Towards Intellectual Property Guidelines and Best Practices for Recording and Digitizing Intangible Cultural Heritage

A Survey of Codes, Conduct and Challenges in North America

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ACRONYMS

AAA: American Anthropological Association

AAM: American Association of Museums

Standing Committees under AAM mentioned in the report include:

CurCom: The Curators’ Committee

EdCom: The Committee on Education

MSM: The Museum Store Association

NAME: The National Association for Museum Exhibition

RegCom: The Registrars Committee

AAMD: Association of Art Museum Directors

AANA: Assembly of Alaska Native Educators

AASLH: The American Association for State and Local History

AAT: Art & Architecture Thesaurus (The Getty)

ACA: Association of Canadian Archivists

Standing Committees under ACA mentioned in the report include:

SISAA: The Special Interest Section on Aboriginal Archives

AERA: American Educational Research Association

AFC: The American Folklife Center

AFN: Alaska Federation of Natives

AFS: American Folklore Society
AHA: American Historical Association

AIC: American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

ALA: American Library Association

AMNH: American Museum of Natural History

DAA: Division of Anthropology Archives

DoA: The Division of Anthropology

SCD: Special Collections Department

ANKN: Alaska Native Knowledge Network

AT: Anthropology Thesaurus (American Museum of Natural History)

BAE: Bureau of American Ethnology

CARCC: Canadian Artists Representation Copyright Collective

CBoC: Copyright Board of Canada

CCAAA: The Co-Ordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations

CFCH: The Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

CHIN: The Cultural Heritage Information Network

CLA: The Canadian Library Association

CLIR: Council on Library and Information Resources

CMA: Canadian Museum Association

COHA: Canadian Oral History Association

CoPAR: Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records
CRC: Cultural Resources Center (NMAI’s facility in Suitland, Maryland)

DCI: Dene Cultural Institute (Yamóžha Kiié Society)

ECOSOC: United Nations Economic and Social Council

EoF: Expressions of Folklore

ET: Ethnographic Thesaurus (American Folklife Centre)

GGHC: George Gustav Heye Center

HCPO: Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

HSFA: Human Studies Film Archives

IASAA: The International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives

ICA: The International Council on Archives

ICH: Intangible Cultural Heritage

ICEM: ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums

ICME: The International Committee of Museums of Ethnography

ICOM: The International Council of Museums

ICOMOS: The International Council on Monuments and Sites

IFLA: The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

IP: Intellectual Property

ITK: Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

LoC: Library of Congress

NAA: National Anthropological Archives
NAGPRA: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (1990)

NAPA: National Association for the Practice of Anthropology

NARA: National Archives and Records Administration

NCLIS: National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

NCPH: National Council on Public History

NDIIPP: Plan for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program

NINCH: National Initiative for a Networked Cultural Heritage

NMAI: National Museum of the American Indian


NMNH: National Museum of Natural History

OHA: Oral History Association

PIMA: Pacific Islands Museums Association

RARIN: The Rights and Reproduction Information Network

SAA: Society of American Archivists

SEM: The Society for Ethnomusicology

SfAA: Society for Applied Anthropology

SGS: Smithsonian Global Sound

SHI: Sealaska Heritage Institute

SIRIS: Smithsonian Institution Research Information System

SSHRC: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
SSRC: Social Science Research Council

SSTF: Social Science Task Force

TCEs: Traditional Cultural Expressions

TK: Traditional Knowledge

UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

WIPO: World Intellectual Property Organization