

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Hearings in RDA 19.2.1.1.1

ACOC thanks ALA for this proposal to revise the instructions relating to Hearings in RDA 19.2.1.1.1.

We support the proposed change to separate hearings from the events category c) iii) into their own separate category as this will make the instructions clearer. We also support the additional information about the types of hearings to be covered, i.e. 'conducted by legislative, governmental, and other bodies'.

However, we don't consider that this change is sufficient to address ALA's concern that 'the creator of a hearing should be the body holding the hearing', not the hearing itself. The instructions at 19.2 only tell the cataloguer to consider that a corporate body is involved; they do not tell the cataloguer how to name that corporate body. That information is given in the Chapter 11 instructions; specifically 11.2.2.18 which covers bodies created or controlled by a government and 11.2.2.19 which covers bodies to be entered subordinately.

If ALA wish ensure hearings are entered under the name of the higher level body, then we think that changes would need to be made to the Chapter 11 instructions and we would encourage ALA to provide a proposal which addresses this.