

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: John Attig, ALA Representative  
Subject: RDA Appendix A

ALA thanks the Library of Congress for their work on Appendix A.

#1. ALA supports the specific recommendations for revision of A.2.1 but we suggest a further simplification of the wording of the final sentence:

For names with unusual capitalization, follow that capitalization.

#2. ALA supports the specific recommendations for revision of A.2.4 and suggests some changes to the examples.

- Delete “Thomas (Anglo-Norman poet) on the grounds that “Anglo-Norman” is a proper name that would be capitalized under any circumstances.
- Add the following examples, which are also used elsewhere in RDA (the first at 9.19.1.2, the second and third at 9.15.1.3 and 9.19.1.7):

Big Hand (Musician)

Lang, Peter (Stamp collector)

Gillespie, Helen (Owner of Dance news)

#3. ALA strongly supports option #3a for adding additional languages in alphabetical order. Various suggestions were made for avoiding constant renumbering. The basic idea was to create a single section (A.33?) for “Instructions for Capitalization in Other Languages” and organizing the section alphabetically, using the name of the language as part of the designation of the individual instructions.

ALA supports the additional instructions for Latvian and Lithuanian provided by LC, along with the references for Azerbaijani, etc.