

**TO:** ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access  
**FROM:** John Attig, ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Report on JSC Meeting, November 5-9, 2012

The following report on the recent meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA, Chicago, IL, November 5-9, 2012, is based on the blog entries that I wrote each evening. These reports on the meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA are based on my own notes and recollections of the discussion. They are intended to provide an early report of the meeting, but are not authoritative. Later this month, the JSC will issue a summary of the outcomes of the meeting. In (probably) several months, the official minutes of the meeting will be issued.

At the end of the report are (a) a brief summary of JSC actions on the ALA proposals, and (b) a list of follow-up actions for ALA.

The agenda for the meeting, as well as copies of the documents under discussion, are available on the JSC website at <http://www.rda-jsc.org/working1.html>

The Joint Steering Committee members present were:

Barbara Tillett, Library of Congress, Chair  
John Attig, American Library Association  
Alan Danskin, British Library  
Gordon Dunsire, CILIP  
Christine Frodl, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek  
Bill Leonard, Canadian Committee on Cataloguing  
Kevin Marsh, Australian Committee on Cataloguing

Also participating were:

Judy Kuhagen, JSC Secretary  
Troy Linker, ALA Publishing  
James Hennelly, ALA Publishing

Gordon Dunsire, the CILIP representative was unable to travel to Chicago for the meetings. Thanks to the good folks at ALA, Gordon was able to attend virtually from his home in Edinburgh, with both video and audio connections through conferencing software. Although there were some intermittent technical difficulties, overall this has worked very well.



Left-right: Christine Frodl (DNB), Bill Leonard (CCC), Barbara Tillett (LC, chair), Gordon Dunsire (CILIP – on the laptop), John Attig (ALA), Judy Kuhagen (secretary), Alan Danskin (BL), Kevin Marsh (ACOC)

## Monday, November 5

The morning was devoted to an executive session. Two items will be of interest:

- Barbara Tillett will be retiring from the Library of Congress at the end of November 2012; her replacement as LC Representative to the Joint Steering Committee will be David Reser. Barbara has expressed her willingness to complete her term as chair until through 2013; this offer was enthusiastically supported by the JSC, and was confirmed by the Committee of Principals.
- Troy Linker reported (among other things) on future development of the RDA Toolkit. He noted several significant plans for 2013: (a) The RDA Toolkit will implement display of RDA in multiple languages, beginning with the German and French translations (currently scheduled for release in February 2013). (b) The reworded chapters of RDA will begin to appear in the December 2012 release, and all the reworded chapters should be available by the April 2013 release.

The public meeting began on Monday afternoon, with the discussion of two groups of proposals:

### **MANIFESTATIONS AND ITEMS: TRANSCRIPTION (RDA Chapter 2)**

#### **6JSC/ALA/20: Proposed revision of RDA 2.1.2.2 and 2.1.2.3, Basis for Identification of the Resource**

This proposal consisted of three sections: (1) Collective Titles; (2) Predominant Work; (3) Resources Issued in More than One Part. All three were approved, with wording changes suggested in various responses.

**6JSC/ALA/21: Proposed revisions of RDA instructions on Sources of Information (RDA 2.2.2.1-2.2.2.4)**

This proposal also consisted of three sections: (A) Containers in 2.2.2.1 and 2.2.4 – accepted with revised wording from LC; (B) Covers as sources of information – accepted with the addition of “or jackets” suggested by LC; (C) Priority of sources in 2.2.2.3 and 2.2.2.4 – accepted with revised wording suggested by CCC and LC.

**6JSC/BL/9: Change to 2.2.4 to remove parallel title proper**

The JSC accepted an ALA suggestion to add the following sentence to 2.3.3.2: “If the title proper is taken from outside the resource, take parallel titles proper from the same source” instead of the revision to 2.2.4 proposed by BL.

**6JSC/LC/13: Adjustment to exception for recording acronym/initialism titles in favor of base instruction (2.3.2.5 exception)**

In response to comments about wanting to be able to record the acronym or initialism as both other title information and as variant title, LC noted that the definition of Variant Title (2.3.6.1) does not currently allow this. JSC approved the LC proposal as written. There may be a need to revisit the definition of Variant Title at a later date.

