

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative
Subject: Finnish Music Group proposed revisions for recording preferred titles of parts of musical works identified by both a number and a title (6.14.2.7.1.3)

ALA thanks the JSC Music Working Group for preparing this proposal on behalf of the Finnish Music Group. While we support adding the alternative to the 1st paragraph of 6.14.2.7.1.3, we have a rewording suggestion for the proposed text. We also recommend a further review of the instructions in 6.14.2.7.1.1-6.14.2.7.1.4 with an eye toward simplification, along the lines of the general instructions for recording the preferred title of one part in 6.2.2.9.

Suggested revision

In the second “and” clause of the proposed alternative, ALA believes that the reference to the number of the part should be in the singular, since the instruction is about “one part”. We also think that the final three words in this clause are redundant. Thus, we recommend the following revision (*clean copy of complete alternative*):

Alternative

If:

each of the parts is identified by a number

and

each of the parts is identified by its own title or a verbal designation

and

the number of the part is considered important for identification

then:

record the number of the part followed by a comma and the title or other verbal designation of the part.

Additional comment

As a result of analyzing this proposal, ALA believes that the sub-instructions 6.14.2.7.1.1-6.14.2.7.1.4 could be reorganized and simplified. While we have not proposed a further revision of these instructions in this response, we note that:

- The first paragraph of 6.14.2.7.1 essentially duplicates the sub-instruction for recording preferred titles in 6.14.2.7.1.2.
- The number of the part is recorded in all but one situation. This could be presented as an exception.
- The title of the part is recorded in all but one situation. This could be presented as an exception.

We recommend that the JSC Music Working Group investigate simplifying these instructions; we would be happy to work with them further on this task.