

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative  
**Subject:** RDA Appendix K Revision and Expansion

ACOC thanks ALA for this detailed proposal to revise and expand the provisional relationship designators in RDA Appendix K.

ACOC supports the proposal in general, and suggests the proposed revisions be discussed further to ensure they meld with the recommendation relating to Appendix K in [6JSC/CILIP rep/3/Appendix/5](#).

We have reservations about the proposal re: identifying general designators that are applicable to multiple relationships (page 1, third dot point). Repeating the general designators verbatim (with the same definition, in all sections in which they are applicable) introduces an apparent conflict between the headings of the sections and the actual definitions of the relationship designators, e.g., the heading at K.3 is quite specific:

K.3 Relationship Designators for Related Families

K.3.1 Relationship Designators to Relate Families to Persons

But the definitions for, e.g., **associated with** is much broader than this in encompassing persons, families, and corporate bodies. ACOC considers that precision in the definitions, and alignment with the scope of the headings is preferable to the “generalized” approach proposed. We welcome further discussion around this issue.