**6JSC/ALA/10: Revision of RDA 2.5.1.4, Recording Edition Statements**

The proposal was approved with wording changes suggested by CCC and LC and an additional example suggested by LC. It was noted that distinct expressions can be identified by Other Distinguishing Characteristics of the Expression; a future proposal may be needed to provide specific instructions for doing this.

**Fast Track proposal for RDA 2.8.1.1: Add “Consider all remote-access electronic resources to be published”**

The proposal was approved; the exact wording will be “Consider all online resources to be published.”

**6JSC/ALA/11: Revision of RDA 2.11.1.3, Recording Copyright Dates**

The JSC accepted a compromise suggested by ALA. Instead of defining an exception for phonogram copyright dates, two instructions will be given as part of the general instruction. In the case of multiple copyright dates that apply to various aspects of the resource, any that are considered important for identification and selection may be recorded. In the case of multiple copyright dates that apply to a single aspect, only the latest copyright date is to be recorded.

**6JSC/ALA/7: Revision of RDA 2.12.8 and 2.12.16 regarding recording ISSNs**

The JSC accepted the proposal, with two significant changes suggested by BL: (a) instead of “any source” there will be a list of sources in order of preference. (b) The instruction will be to “transcribe” (not “record”) the ISSN.

## **MANIFESTATIONS AND ITEMS: CARRIERS (RDA Chapter 3)**

### **6JSC/ALA/17: Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3: Discussion Paper**

Based on the discussion in the responses, ALA will continue to develop the proposal to add structured, machine-actionable definitions for the Extent and Dimensions elements. They will also develop a proposal to add Extent of Expression to the RDA element set.

### **6JSC/LC/17: Reorganization of instructions for recording extent (3.4.1.3, 3.4.1.5)**

The proposal was approved, with additional wording suggested by ACOC.

### **6JSC/LC/21: Clarification of *leaves* and *pages* (3.4.5.2 and Glossary)**

LC proposed alternative wording to deal with three specific cases: (a) volumes printed and numbered on each page; (b) volumes printed on each page and numbered in terms of pages, but only the odd-numbered (recto) pages bear the numbering; and (c) volumes that are printed on each page, but only the leaves are numbered (this last is to be treated as misleading numbering (3.4.5.5). In addition, language is to be added to 3.4.5.3 indicating when to use “pages” and when to use “leaves” when recording the extent of unnumbered pages.

### **6JSC/BL/2: 3.11.4, Layout of Tactile Text and 3.13, Font Size**

This proposal had two parts: (1) Move *jumbo braille* to Font Size (3.13) – accepted with wording changes proposed by CCC, LC; (2) merge 3.11.1 and 3.11.4 – accepted an LC proposal to merge all the instructions on layout.

### **6JSC/ALA/16: Revision of RDA 3.19.3 for video encoding formats and addition of a new element for Optical Disc Characteristics**

Rather than retaining an RDA vocabulary for encoding format, the JSC wants to pursue the use of external vocabularies. Therefore, they do not wish to make significant changes to the present vocabularies. ALA withdrew its proposal. The corrections to terminology and definitions in the current list at 3.19.3 will be proposed as Fast Track changes.

### **6JSC/ACOC/6: Revision of RDA 3.19.7.3, Recording transmission speed**

The name of the element will be changed to “Encoded Bitrate,” as proposed by LC; examples will be retained.

### **6JSC/CCC/10: Proposed revision to Appendix B.1, General Guideline, to explicitly include the usage of units of measure expressed as symbols**

The proposal was accepted, using the wording proposed by BL. The name of Appendix B will be changed to “Abbreviations and Symbols” and CCC will work to identify other changes that may be necessary both in the Appendix and in instructions that refer to Appendix B.

## Tuesday, November 6

The JSC meeting continued this morning with a discussion of some miscellaneous documents dealing with issues related to the RDA element set, vocabularies, the Registry, and the Glossary. The afternoon sessions dealt with proposals related to Persons (RDA Chapter 9).

### RDA ELEMENT SET, RDA VOCABULARIES, OPEN METADATA REGISTRY, RDA GLOSSARY

#### 6JSC/ALA Rep/4: RDA vocabularies: Miscellaneous issues

This paper was a laundry list of miscellaneous issues that I encountered in the course of publishing RDA vocabularies in the Open Metadata Registry.

