

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2025 MEETING OF THE RDA STEERING COMMITTEE
Asynchronous, via Basecamp, Google Meet and Zoom
14-17 July 2025

Attending: Colleen Barbus, RDA Board Chair
Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
Charlene Chou, RSC Wider Community Engagement Officer
Charlotte Christensen, RSC Oceania Representative
Ahava Cohen, RSC Europe Representative
Szabolcs Dancs, RSC Translations Team Liaison Officer
Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor
James Hennelly, Director, ALA Digital Reference (RDA publisher)
Christopher Holden, RSC Technica Team Liaison Officer
Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano, RSC Latin America and the Caribbean Representative
Robert Maxwell, RSC North America Representative
Elisa Sze, RSC Education and Orientation Officer
Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary ([absent from Public Session](#))

Apologies: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary, was unable to attend the Public Session because she was attending a funeral. She minuted from a recording.

Invited Speakers, attending solely the Public Session on 15 July:

Michalis Gerolimos, National Library of Greece, delivering presentation
Damian Iseminger, Former RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer, who co-authored RSC/EOO/2025/1 in his last month as Past Chair of the Technical Working Group and Past RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer
Sofia Zapounidou, Luxembourg, supporting her former colleague Michalis Gerolimos in the Q&A session following his presentation.

Observers registered for the Public Session on 15 July:

Adam Baron, USA
Renate Beilharz, Australia
Hong Cui, Canada
Iman Dagher, USA
Thuy-Anh Dang, USA
Merideth Fletcher, Canada
Deborah Fritz, USA
Kathy Glennan, USA
Jorge Gomez Briseño, Mexico
Chelsea Hoover, USA

Anastasia Kerameos, UK
Eleftheria Koseoglou, Greece
Mona Labrie, Canada
Hannes Lowagie, Belgium
Anoushka McGuire, New Zealand
Daniel Paradis, Canada
Adam Schiff, USA
Rob Smith, UK
Olivera Stojanović, Serbia
Nadiya Strishenets, Ukraine
Katarina Synnermark, Sweden
Pamela Thomas, USA
Crystal Yragui, USA

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Asynchronous Meeting

Executive Session

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 July 2025

Synchronous Meeting

Monday, 14 July 6-8pm UTC

521 Welcome

Renate Behrens welcomed everyone and expressed a warm welcome to Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano, attending his first RSC Meeting as the first ever Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean. She asked each RSC member to introduce themselves, and each expressed their own welcome to Felipe. In return, Felipe expressed his pleasure to be there and reassured the group that although the Latin America and the Caribbean RDA Group (RDA ALyC) has just been formally established in June 2025, the Region has been very active in RDA implementation over a number of years and he has plenty to share (see [Item 534.2](#)).

522 Housekeeping and review of previous action items

All actions from the last meeting were completed or in progress. Charlotte reported that the current focus of ORDAC's discussions on Indigenous Perspectives on Place was on MARC. They will complete that before progressing the discussion paper against which there was an action on her ([RSC/Minutes/373-392](#) Item 391.5). The Chair and Secretary agreed that this action will be discharged and ORDAC can let the RSC know when it is ready and we will raise a new action then.

523 Soft-deprecated Elements

Chris talked through the current state of play with regard to these.

523.1 Feedback on draft plan

Chris expressed his thanks to the Executive Group (Renate, James, Szabolcs, Jessica, Elisa, Charlene, Anne and until June, Damian Iseminger as Past Chair of the Technical Working Group) and to James and the Policy Statement Writers Group, who had provided valuable feedback on a draft of the plan he was presenting today.

523.2 Key message

The community concern that Chris hears most frequently is centred on the way in which any deprecation of terms will be achieved. As stated clearly at the April Public Session ([RSC/Minutes/508-520](#) Item 518.6), the key message from the RSC is that nothing will be deprecated that does not follow the usual full process – i.e. proposals will be presented by Chris as Chair of the Technical Working Group. These will be discussed in the usual way – i.e. Regional Representatives will disseminate them and solicit feedback from their constituencies. Anyone without a Regional Representative (i.e. outside Europe, Latin American and the

Caribbean, North America or Oceania) can submit feedback via the Wider Community Engagement Officer or directly to the Chair of the Technical Working Group.

523.3 Plan

Chris has analysed all the feedback from the community and has met with several people who have expressed concerns about specific soft-deprecated elements. Based on this, he has identified three categories in terms of potential actions going forward, in terms of the actions he plans to take.

Elements that he believes can be fully-deprecated. He will prepare proposal(s) for these and they will follow the usual process (see [Item 523.2](#)).

Elements that he believes cannot be deprecated. These will remain in RDA in some capacity and we will need to discuss how they will appear. He does not believe it is helpful to have them flagged as soft-deprecated when they are in use by members of the RDA cataloguing community.

Parallel elements. There has been divided feedback on the utility of deprecating the parallel elements. The Technical Working Group plans to craft a discussion paper to address the subject of what cataloguing would look like in RDA without the use of the parallel elements.

