

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative
Subject: Clarifying Date Associated with the Person and Core Requirements

ALA generally supports the clarification of the instructions relating to core requirements. We particularly welcome the clarification that core requirements may be satisfied either by recording elements as part of the authorized access point or as separate elements.

In the revisions to both 0.6.4 and 8.3, we do not believe that “Period of activity of the person” should be added to the first list of core elements. It is sufficient to add “Period of activity of the person” to the second list, those elements required when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name. The purpose of the second list is precisely to require elements when needed to distinguish persons; the purpose of the first list is not conditional in this way.