Ducheneaux to head NCAI

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Wayne L. Ducheneaux, chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, has been elected president of the National Congress of American Indians, according to a recent issue of Indian News, published by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Ducheneaux was elected on the second ballot at the NCAI's 46th annual conference in Oklahoma City. He won over Jake Whitecrow of Oklahoma and Thomas White, governor of the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona.

Buck Kitcheyan, chairman of the San Carlos Apache tribal council in Arizona, was elected vice president, and William Ron Allen, chairman of the Jamestown Klallam Tribe in Washington, was elected treasurer.

NCAI's new executive committee also announced that the contract of former executive director Suzan Harjo was not renewed and named A. Gay Kingman, a Cheyenne River Sioux, as interim executive director of the organization.