

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: John Attig, ALA Representative  
Subject: Elimination of RDA treatment for “names not conveying the idea of ...”

ALA does not support the elimination of the concept of “names not conveying the idea of” a person or corporate body. We are not persuaded that the current practice has caused significant difficulties. Nor is it clear that access points that do not require qualifiers – because there is no conflict with the names of other persons or corporate bodies – will be easily identifiable as names of persons or bodies. An example that we found persuasive was the British rock group known as The Animals; assuming that this name is unique within the authority file, we find the access point “Animals” much more confusing than the current access point “Animals (Musical group)”.