

Pat Locke is new NIEA president

Patricia Locke of Boulder, Colo., a Chippewa Sioux, has been elected president of the National Indian Education Association. She is the first woman to hold that office.

Ms. Locke has been director of an Indian education program at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) since 1971. The program, Planning Resources in Minority Education (PRIME), works to help tribes and college Indian Studies Programs improve Indian postsecondary education.

As NIEA president, Ms. Locke will stress the need for closer liaison with other Indian and educational associations, the

need for greater efforts to assure both access to and retention in the educational system, and the need to match that education to the divergent needs of the 481 tribes in this country.

Ms. Locke holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, and did graduate work in public administration focusing on Indian policy and decision making. She was a member of the University of Denver History Department before she joined the WICHE staff, and taught at San Fernando Valley State College, Alaska Methodist University and UCLA.