Follow-up Actions for ALA

The following is a list of possible follow-up actions that CC:DA might wish to consider, as well as a number of actions that I have undertaken as ALA representative. The list begins with immediate actions and moves on to more long-term actions.

1. Propose definitions of Adaptation and Arrangement to the Glossary [6JSC/ALA/14]: Fast Track proposal submitted by JSC Rep, 11/30/2012. done

2. Propose an example for 6.28.1.5.2 that illustrates creator roles better than the Elling example [6JSC/ALA/14]: MLA was consulted and chose not to propose such an example; they feel that the examples for adaptations by a single composer sufficiently illustrate the instruction, and that an example for multiple composers is not needed. done

3. Propose definitions for different uses of Transcription in RDA [6JSC/EURIG/4]: Fast Track proposal submitted by JSC Rep, 11/30/2012. done

4. Propose deletion of “V.I.” as an authorized abbreviation in Appendix B [6JSC/ALA/19]: Fast Track proposal submitted by JSC Rep, 11/30/2012. done

5. ALA withdrew 6JSC/ALA/16, Video encoding formats, in the face of strong preferences for using external vocabularies. Although major changes to the current list of video encoding formats will not be made, ALA was asked to make proposals to correct errors. Fast Track proposals will be submitted next month. not yet done

6. In comments on the revised 6JSC/LC/21, Clarification of leaves and pages, two points were made by ALA commentators: (a) the case of a resource that is printed on both sides, but numbered only on one side, does not constitute “misleading numbering” and should not be covered by an instruction for dealing with misleading numbering. (b) RDA 3.4.5.3 should provide specific instructions about how to record unnumbered sequences of pages or leaves. If ALA wishes to pursue either of these issues, a proposal will be needed. decision needed

7. In its comments on 6JSC/LC/9, Dates associated with persons, ALA commented that the instructions for constructing authorized access points would also need to be revised. If ALA wishes to pursue this, a proposal will need to be developed. decision needed

8. In its comments on 6JSC/LC/22, Dates associated with persons, ALA commented that comparable revisions need to be made at 9.3.2.1 and 9.3.3.1. If ALA wishes to pursue this, a proposal will need to be developed. decision needed

9. In its comments on 6JSC/LC/14, Dates associated with persons, ALA commented: (a) unlike other date elements, Date of Activity is not separated into beginning and ending dates; (b) century dates should not be an exception in the examples; and (c) the instruction relating to BC/AD spans in date of birth/death are not clear. If ALA wishes to pursue any of these issues, proposals will need to be developed. decision needed
10. In its comments on 6JSC/ALA/15, Hearings, ACOC noted that instructions on constructing authorized access points for hearings are lacking in Chapters 6 and 11. If ALA agrees, a proposal will need to be developed. **decision needed**

11. In discussion of 6JSC/ALA/19, Places, the JSC encouraged ALA to develop a proposal to delete the abbreviations for place names from Appendix B and update applicable examples. Does ALA wish to undertake this task? Should it be assigned to individuals or to a Task Force? **decision needed**

12. In discussion of 6JSC/ALA/19, Places, the JSC encouraged ALA to continue working on the treatment of larger/smaller places as part of the preferred name of a place – or otherwise; they expressed a preference for treating these as relationships. The EURIG group indicated an interest in collaborating on this issue. The JSC suggested that a discussion paper should be the next step. Does ALA wish to form a Task Force? **decision needed**

13. The JSC approved versions of 6JSC/ALA/20, Basis of the description, and 6JSC/ALA/21, Sources of information. Does ALA consider that the work of the Task Force on Sources of Information has been completed, or are there remaining issues that need to be addressed? If work is to continue, should the current Task Force be continued or reconstituted with a new charge? **decision needed**

14. The JSC encouraged ALA to continue its work on machine-actionable data elements in Chapter 3. There are two tasks, which might be separated: (a) developing a proposal for adding Extent of Content to RDA, and (b) developing specific proposals for adding the Aspect–Unit–Quantity model to the RDA element set and to the instructions in Chapter 3. Should either or both of these tasks be undertaken by the current Task Force? If so, are changes to the leadership or membership of the Task Force needed? **decision needed**

15. At the November 2011 JSC meeting, ALA was asked to investigate the inconsistency between the Statement of Responsibility element in Chapter 2 and the Performer, Narrator, Presenter and Artistic and/or Technical Credit elements in Chapter 7. ALA indicated its willingness to undertake this task, but was not yet ready to begin. Is ALA still interested? Are we ready to start work? Is a Task Force the appropriate way to do this work? **decision needed**

16. A group working under the auspices of ATLA began work on the preferred title for parts of the Bible (and other sacred scriptures). Is this still an active project?

17. And, for the sake of completeness, there are three active Task Forces that have not yet presented final reports: (a) Changes resulting from the Chicago Manual of Style, 16th edition; (b) Relationship designators in Appendix K; and (c) Instructions for describing relationships.