- ***Singular and plural terms:*** The JSC agreed that terms should be given in the Registry in singular form; when plural forms are called for, this should be treated as a linguistic variant of the term, not given explicitly as a separate concept. Plural forms will not be added to the Registry, and existing plural forms will be deleted before the vocabularies are published.
- There are some instructions in RDA that call for using terms from a different vocabulary; for example, the general guidelines for Extent call for use of terms from the Carrier Type vocabulary. Gordon argued that this sort of duplication can be specified in an application profile and will do further analysis of this issue.
- ***Fragmentary terms:*** There is some terminology specified in RDA that does not constitute an independent term, such as *approximately*, *folded*, *incomplete*, unnumbered. Some of these can be dealt with by defining combined terms such as *folded leaves* or *unnumbered pages*. The other cases of fragmentary terminology need further study; again Gordon volunteered to do this.
- ***Groups of Books of the Bible:*** The JSC had already decided to delete this vocabulary from the Registry on the grounds that these are better treated through authority records. These terms have now been deleted from the Registry.
- ***Single or multiple vocabularies:*** There are some cases in which RDA contains instructions on terms for various subsets of a vocabulary, such as Extent of Still Image, Extent of Text. The JSC expressed a preference for treating these as a single vocabulary and headings such as Extent of Text as captions within the instructions, but not as formal element sub-types.
- ***“Top Concepts”:*** In RDA some vocabularies are separated into sections with captions; for example, the Carrier Type vocabulary is divided into Audio Carriers, Computer Carriers, etc. In RDA these are broader terms, but are not themselves valid terms. The JSC felt that there was no good reason not to treat these as valid terms.

**6JSC/ALA Rep/5: References in the RDA Glossary and the RDA namespace**

This paper described the various conventions for making references that have been used in the RDA Glossary. The JSC agreed not to make a distinction between see and see also reference, to make references from varying terminology when appropriate, to make broader term/narrower term references when appropriate, and to make scope notes (but not references) describing the differences among related terms.

**6JSC/CILIP Rep/1: Machine-actionability and interoperability of RDA value vocabularies**

This paper made five recommendations concerning the RDA value vocabularies.

**Recommendation 1:** Definitions need to be separated from scope notes: JSC agreed; CILIP will develop a proposal to correct existing issues.

**Recommendation 2:** Update the documentation on the relationship between the Content Type, Media Type, and Carrier Type vocabularies and the RDA/ONIX Framework. The JSC agreed; Gordon and I will prepare a document.

**Recommendation 3:** Develop an RDF representation of the RDA/ONIX Framework in a Registry so that other vocabularies can be mapped to it; JSC agreed; the RDA/ONIX group will acquire a namespace, and Gordon will create and publish the vocabularies.

**Recommendation 4:** Conduct an analysis of possibilities for extending RDA's use of the RDA/ONIX Framework; Gordon will do the analysis.

**Recommendation 5:** Create a management and development group for the RDA/ONIX Framework. Alan Danskin is in contact with ONIX people and will work to set up such a group.

**6JSC/CILIP Rep/2: RDF representation of RDA relationship designators**

One of the important issues with the Registry is whether the Relationship Designators should be represented as element sets (RDF properties) or as value vocabularies. This paper discusses this and makes eleven recommendations.

**Recommendation 1:** Make the names used in URIs to be consistent and to include RDA branding; JSC agreed.

**Recommendation 2:** Represent the Relationship Designators as RDF properties; JSC agreed.

**Recommendation 3:** Add "Agent" as a super-class referring collectively to Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies; JSC agreed.

**Recommendation 4:** Remove redundant unconstrained properties from the element sets; to do this, we need definitions for unconstrained properties.

**Recommendation 5:** Move the unconstrained elements to a separate Registry, leaving the constrained elements in the RDvocab namespace; JSC decided that this should be done, that both the constrained and unconstrained element sets should be considered as RDA content to be authorized by the JSC; ALA Publishing will acquire a namespace for the unconstrained element set.

**Recommendation 6:** Once the unconstrained element set is moved to the separate namespace, delete WEMI qualifiers that were only needed to distinguish between the unconstrained and the constrained elements, while retaining the qualifiers that are needed to distinguish between two or more constrained elements. Gordon will do this.

**Recommendation 7:** Develop and register inverse properties.

**Recommendation 8:** Change the labels for properties for relationship designators to verbal phrases, e.g., Has Author/Is Author of.

