

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Galen Jones, CILIP Representative
Subject: Clarifying core element status for “not identified” elements in the Distribution and Manufacture Statements (RDA 2.9 and 2.10)

CILIP thanks ALA for its proposed revision.

The CILIP constituency initially agreed with the proposal but subsequently felt it would be preferable to defer this proposal due to the overlap with other proposals.

CILIP recognizes that the absence of Distribution and Manufacture Statements is not evidence of their non-existence in linked data environments because of the Open World Assumption.

It is important that the function of “core” elements is considered in a wider discussion to be had by JSC regarding opening RDA up to other communities, moving away from record-based approaches such as ISBD.