

To: ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
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Subject: Report on RSC Activities, January-June 2016

RDA Steering Committee (RSC) activities as a whole

Effective January 8, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek named a new representative to the RSC, Renate Behrens; she replaces Susanne Oehlschläger.

The RSC worked through March 2016 to finalize the changes and additions to RDA instructions arising from the 38 proposals and discussion papers considered at the JSC's 2015 meeting. The RSC also approved 184 fast track and related changes, which were included in the February 2016 release and the April 2016 update to the RDA Toolkit.

For the following working groups, the RSC refreshed the membership as needed and set the 2016 tasks. Current or former CC:DA members serve on all of these groups:

- RSC Aggregates Working Group
- RSC Capitalization Instructions Working Group
- RSC Fictitious Entities Working Group
- RSC Music Working Group
- RSC Places Working Group
- RSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group
- RSC Relationship Designators Working Group
- RSC Technical Working Group

The RSC also created and charged the following additional working groups:

- RSC Rare Materials Working Group
- RSC Translations Working Group

In its continuing effort to facilitate communication with other organizations developing and supporting international standards, the RSC created a new protocol with the Library of Congress Network Development and MARC Standards Office.

As part of completing the transition from the Joint Steering Committee, the RSC reissued 22 JSC “/Policy” and “/Chair” documents as RSC documents, making updates as necessary.

The RSC evaluated the following working drafts:

- Requirements for online tools and functionality to support the new RDA governance structure. These tools will ultimately support both the RSC and its regional counterparts.

- A consolidated version of the RDA Glossary, designed to make it possible to generate the Glossary automatically from the open metadata registry without the need for further manual intervention. This approach will simplify updating the RDA text in the future, especially in light of FRBR-LRM.

Finally, RSC members contributed to formal responses to FRBR-LRM, either as members of the RSC or from their own communities.

For official documents, including the “.../Sec final” versions of the 2015 proposals, a summary of fast track changes for the February and April 2016 releases of the Toolkit, terms of reference and tasks for the working groups, and the 2015 Annual Report, visit the RSC website:

<http://rda-rsc.org>

RSC activities relating to ALA

During the past six months, ALA submitted fast track proposals to:

- Clarify that for early printed resources, distribution and manufacture statements relating to booksellers and printers may be treated as publication statements.
- Revise 2.3.5.3 to better address multiple parallel other title information statements.
- Separate the last entry in 2.5.2.1.b (statements regarding a designation of edition) into two parts: one for voice range, and one for format of notated music.
- Add 8 new terms and revise 1 existing term in RDA Appendix I, for roles associated with music/AV resources. [Follow-up from the JSC’s Edinburgh meeting.]
- Revise 2.15 to specify that 2.15.2 and 2.15.3 apply exclusively to notated music resources.
- Update the RDA/MARC mapping in the “Tools tab” to link MARC Authorities field 377 to RDA 6.11 (Language of Expression) – and vice versa.

As an experiment, ALA’s proposal regarding adding instructions for international courts will be considered as a “fast track plus” proposal for the August RDA Toolkit release; if that effort is unsuccessful, I will create a formal proposal for the RSC to consider in November.

On February 11, 2016, Gordon Dunsire, James Hennelly, and I served as panelists on an RDA-focused episode of *American Libraries Live* (<http://americanlibrarieslive.org/blog/archive-rda>).

At this point, no further progress has been made on planning for the creation of the North American RDA Committee.

Finally, I have been reappointed to a second three-year term as the ALA RSC Representative, effective July 1.

Deadlines for CC:DA in relation to the November 2016 RSC meeting:

- **July 18:** Last day for CC:DA to vote to approve proposals and discussion papers originating from ALA.
- **September 19:** Last day for CC:DA to vote to approve ALA responses to working group and community proposals and discussion papers.