

**To:** ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access  
**From:** Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee  
**Subject:** Report on JSC Activities, January-June 2015

The JSC worked continuously from November 2014 through March 2015 to finalize the changes and additions to RDA instructions arising from the 47 proposals and discussion papers considered at its 2014 meeting. The JSC also approved fast track and related changes for both the February 2015 release and the April 2015 update to the RDA Toolkit. For official documents, including the ".../Sec final" versions of the 2014 proposals, a summary of fast track changes for the February and April 2015 releases of the Toolkit, and terms of reference and tasks for the working groups, visit the JSC website: <http://www.rda-jsc.org>

The Committee of Principals met in late April and agreed on a new governance model to which it will begin to move over the next 3-4 years. The model will support internationalization and wider representation from the broad cataloging, metadata and description community. Details will be forthcoming about the impact on the current JSC membership structure and constituency representation model.

The JSC's annual meeting will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland, Nov. 2-6, 2015.

#### *JSC activities as a whole*

For the following working groups, the JSC refreshed the membership as needed and set the 2015 tasks:

- JSC Music Working Group
- JSC Places Working Group
- JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group
- JSC Technical Working Group

The JSC created and charged the following additional working groups:

- JSC Aggregates Working Group
- JSC Capitalization Instructions Working Group
- JSC Fictitious Entities Working Group  
(Majority of members from the CC:DA Task Force on Pseudonymous Corporate Bodies)
- JSC Relationship Designators Working Group

To facilitate communication with other organizations developing and supporting international standards, the JSC created two protocols: one with the ISSN International Centre and one with the FRBR Review Group.

The JSC reviewed and evaluated the following documents:

FRBRoo, version 2.2

PRESSoo

Proposed new CIP data block

Statement of International Cataloguing Principles, 2015 edition

Multiple drafts of the upcoming publication, *RDA Essentials*

as well as drafts of new or revised JSC documents:

RDA elements and application profiles

How to prepare an RDA revision proposal

Information for new JSC representatives

Statement of policy and procedures for JSC

In response to concerns about the removal of the RDA index from the Toolkit as part of the April Update, the JSC decided to make the English-language version of the index available as a PDF in the Tools Tab. Maintaining and translating the index remain ongoing concerns.

#### *JSC activities relating to ALA*

An RBMS task force drafting RDA-compatible guidelines for rare materials cataloging (tentatively titled DCRM2) initiated a discussion with the JSC about how these guidelines might interact with RDA and the Toolkit. Available members of the task force and the JSC held a Skype call in April. The discussion will continue in person during ALA Annual in San Francisco.

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

- Create or modify relationship designators in Appendix I, J, and K
- Update the 3rd paragraph of 11.2.2.22.1, Armed Forces at the National Level, along with some related examples
- Add “transgender” to 9.7.1.3 and to Glossary
- Add the ability to use “another concise term or terms” to RDA 3.4.3.2
- Modify examples in 3.22 and add examples to 2.21
- Clarify the definitions for 3-D and 2-D moving images in 6.9.1.3 and the Glossary to address 3-D video games.

Deadlines for CC:DA in relation to the November 2015 JSC meeting:

- **July 17:** Last day for CC:DA to vote to approve proposals and discussion papers originating from ALA
- **September 18:** Last day for CC:DA to vote to approve ALA responses to constituency proposals and discussion papers

*ALA representative activities*

I have been analyzing the use of “transcribe” and “record” in RDA Chapter 2 and will make recommendations to the JSC for editorial clarifications.