

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Revisions to Date Associated with the Person (9.3) when recording more than a year alone

ACOC thanks LC for this proposal to revise the instructions for recording the date associated with the person when recording more than year alone.

We support proposed change 1 and proposed change 2; we also support proposed change 3, but think it may require some minor alteration.

ACOC agrees with the proposed new *Optional Addition*, but is uncomfortable with the need to include the proposed additional phrase preceding it ‘, generally recording the year alone’ as the proposed revision of the instruction at RDA 9.3.1.3 still says to give the year alone. Also, the word ‘generally’ seems to incorrectly imply there is some choice other than that provided in the proposed *Optional Addition*.

If it’s determined that it is useful to remind the cataloguer of the instruction to give the year alone some alternative phrasing may be preferred.