

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Christine Frodl, DNB representative
Subject: Proposed Revision of RDA Instructions for Government and Non-Government Corporate Bodies

DNB thanks ALA for preparing this proposal. DNB welcomes a new structure regarding this topic and agrees to the proposal in general.

Subordinated bodies are complicated and we assume that this proposal will not solve all questions regarding this type of corporate bodies. The instructions for subordinate bodies for governmental and non-governmental corporate bodies are relatively complex and differ from the current practice in the German-speaking countries. We use the GND¹ file ("integrated authority file") with specific rules, where we record all names and titles and variant titles for persons, corporate bodies, geographical names, subject headings and titles of works of music. Therefore applying the proposed changes would have a larger impact for the German-speaking community. We need to discuss the topic further in the process of establishing the RDA Policy Statements for the German-speaking community. Furthermore we also would like to ask that the JSC consider the impact of this proposal.

¹ http://www.dnb.de/EN/Standardisierung/Normdaten/GND/gnd_node.html