**Recommendation 9:** Change the labels for elements to verbal phrases, e.g., HasCarrierType.

**Recommendation 10:** Do not represent relationship designators as RDF classes. JSC agreed.

**Recommendation 11:** Represent relationship designators as concepts in value vocabularies in addition to the representation as properties (recommendation 2); JSC agreed that it might be useful to do this. However, they asked Gordon to prepare a discussion paper dealing with recommendations 7, 8, 9, and 11.

## **6JSC/ISBD/Discussion/2: Mapping of ISBD Area 0 vocabularies to RDA/ONIX Framework vocabularies as part of the ISBD/RDA alignment**

The plan for mapping the ISBD Area 0 vocabularies to the RDA Content Type, Media Type and Carrier Type vocabularies is to map each to the RDA/ONIX Framework. The ISBD Review Group has presented a draft of their map. The JSC is planning to do a comparable map, at which point both groups will be able to evaluate the results.

## **6JSC/ISBD/Discussion/1: Alignment of the ISBD element set with RDA element set: RDA Appendix D.1**

In the case of the ISBD and RDA element sets, the plan is to map these directly to each other. The ISBD Review Group had presented a draft mapping. The JSC will comment on the draft mapping.

## **PERSONS (Chapter 9)**

### **6JSC/BL/4: Other designation associated with the person (RDA 9.0, 9.6.1 and 9.19.1)**

The proposal consisted of six changes:

1. 9.0: Person: Purpose and scope: Agreed to the BL revision.
2. 9.6: Other designation associated with the person: Agreed to the wording proposed by LC.
3. 9.6.1.3: Agreed to the revision.
4. 9.6.1.6 (agreed to the LC wording); 9.6.1.7 (agreed), 9.6.1.8 (agreed); examples will be added.
5. 9.6.1.9: Agreed to the revision.
6. Other changes: agreed.

**6JSC/LC/15: Reorganization of instruction on saints in 9.2.2.18**

Agreed to the reorganization of the instructions on saints in 9.2.2.18; agreed to the comparable reorganization at 9.2.2.14 suggested by ALA.

**6JSC/LC/9: Revisions to Date Associated with the Person (RDA 9.3, 9.3.2, 9.3.3)**

Agreed to the core element statement proposed by LC, with a correction from CCC.

**6JSC/LC/22: Revisions to Date Associated with the Person (9.3) when recording more than a year alone**

The proposal consisted of three changes:

1. Agreed to change the exception at 9.3.1.3 to an optional addition.
2. Agreed to remove the final paragraph of 9.3.2.3.
3. Agreed to the CCC wording for changes to 9.19.1.3.

**6JSC/LC/14: Revision to RDA 9.3.1.3 (Recording Dates Associated with Persons), H.1 (B.C. and A.D. Dates), and associate examples to clarify recording date spans**

Agreed to the proposal.

**6JSC/BL/3: Terms of rank, honour or office (RDA 9.4.1 and 9.19.1)**

BL presented a revised proposal (distributed at the meeting) that responded to the objections listed in the LC response; JSC agreed to the proposal.

**6JSC/BL/6: Other place associated with the person (RDA 9.11)**

Agreed to the LC proposal, which would rename the element as "Place of Residence, Etc."

**6JSC/ALA/6: Revision of RDA 11.5.1.3, Recording Associated Institutions, and RDA 9.13.1.3, Recording Affiliations**

Agreed to the proposal to use the preferred name when recording these elements; agreed with LC to delete the exception for an institution associated with a conference; examples will be checked to conform to this decision.

**6JSC/BL/7: Change to definition of 9.16.1.1, Profession or Occupation**

Agreed to the definition proposed by LC; BL will do a proposal to make comparable changes to 9.15.1.1 (Field of Activity).

**6JSC/LC/12: Priority order of additions to authorized access points representing a person (9.19.1.1, 9.19.1.5, 9.19.1.6)**

Some problems were identified that could not be resolved; LC will do a revised proposal and JSC will reconsider.

**6JSC/LC/16: Additional exception in 9.19.1.2, Title or Other Designation Associated with the Person, for titles of religious rank**

Agreed to the exception for titles of religious rank proposed by LC; some examples will be moved to follow the exception.

