

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Meta-metadata elements in RDA

Thanks to the Technical Working Group for following-up on the issues raised in 6JSC/Chair/9 related to meta-metadata elements in RDA. We have the following comments:

Recommendation 1: Agree with the recommendation and the changes to the text, except the definitions for cataloguer's notes—we believe that it needs to mention the identifying attributes of an entity and not just relationship information. We have shown what should be added to 5.9.1.1, and the same would apply to 8.13.1.1, 24.8.1.1, and 29.7.1.1:

A cataloguer's note is an annotation that might be helpful to those using or revising the identifying attributes of an entity, ~~authorized access point representing a work or expression~~relationship data, or creating an authorized access point representing a related ~~work or expression~~entity.

Alternatively, wording similar to what is proposed for “source consulted” might be used:

A cataloguer's note is an annotation that might be helpful to those using or revising a name, title, or other identifying attribute of an entity, relationship data, or creating an authorized access point representing a related entity.

The recommendation is also to “Add text to specify the variations for each instruction, if necessary for clarification”. We are not sure exactly what form this text should take, but have added some sample text below in the context of the marked-up instruction for 5.7.1.1 to see if this is the type of information needed for clarification (basically identifying the entities where applicable, and references to other instructions). If so, such statements would be necessary for the other instructions.

5.7.1.1 Scope

Status of identification is an indication of the level of authentication of the data identifying a ~~work or expression~~an entity.

Status of identification may occur in association with data identifying works, expressions, persons, families, and corporate bodies.

For status of identification in association with data associated with persons, families, or corporate bodies, see 8.10.

Recommendation 2: Agree.

Recommendation 3: Agree.

Recommendation 4: Agree.

Recommendation 5: Agree.

Recommendation 6: Agree.