

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: John Attig, ALA Representative  
Subject: Revisions to Date Associated with the Person (RDA 9.3, 9.3.2 and 9.3.3)

ALA thanks the Library of Congress for this clarification of the core requirements for Date Associated with the Person. ALA supports the proposal.

However, we wonder whether this revision is sufficient to accomplish the goal. The general instructions at 9.19.1.1, as well as the specific instructions about dates at 9.19.1.3 still limit the addition of birth and death dates to cases of conflict; the addition would be unconditional only if the optional addition at 9.19.1.3 is applied. Thus the date element is still a conditional core element so long as that limitation exists.