



Buford L. Rolin, Chairman

A devoted member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians community, Buford Rolin has served in the capacity of Chairman since June 12, 2006. He is also currently the Co-Chair for the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Planning Committee and the Co-Chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, as well as a member of the HIS Strategic Planning Committee.

Rolin gained his expertise servicing a variety of tribal sectors over the course of his career with the Poarch Band Creek of Indians. From 1991-1999, Rolin served as Secretary for the Tribe and as the Vice-Chairman. In 1998, he was appointed as Tribal Co-Chair National Steering Committee (NSC) for Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). In 1999, he was appointed Tribal Co-Chair to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee. In 2000, Rolin was appointed to the White House Commission on Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Policy by then President Bill Clinton. Rolin was also appointed to NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force in 2001, by NCAI President Tex Hall.

Buford Rolin has served on many national organizations including the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Atmore Area Partnership for Youth Board of Directors, and the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs. He has held various positions involving the Northwest Florida Creek Indian Council, the National Committee on Indian Work, the Episcopal Church, The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Creek Indians Arts Council, Creek Indian Heritage Memorial Association, and the United South & Eastern Tribes (USET). He also currently serves as the Vice-Chairman for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), is on the State of Alabama Public Health Advisory Board, and is a member of the USET Health Committee.

Rolin has received many awards for his commitment of service to the Tribe. In 1989, he received a service award for improving the Health of Indian People. In 1993, he was awarded the Director's Award for Excellence by the Indian Health Service. And, in 1996 he received the Area Director's Special Commendation Award from the Indian Health Service. As recent as 2007 Mr. Rolin received the Jake Whitecrow Award from the National Indian Health Board for his work promoting Native healthcare issues.