

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Revision of RDA 2.5.2.1, 2.5.2.2 Designation of Edition, addition in Chapter 2 of a core element for Format of Notated Music Statement, revision of affected chapters in RDA (0.6.2, Core Elements - Section 1: Recording Attributes of Manifestation and Item; 1.3, Core Elements; 1.4, Language and Script; 2.2.4, Other Sources of Information; 2.20 Note on Manifestation or Item; 18.6, Note on Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies Associated with a Resource; Appendix A; Glossary).

LC thanks IAML for its proposal, but we do not support it.

We do not believe it is necessary to separate out the feature of certain manifestations of notated music that ISBD calls *music format statement* and AACR2 calls *musical presentation statement*. RDA achieves a simplification by absorbing it into 6.12.1.3 Recording Other Distinguishing Characteristic of the Expression, and into 7.20.1.4 Details of Format of Notated Music, which also provides for recording that information if it is “considered to be important for identification or selection”.