

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative
Subject: Note and related elements in RDA

ALA thanks the JSC Technical Working Group for this analysis of the differences between “Details of...” and “Note on...” elements in RDA and their recommendations for changes to make RDA more consistent in this area. We agree with the proposal, although we have some concerns about the final recommendation.

Recommendation 1: Add the elements listed in Table 1 to the RDA Element set with corresponding entries in the RDA Glossary and RDA Registry.

Agree.

Recommendation 2: Treat *Note on Issue, Part, or Iteration Used as the Basis for Identification of the Resource, Note on Title, and Note on Series Statement* as meta-elements, and apply the recommendations of 6JSC/TechnicalWG/1 as appropriate.

Agree.

Recommendation 3: Deprecate the domains of *Note on Issue, Part, or Iteration Used as the Basis for Identification of the Resource, Note on Title, and Note on Series Statement* in the RDA Registry.

Agree.

Recommendation 4: Ensure the semantics of the data model of Figure 3 is applied to *Note on ...* elements in the RDA Registry, and ensure the RDA instructions clarify the relationship between *Note on ...* elements and their root elements.

Agree. The JSC should see a proposal for the needed changes to the RDA instructions before the changes to the Registry are implemented.

Recommendation 5: Change the names of the elements given in Table 4.

ALA notes that the proposed name for entries 2 and 3 of Table 4 are so similar as to make no difference from those already existing for RDA 3.1.6 (*Change in Carrier Characteristics*) and 7.29.2.3 (*Change in Content Characteristics*), respectively. We recommend that all the captions in Table 4 conform to the pattern, “Note about ...”