**6JSC/BL/5: Fuller forms of name (RDA 9.19.1.4, *Optional addition*)**

The proposal was withdrawn by BL.

## Wednesday, November 7

The Joint Steering Committee spent most of the day in executive sessions.

In the morning we met with the Committee of Principals. The JSC chair reported on the group's activities since last year's meeting in Glasgow (an updated version of this report will be issued as the Annual Report of the JSC shortly after the end of the year). The CoP gratefully accepted Barbara Tillett's offer to complete her term as JSC Chair through the end of 2013. The two groups had a wide-ranging discussion on relations between RDA and the linked open data community and making RDA interoperate in that environment; possibilities for the future composition of the JSC; and some options for providing support for JSC activities. Announcements on some of these issues will be made soon.

During the brief public session after lunch, the JSC dealt with agenda items 15 (Number of records) and 18 (Expressions other than music).

### NUMBER OF RECORDS

**6JSC/ISSN/1: Revision of RDA 1.6.2.2 and RDA 3.1.6.1 regarding change in media type for serials**

The JSC agreed to revisions to 1.6.2.2 and to 3.1.6.1, both based on the wording proposed by LC.

**6JSC/ISSN/3: Serials and changes in mode of issuance: Discussion paper**

The JSC encouraged the ISSN Network to submit a proposal dealing with changes in mode of issuance; JSC will forward to them the comments that were included in the constituency responses.

**6JSC/ISSN/2: Major title changes for serials in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean: Discussion paper**

The JSC looks forward to seeing the results of any testing conducted by the ISSN Network and to a proposal dealing with major title changes for serials in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. The JSC will forward to them the comments that were included in the constituency responses, including a recommendation that the current instruction be retained and that the revision deal only with titles in CJK.

## **EXPRESSIONS (OTHER THAN MUSIC)**

### **6JSC/EURIG/2: Date of expression (RDA 6.10.1.1 and 6.10.1.3)**

The JSC disagreed with the approach proposed by EURIG. We accepted the revision to the scope of Date of Expression (6.10.1.1) proposed by LC, but recognize that this is only a first step; it will help catalogers to apply the instructions, but it will not provide additional granularity of dates that might be used for machine matching. BL indicated their intention to prepare a new proposal to define sub-types for date of expression as outlined in the BL response to 6JSC/EURIG/2.

### **6JSC/EURIG/3: Language of expression (RDA 6.11, 6.11.1.3, 6.11.1.4, 7.;12.1.3, 26.1.1.3)**

6.11: The JSC agreed that Language of Expression should be a core element unconditionally; the core element note will be deleted at 6.11, leaving only the "Core Element" caption.

The JSC disagreed with the remainder of the proposal. BL again indicated their intention to prepare a new proposal to define sub-types for Language of Expression as outlined in the BL response to 6JSC/EURIG/3.

### **6JSC/EURIG/1: Addition of examples in RDA 6.12.1.3 and 6.27.3**

The BL representative withdrew the proposal on behalf of EURIG. It was agreed to add examples of non-musical performances to 6.12.1.3 and 6.27.3 (as Fast Track proposals). It was not clear where examples of musical performances would be given in 6.18 and/or 6.28; the RDA Music Working Group will be asked to look at this and other issues involving these instructions.

## **Thursday, November 8**

At its meeting on Thursday, the Joint Steering Committee completed action on the remaining items on the public agenda. This included groups of proposals relating to Music; Works other than music; Corporate bodies; and Places.

## **MUSIC: WORKS AND EXPRESSIONS (and Notated Music Statement)**

### **6JSC/ALA/13: Revision of RDA instructions relating to librettos and lyrics for musical works (RDA 6.2.2.10.2, 6.27.4.2, I.2.1, Glossary)**

JSC agreed with the proposal to add "lyrics" to the list of terms for Complete Works in a Single Form, with wording changes offered by BL and CCC.

**6JSC/CCC/7: Proposed revision to instructions 6.14.2.7.2, Two or More Parts; 6.14.2.8, Compilations of Musical Works; and 6.28.2.3, Two or More Parts**

JSC agreed with the proposed revisions, with some modifications suggested by LC. The RDA Music Working Group will be asked to look into the inconsistencies between these revised instructions for music and the general instructions.

**6JSC/ALA/12: Revision of RDA 6.15.1.3, Recording Medium of Performance**

ALA withdrew the proposed addition of an Alternative to use an external vocabulary, on the grounds that this is authorized generally by RDA 0.12.

