

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Appendix D

LC thanks the ISBD Review Group for the edits to Appendix D. While some of the proposed changes to Appendix D were obvious and welcome, there are two challenges to reviewing the revision: 1) the absence of deletion and addition marks, and 2) the fact that the revisions were made to a pre-reworded version of the appendix (understandably, all that the ISBDRG had available at the time of the revision). For this reason, we think a more careful review will be needed, as it is not clear whether the current lack of synchronization between RDA and ISBD is the result of the rewording or for other reasons.

We note that there are some changes that we expected to see, such as revised wording from the ISBD Consolidated edition for A.3.2.3 relative to punctuation between paragraphs (often cited in lengthy discussions about whether punctuation after the symbol “cm” is appropriate if a series statement is not given).

We also note that several very important paragraphs from D.1.2.2 were deleted, and we do not understand the deletions. For example, these critical paragraphs no longer appear at D.1.2.2:

Precede each parallel title by an equals sign.

Precede each unit of other title information by a colon.

Precede the first statement of responsibility by a diagonal slash.

Precede each subsequent statement of responsibility by a semicolon.

(we fully understand why the paragraph “Enclose the general material designation in square brackets.⁴” was removed).