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To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: John Attig, ALA Representative  
Subject: Title of person: change to 9.4.1 and 9.19.1.2

ALA thanks the British Library for this proposal. ALA agrees that it is useful to record other titles of persons, at least in some cases; our concern is with the specific text of the instructions for using this information in authorized access points.

ALA agrees with ACOC, CCC, and LC that “Other title of the person” should not be routinely included in the authorized access point (RDA 9.19.1.2), but rather should be added to the list of “core if” element that may be added in order to distinguish persons with the same name (RDA 9.19.1.3–9.19.1.7). We also suggest that such titles should only be included in the authorized access point when they are routinely used by the person in resources associated with the person.

We share the concerns of ACOC and LC about the scope of the new sub-element, and the overlap with other elements in Chapter 9.