523.4 A Pragmatic Approach

Chris recognises why the deprecation of these elements was originally suggested. However, he is advocating a pragmatic approach that supports the RDA community where it is. As part of this, he has considered the reasons that members of the community have shared as to *why* they are using specific soft-deprecated elements. He appreciates that for some terms, the element that is suggested instead of the soft-deprecated one is simply too general for particular institutions' needs. In the interest of making things as simple as possible, the proposed deprecated terms will only require Policy Statements and options to move up one "level". For example, if "details of applied material" is deprecated, its options and Policy Statements can be moved to "applied material". But Chris will *not* propose that "applied material" be deprecated in favour of "material". This will avoid the "details of applied material" options and statements moving up two levels to "material". Chris hopes that this pragmatic approach will work best for RDA community members in all the many and varied ways in which they use RDA elements.

523.5 Flagging of Soft-deprecated Elements in the Toolkit

Charlotte and Robert shared that they receive regular feedback from their community members that some cataloguers find it difficult to notice which elements *are* the soft-deprecated elements. They wonder if a clearer way of flagging them within the Toolkit can be found. Chris and Renate replied that their hope is to move quickly enough on decisions to deprecate or not deprecate elements that a redesign of the Toolkit entries will not be needed (see [Item 525](#)).

- 523.5 ACTION ITEM:** Chris to present the headlines of the plan to the Public Session (see [Item 532.7](#))
- 523.6 ACTION ITEM:** Chris to proceed with his plan to write proposals for elements to deprecate.
- 523.7 ACTION ITEM:** Technical Working Group to write discussion paper on parallel elements.

524 Music Working Group

The Secretary had shared a draft charge document in Basecamp. The Chair asked voting members of the RSC to approve its publication ahead of the Public Session at which she would announce it ([Item 532.4](#)). There was unanimous approval of it, and [RSC/Chair/2025/14](#) was published on 15 July along with a [call for participation](#).

525 Future Public Sessions

With the Extent Working Group due to present its proposals in the November Public Session, and with proposals already submitted by NARDAC and the Technical Working Group and due from the Religions in RDA Working Group, the Chair asked RSC members how they would feel about scheduling a second Public Session in November – one for the Extent Working Group proposals and one for the other proposals. After discussion, it was agreed that if the Extent Working Group meets its deadline and submits its proposals for the November Meeting, they should form an extra Public Session. The Secretary suggested that the scheduled Executive Session on Monday 17 November (6-8pm UTC) could be converted to a Public Session and this was met with unanimous approval.

- 525.1 ACTION ITEM:** Chair and Secretary to ask the Chair of the Extent Working Group if he will be delivering proposals in time for the November meeting or if, instead, a request for a further extension of the Task and Finish Working Group needs to be lodged.
- 525.2 ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to poll for a time in week commencing 10 November for RSC members to hold in their diaries for an Executive Session in case Monday 17 November is needed for the Extent Working Group proposals.

Note: There was one item of AOB ([Item 537.1](#)).

Asynchronous Meeting**14 – 17 July****online, via Basecamp****526 Fast Track Proposals****526.1 FT2025-3**

Chris presented a fast track proposal to correct the definition of **alternative identity of person of** in the RDA Glossary, which does not match the wording used by its inverse element **alternate identity of person**. The RSC discussed the proposal and voting members approved it unanimously. The following change will be implemented as soon as practicable.

In the glossary definition for **alternate identity of person of**, change the following:

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A person who has an appellation of person that is a pseudonym or other ~~assumed identity~~
appellation used by the person.

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A person who has an appellation of person that is a pseudonym or other appellation used by the person.

526.1.1 ACTION ITEM: RSC Secretary to prepare RSC/FT2025/3/Decisions

526.1.2 ACTION ITEM: Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement
RSC/FT2025/3/Decisions

526.2 FT2025-4

Chris presented a fast track proposal to correct the definitions of the elements **preceded by expression** and **succeeded by expression** to align with the definitions of **preceded by work** and **succeeded by work**. The RSC discussed the proposal and voting members approved it unanimously. The following changes will be implemented as soon as practicable.

FT2025-4-1

In the glossary definition for **preceded by expression**, change the following:

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An expression of a work ~~that precedes, that is, is earlier in time or before in narrative, etc., a succeeding~~
whose chronological coverage is before that of another expression.

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An expression of a work whose chronological coverage is before that of another expression.

FT2025-4-2

In the glossary definition for **succeeded by expression**, change the following:

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An expression of a work ~~that succeeds, that is, is later in time or after in narrative, etc., a preceding~~ whose chronological coverage is after that of another expression.

