As a board member of the Native Health & Education Initiative, he

is devoted to diabetes research and youth camps, health conferences, training and scholarship programs.