

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative to the JSC
Subject: ISBD Review Group Response to JSC Response to the two Discussion Papers from the ISBD Review Group -
6JSC/ISBD/Discussion/1 Alignment of ISBD and RDA Element Sets and
6JSC/ISBD/Discussion/2 and Mapping of ISBD Area 0

ALA thanks the ISBD Review Group for their responses and for providing an updated version of Appendix D.1. We offer the following response to the ISBD Review Group's comments on their review of RDA Appendix D.1, and also include a few additional comments.

1. Mapping from ISBD to RDA

We believe the original intention of this part of Appendix D was to preserve AACR2 punctuation rules that do not appear in the body of RDA instructions. This mapping has been useful for catalogers who moved from using AACR2 to RDA while applying ISBD display conventions. We would support the creation of a mapping from RDA to ISBD as well; this type of bi-directional mapping already appears in the RDA Toolkit Tools tab for RDA/MARC mappings.

2. Developing an application profile

ALA supports the idea of a jointly-developed and jointly-maintained application profile.

3. Relationship of D.1.1 and ISBD section A.3

ALA agrees that D.1.1 should have the same content as ISBD A.3. While we generally believe that linking out to existing content is better than replicating the information, we are concerned about the inability to link to a particular section within a PDF file, a problem Gordon Dunsire has confirmed with the JSC.

4. Relationship between D.1.3 and ISBD Appendix A

As with our response to number 3 above, we have the same agreement and concerns about the relationship between D.1.3 and the section in ISBD Appendix A about multilevel description.

5. Moving Appendix D content to the RDA Toolkit Tools tab

ALA has already noted our agreement with this concept. However, we need to have a better understanding of exactly what content would appear there. As the ISBD content moves to the Tools tab, the JSC should also consider what happens with the similar content in Appendix E.1.

Additional comments:

Changes to D.0

If the content of Appendix D continues to be present somewhere, we do not agree with the proposed changes to D.0; we believe the existing wording is clearer about what Appendix D contains.

Musical format statement

We are curious about the omission of the mapping and description of the Music Format Statement, which appears in the 2011 ISBD Consolidated Edition. We believe these should be reinstated if that statement remains valid in ISBD.