

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Dave Reser, LC Representative  
**Subject:** Revision of RDA 11.4 and 11.13 and Glossary

Thanks to the BL for addressing this missing element subtype for corporate bodies. We agree with the proposal, with revisions suggested below.

### **Change 1 - 11.4.1 Scope**

*LC response:* Agree

### **Change 2 – 11.4.1.3 General Guidelines**

*LC response:* Agree

### **Change 3 – 11.4.5 Period of Activity of the Corporate Body**

*LC response:* Agree, with minor suggested revisions

1) Revise the CORE element statement for consistency with the parallel CORE statement for 9.3.4 (Period of Activity of the Person)

*Period of activity of the corporate body is a core element if it is **when** needed to distinguish the **a** corporate body from another corporate body with the same name*

2) 11.4.5.1 Scope includes a repeated word “period” that should be deleted

*Period of activity of the corporate body is a date or range of dates indicative of the period **period** in which a corporate body was active.*

3) 11.4.5.3: The proposed wording indicates that one should “Apply the basic instructions on recording dates associated with corporate bodies at 11.4.1”; however, those basic instructions do not indicate how to express a span of dates, nor the use of “approximately” or “century” as is made explicit for persons at 9.3.1.3. We think that 11.4.1 should replicate the instructions from 9.3.1.3 that are applicable to corporate bodies.

4) The “century” examples at 11.4.5.3 should not show superscript “th,” e.g., 19th century, not 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Change 4 – 11.13.1.5 Date Associated with the Body**

*LC response:* Agree, but we would like to see an explanation added to the new example to make its use clearer:

*Harrison & Leigh (active 1810-1818)*

*Period of activity added because date of establishment and date of termination are both unknown*

**Change 5 – Glossary**

*LC response:* Agree

**Additional Revisions**

Because this element subtype is core when needed to distinguish a corporate body from another corporate body, it needs to be addressed at 0.6.4 and 8.3.

**0.6.4 and 8.3, second list (same change to both instructions):**

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Location of headquarters

Date of establishment

Date of termination

Period of activity of the corporate body

Associated institution

...

**Question:** We would be interested if the BL or others have had thoughts about whether MARC Authority Format users would be expected to use field 046 \$s and \$t for a period of activity of the corporate body, whether scope changes would be necessary, or whether new subfields would be required to distinguish a range of dates for a period of activity vs. dates of establishment/termination.