

# Appendix I: Resources for Professionals

Below are organizations that provide resources for professional practice in conservation and preservation. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these organizations' professional guidelines.

## American Association of Museums (AAM)

AAM's voluntary national standards and best practices are benchmarks against which museums may measure their own performance.

Documents can be downloaded from their Web site ([www.aam-us.org/aboutmuseums/standards/stbp.cfm](http://www.aam-us.org/aboutmuseums/standards/stbp.cfm)) and include

- Standards
  - The Characteristics of an Accreditable Museum
  - Code of Ethics for Museums
  - Standards Regarding Facilities and Risk Management
- Accreditation Commission's Expectations
  - Ethics
  - Mission Statements
  - Governance
  - Institutional Planning
  - Collections Stewardship
  - Delegation of Authority
- AAM Guidelines and Best Practices
  - Archaeological Materials and Ancient Art
  - Exhibiting Borrowed Objects
  - Unlawful Appropriation of Objects During the Nazi Era
  - Developing and Managing Business Support
  - Developing and Managing Individual Donor Support
  - Considerations for AAM Accredited Museums Facing Retrenchment or Downsizing
  - The Accreditation Commission's Position Statement on Best Practices Regarding Loaning Collections to Non-Museum Entities

## The American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works

AIC has several core documents for conservation practice available for download on their Web site (<http://www.conservation-us.org/>).

- AIC Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Practice
- Defining the Conservator: Essential Competencies
- Definitions of Conservation Terminology

## The American Institute of Architects

AIA requires that its members adhere to the highest ethical standards. "*The Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct*" is available on their Web site ([www.aia.org/about\\_ethics](http://www.aia.org/about_ethics)).

## The Association for Preservation Technology

APT is a cross-disciplinary, membership organization dedicated to promoting the best technology for conserving historic structures and their settings. Several joint position papers are available on their Web site, including The New Orleans Charter ([www.apti.org/resources/charters.cfm](http://www.apti.org/resources/charters.cfm)).