

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, British Library Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 11.4 and 11.13 and Glossary

Summary

Add an element sub-type for Period of Activity of the Corporate Body. This will enable the data to be recorded as an attribute and as part of the authorized access point if needed to distinguish one access point from another, or, if the addition assists in the identification of the body.

Background

Period of Activity of the Person is available in 9.3.4 and 9.19.1.5, but a corresponding element Period of Activity of the Corporate Body is not available in Chapter 11.

Often the precise years of a body's establishment or termination are not available, but a period of activity is known. A case in point is antiquarian publishers; the following request was received from the King's Topographical Collection at the British Library:

"It would be great to have the active dates for the corporate authority: print publishers chopped and changes their alliances so much that by knowing the dates they worked together it often helps us to date prints".

Such bodies are often active in the same place, so Place Associated with the Corporate Body does not distinguish or identify them.

It can be just as useful to record period of activity for corporate bodies as for personal names.

Changes to RDA Instructions

Change 1 - 11.4.1 Scope

Insert additional text to include period of activity

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Change 2 - 11.4.1.3 General Guidelines

Insert additional category in list of dates associated

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Change 3 – 11.4.5 Period of Activity of the Corporate Body

Add New Instruction

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11.4.5.1 Scope

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11.4.5.2 Sources of information

Take information on period of activity of the corporate body from any source.

11.4.5.3 Recording Period of Activity of the Corporate Body

If a corporate body's date of establishment and date of termination are both unknown, record a date or range of dates indicative of the corporate body's period of activity. Apply the basic instructions on recording dates associated with corporate bodies at 11.4.1.

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Change 4 11.13.1.5 Date Associated with the Body

Amend reference to include 11.4.5 and add example

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associated institution (see [11.13.1.4RDA](#)).

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South Dakota. Department of Public Safety (1973–1984)
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Change 5 Glossary

Add glossary entry

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