

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

ALA supports the revised document, with the following exceptions:

1. Under “Discussion at November 2011 JSC meeting,” the document states “In this revision, LC has added ‘Date of birth’ and ‘Date of death’ and deleted the existing ‘Date associated with the person’.” However, “Date associated with the person” appears along with “Date of birth” and “Date of death” in the revised versions of both RDA 0.6.4 and RDA 8.3. “Date associated with the person” should be deleted from both lists.
2. In several places, an instruction is added to “Record the elements either as additions to the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as separate elements or as both.” RDA editorial style calls for a comma after all elements in a list except the last. Therefore, the sentence should read “Record the elements either as additions to the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as separate elements, or as both.” This change is needed in the first paragraph of RDA 0.6.4 and the first paragraph of RDA 8.3; other instances of this instruction are correct.
3. ALA agrees that the lists at RDA 0.6.4 and RDA 8.3 already include a mix of elements and element sub-types and that the presentation of the list at 0.6.2 need not be followed.