JSC agreed to the additional paragraph referring to 7.21 and to changes at 7.21 suggested by LC.

**6JSC/CCC/9: Proposed revision to instruction 6.16.1.3, Recording Numeric Designations of Musical Works**

JSC agreed to the proposed revision and to the explanatory text for one of the examples suggested by ALA.

**6JSC/ALA/14: Revision of RDA instructions for arrangements and adaptations of musical works (RDA 6.28.1.5.2 and 6.28.3.2.2)**

1. **6.28.1.5.2:** JSC disagreed with the addition of the Rzewski example; agreed to the addition of the Hogan example, with the addition of explanatory text: "Incorporates new material resulting in a new work"; agreed to replace the Eling example with one that more clearly illustrates creator roles; agreed to the LC wording for the new paragraph on unknown adapters; and agreed to a new example at 6.17.1.8 proposed by CCC.
2. **6.28.3.2.2:** JSC disagreed with adding "traditional" to the list of examples of "popular" music; agreed to add the proposed new example (with modifications to the explanatory text).
3. **6.27.1.8:** ALA withdrew the proposal for an additional example.
4. Definitions of Adaptation and Arrangement will be added to the Glossary; ALA will make a Fast Track proposal.
5. The Examples Group will look into the relationship between "e.g." lists in RDA scope statements and the scope of the examples for that element.

**6JSC/ALA/8: Revision of RDA 6.28.1.9, Additions to access points representing musical works with titles that are not distinctive**

JSC agreed to the proposed revision, with wording changes offered by LC and CCC.

**6JSC/CCC/8: Proposed revision to instruction 6.28.1.11, Additions to Access Points Representing Compilations of Musical Works**

JSC agreed to the revision, using the wording provided by LC.

**6JSC/EURIG/4: Musical arrangements (RDA 6.18.1.4 and 6.28.3.2.1)**

EURIG withdrew the proposal, recognizing that the issue was more complicated than their proposed solution. The RDA Music Working Group is already working on a proposal.

A Fast Track proposal will be made to document the two definitions of "Transcription" used within RDA.

**6JSC/EURIG/Discussion/1: Musical arrangements (RDA 6.18.1.4 and 6.28.3.2.1)**

EURIG withdrew their discussion paper.

**6JSC/IAML/1: Revision of RDA 2.5.2.1, 2.5.2.2, Designation of Edition; addition i Chapter 2 of a core element for Format of Notated Music Statement**

JSC disagreed with the proposal, preferring to emphasize the similarities between Edition statements and Format of notated music statements, rather than the differences, and therefore preferring that both ISBD elements be mapped to the RDA Edition Statement element.

**WORKS OTHER THAN MUSIC****6JSC/ACOC/5: Compilations in RDA chapter 6: Discussion paper**

ACOC noted that the responses answered their concerns. They will submit a Fast Track proposal to add additional references to help indicate where certain instructions are to be found. At a later date, they will submit a proposal to add the missing instruction for choosing the preferred title of a compilation.

**6JSC/LC/19: Additional instructions for preferred sources and preferred titles in different languages or scripts (RDA 2.2.3.1 and 6.2.2.4)**

JSC agreed with the proposal, with modifications suggested by CCC.

**6JSC/CCC/6: Instruction for choosing the preferred title for choreographic works (RDA 6.2.2.4)**

CCC withdrew the proposal. The problems presented by choreographic works are general to works in non-textual form; CCC will work on a more general proposal.

**6JSC/LC/20: Revisions to RDA Chapter 6 to treat "Selections" as a work attribute**

JSC agreed to the proposal; for change 6 and 8, the language approved in 6JSC/CCC/7 is to be used instead of that proposed by LC.

**6JSC/ALA/5: Revision of RDA 6.21, Other distinguishing characteristics of a legal work, and 6.29.1.33 (Additions to access points representing treaties, etc.**

JSC agreed to the proposed revisions.

**6JSC/BL/8: Change to 19.3 and Appendix I, Recording relationships to persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with works of unknown or uncertain origin**

BL withdrew this proposal and will make a new proposal based on the responses.

