

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Compilers and editors of compilations – Amendments to RDA 20.2.1

We thank ACOC for proposing to resolve an issue that has caused some confusion for our catalogers as well. We support the effort, but would like to suggest a revision to the proposed third paragraph at 20.2.1 to 1) avoid the referential phrase “when this occurs” (since it may not be clear which type of compiler from the preceding sentence is referred to), and 2) to use wording already found in the relationship designator definitions in Appendix I.

ACOC proposal:

Contributors also include editors of compilations, unless the selection, arrangement, editing, etc., of content for a compilation effectively results in the creation of a new work. When this occurs, the person, family, or corporate body responsible for compiling the aggregate work may be considered to be the creator of the compilation, see 19.2.1

LC proposed revision:

Editors of compilations are also considered to be contributors. An editor of compilation may contribute to the expression of a work by selecting and putting together a collective or aggregate work, provided this contribution does not result in the creation of a new work. See 19.2.1 for a compiler considered responsible for creating a new work (e.g., a bibliography, a directory).