**6JSC/ALA/15: Hearings in RDA 19.2.1.1.1**

JSC approved the proposal with an addition suggested by BL. ALA will consider whether further revisions to chapter 6 or chapter 11 are needed to give instructions on creating authorized access points for hearings.

**CORPORATE BODIES****6JSC/ALA/18: Proposed Revision of RDA Instructions for Government and Non-Government Corporate Bodies**

JSC gave general approval to the proposed reorganization of the instructions on subordinate corporate bodies.

Regarding the numbered recommendations in the ALA proposal, JSC modified #3 with additional wording suggested by CCC; disagreed with #8 (i.e., the current Type 6 will be retained); agreed to delete the “post-medieval” exception in #10; and disagreed with #11 (i.e., retaining the current instruction for legislative subcommittees, along with the exception for subcommittees of the U.S. Congress).

In addition, JSC decided:

- to add a general instruction “In case of doubt, record the name of the body directly” that would apply to all the types.
- to merge the types for Government Officials and for Religious Officials, but to retain the two sets of instructions at 11.2.2.18 and 11.2.2.26 [new numbering]
- to add language at 11.2.2.14 suggested by CCC.
- to replace the “Type X” numbering with 11.2.2.14.x subsection numbers, with captions; these numbers and captions would be included in the navigation pane in the Toolkit.

**6JSC/LC/18: Revisions to Change of Name of Jurisdiction or Locality (RDA 11.3.3.4)**

JSC agreed to the additional sentence in 11.3.3.4, but agreed with ALA that it should be an *Optional Addition*. JSC agreed to additional revisions to 11.13.1.3 proposed by LC (these additional revisions were included in a document distributed at the meeting and are not in the LC proposal).

**6JSC/LC/11: Revision to Date Associated with the Corporate Body (RDA 11.4, 11.4.3, 11.4.4, 0.6.4)**

JSC agreed to the proposal, with some additional changes to the list of core elements in 0.6.4.

**6JSC/LC/10: Revision to RDA 11.13.1.8, Number, date, location, of a conference, etc.**

JSC agreed to the Option 1 proposal, with revisions provided by LC (in a document distributed at the meeting).

## PLACES

### 6JSC/ALA/19: Proposed revision of RDA 16.2.2, Preferred Name for the Place

The proposal consisted of 6 recommendations:

1. **16.2.2.9:** Agreed with the revised wording for "the former USSR and the former Yugoslavia"; decided not to remove Malaysia from this instruction until the National Library of Malaysia can be consulted.
2. **16.2.2.10, Ireland:** Agreed to the revision, using the wording provided by LC.
3. **New instruction 16.2.2.11:** Agreed to follow the LC response; the new instruction would have the caption "Overseas territories, dependencies, etc." Agreed that U.S. territories would be treated under 16.2.2.9, not 16.2.2.11.
4. **16.2.2.12 (new number):** Agreed to add an *alternative* (rather than an *optional addition*) to include the name of a "state, province, or highest-level administrative division" as part of the preferred name of the place.
5. **Abbreviations of place names:** Agreed that the ambiguous abbreviation "V.I." should be deleted from Appendix B, and examples; ALA will submit a Fast Track proposal. Agreed that ALA should develop a proposal to remove all of the abbreviations for places from Appendix B and examples throughout RDA.
6. **Future plans:** Agreed with the plans proposed by ALA; suggested that a discussion paper might precede an actual proposal; noted the interest of EURIG is collaborating on this effort; and confirmed a preference for treating larger/smaller places as relationships rather than as additions to the preferred name string.

### 6JSC/ALA/9: Initial Articles in Place Names (RDA 16.2.2.3)

JSC agreed to the proposed revisions, with modifications suggested by LC.

## Friday, November 9

The final day was taken up by an executive session. Among the matters discussed or decided were:

- The JSC discussed the RDA instructions for dealing with minor changes in serial titles. The Anglo-American practice has been to base the description on the earliest issue or part, but German practice has been to base the description on the latest issue or part. The JSC agreed to draft a statement (since posted) indicating our desire that "data created under RDA should be sufficiently flexible to support any approach, without compromising the capability to control and link descriptions of serial resources."
- The JSC began drafting the Outcomes for the meeting; the final version of this document will be posted on the JSC website in December.
- Gordon Dunsire agreed to be the JSC's liaison to the FRBR Review Group.

- Gordon Dunsire was elected as Chair-Elect of the JSC, to become Chair for a two-year term beginning in January 2014.
- The next JSC meeting was tentatively schedule for the first week in November 2013 in Washington, DC.

## Summary of JSC Decisions on ALA proposals

**6JSC/ALA/5, Revision of RDA 6.21, Other distinguishing characteristics of a legal work, and 6.29.1.33 (Additions to access points representing treaties, etc.):** Approved.

**6JSC/ALA/6, Revision of RDA 11.5.1.3, Recording Associated Institutions, and RDA 9.13.1.3, Recording Affiliations:** Approved; also agreed with LC to delete the exception for institution associated with a conference.

**6JSC/ALA/7, Revision of RDA 2.12.8 and 2.12.16 regarding recording ISSNs:** Approved, with revisions: instead of “any source” there will be a list of sources in order of preference, and the instruction will be to “transcribe” (not “record”) the ISSN.

**6JSC/ALA/8, Revision of RDA 6.28.1.9, Additions to access points representing musical works with titles that are not distinctive:** Approved, with wording changes.

**6JSC/ALA/9, Initial Articles in Place Names (RDA 16.2.2.3):** Approved, with wording changes.

**6JSC/ALA/10, Revision of RDA 2.5.1.4, Recording Edition Statements:** Approved, with wording changes.

**6JSC/ALA/11, Revision of RDA 2.11.1.3, Recording Copyright Dates:** Approved a compromise suggested by ALA: two new or revised provisions will be included in the general instruction. For multiple copyright dates that apply to various aspects of the resource, any that are considered important for identification or selection may be recorded; for multiple copyright dates that apply to a single aspect, only the latest copyright date is to be recorded.

**6JSC/ALA/12, Revision of RDA 6.15.1.3, Recording Medium of Performance:** Withdrawn; use of external vocabularies is generally authorized at RDA 0.12. Approved an additional paragraph referring to 7.21, as well as changes to 7.21.

**6JSC/ALA/13, Revision of RDA instructions relating to librettos and lyrics for musical works (RDA 6.2.2.10.2, 6.27.4.2, I.2.1, Glossary):** Approved, with wording changes.

**6JSC/ALA/14, Revision of RDA instructions for arrangements and adaptations of musical works (RDA 6.28.1.5.2 and 6.28.3.2.2):** Made minor changes to 6.28.1.5.2; agreed to add an example to 6.28.3.2.2. ALA withdrew the proposal to add an example to 6.27.1.8. Definitions of “adaptation” and “arrangement” will be added to the Glossary.

**6JSC/ALA/15, Hearings in RDA 19.2.1.1.1:** Approved, with an addition.

**6JSC/ALA/16, Revision of RDA 3.19.3 for video encoding formats and addition of a new element for Optical Disc Characteristics:** Withdrawn; JSC desires to pursue the use of external vocabularies.

**6JSC/ALA/17, Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3: Discussion Paper:** Gave ALA encouragement to continue its work.

**6JSC/ALA/18, Proposed Revision of RDA Instructions for Government and Non-Government Corporate Bodies:** Gave general approval, with modifications to details. In particular, type 6 will be retained; the instruction for legislative subcommittees of the U.S. Congress will continue to be an exception.

**6JSC/ALA/19, Proposed revision of RDA 16.2.2, Preferred Name for the Place:** (1) Agreed to revised wording for “the former USSR and the former Yugoslavia”; decided not to remove Malaysia from 16.2.2.9. (2) Agreed to exclude the Republic of Ireland from 16.2.2.10, using wording provided by LC. (3) Agreed to add an instruction for “Overseas territories, dependencies, etc.” (4) Agreed to add an alternative to include the name of a “state, province, or highest-level administrative division” as part of the preferred name of a place. (5) Agreed to delete “V.I.” from appendix B; agreed that ALA should develop a proposal to remove all of the abbreviations for places from Appendix B. (6) Encouraged ALA to develop a discussion paper on dealing with names of larger/smaller places as relationships.

**6JSC/ALA/20, Proposed revision of RDA 2.1.2.2 and 2.1.2.3, Basis for Identification of the Resource:** Approved, with wording changes.

**6JSC/ALA/21, Proposed revisions of RDA instructions on Sources of Information (RDA 2.2.2.1-2.2.2.4):** Approved, with additions and wording changes.

## 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.