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An expression of a work whose chronological coverage is after that of another expression

526.2.1 ACTION ITEM: RSC Secretary to prepare RSC/FT2025/4/Decisions

526.2.2 ACTION ITEM: Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/FT2025/4/Decisions

526.3 FT2025-5

Chris and Robert presented a fast track proposal prepared by Chelsea Hoover and Keith Knop of the MLA CMC Content Standards Subcommittee. The proposal recommended that **keyboard reduction score** be added to the [RDA Format of Notated Music VES](#) with the proposed definition of “a format of notated music that consists of a score showing all solo instrument parts, with the instrumental accompaniment reduced for keyboard or other chordal instrument”. The addition of this term would function as an equivalent in the Format of Notated Music VES for the MARC fixed field term **c-Accompaniment reduced for keyboard**. The RSC thanked the Music Library Association for bringing to its attention this issue, which in turn highlighted that there is work to be done on the RDA Format of Notated Music VES. This is timely, since the RSC is in the process of establishing its Music Working Group (see [Item 524](#)). In its discussion of the Fast Track, the RSC concluded that it should ask the members of the Music Working Group to consider the VES. In the meantime, the voting members of the RSC approved the recommendation in FT2025-5 unanimously. The following change will be made as soon as practicable.

In the RDA Format of Notated Music VES add the term and definition as follows.

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Term: keyboard reduction score

Definition: a format of notated music that consists of a score showing all solo instrument parts, with the instrumental accompaniment reduced for keyboard or other chordal instrument.

- 526.3.1 ACTION ITEM:** RSC Secretary to prepare RSC/FT2025/5/Decisions
- 526.3.2 ACTION ITEM:** Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/FT2025/5/Decisions
- 526.3.3 ACTION ITEM:** RSC Chair to communicate to the Music Working Group that the RSC believes work is needed on the RDA Format of Notated Music VES and to discuss adding this to their Terms of Reference.

527 Update from the Board

Colleen reported that the Board has been continuing to discuss its Strategy and hopes to have something more concrete to report at the RSC November Meeting. Plans are underway for an in-person Board meeting in May 2026, and details will be shared nearer the time. Recruitment continues for several Board positions, most urgently for the National Institution Representative for Asia. Haliza Jailani, whose term ended in 2024, continues to attend in an interim capacity so the Region has a point of contact. The Board is in the final stages of appointing her replacement. Julia Hickie, the National Institution Representative for Oceania, is in the process of handing the role to her successor. Colleen said that it is hoped that the Board will be able to announce the new National Institution Representatives for Asia and Oceania ahead of their September Meeting. Hannes Lowagie has been offered and has accepted the role of National Institution Representative for Europe, and the Board has thanked Christian Aliverti for his previous service in that role. Christian has agreed to stay in the Working Groups to which he committed during his term as National Institution Representative for Europe, to ensure continuity and to give Hannes time to settle into his new role. The RSC expressed its thanks to Christian, Haliza and Julia, and extended a welcome to Hannes.

528 Updates from Working Groups

528.1 Task and Finish / Advisory Working Groups

At the start of the meeting, Renate informed the RSC that she had been in touch with the chairs of each of the Task and Finish and Advisory Working Groups and outlined the information that she would share in the Public Session (See Items [532.1](#) Extent Working Group ; [532.2](#) Religions in RDA Working Group ; [532.3](#) Archives Working Group). With regard to the Music Working Group, she initially drew attention to the Secretary's request for approval of the charge document ([Item 524](#)). She later thanked members of the RSC for their approval in the synchronous Executive Session, and thanked the Secretary for publishing [RSC/Chair/2025/14](#) along with a [call for participation](#) on 15 July (see [Item 524](#)). Finally, she confirmed that she would be announcing the call in the Public Session (see [Item 532.4](#)).

528.2 Examples Working Group

Jessica shared actions since the RSC Meeting in April.

528.2.1 RSC/Chair/2025/16

The RSC Secretary had updated the Working Group's charge document to reflect membership changes. Voting members of the RSC were asked to approve this and did so unanimously.

[RSC/Chair/2025/16](#) was published on 29 July and [the Examples Working Group webpage](#) was updated.

528.2.2 Consistent format for full examples agreed

The Examples Working Group continues to focus on the creation of full examples. Jessica shared that the Group has had productive discussions on the best way to format the examples in terms of clarity, navigation, and accessibility. Another focus is the creation of examples for elements formerly known as relationship designators. At the last Working Group meeting, a consistent format for these examples was agreed, which will help expedite the process of adding them to the Toolkit.

528.2.3 PCC examples of relationship elements

NARDAC members Robert Maxwell and Adam Schiff kindly shared with Jessica a spreadsheet covering relationship elements that they created as part of their work on the PCC. The spreadsheet includes many examples, which the Examples Working Group plans to repurpose and format for use in the Toolkit. Jessica offered many thanks to Robert and Adam. If any other RSC members are part of other communities of practice that are willing to share similar documents with the Examples Working Group, Jessica would be happy to hear from them – jessica@rdatoolkit.org.

528.3 Technical Working Group

Chris shared actions since the RSC Meeting in April.

528.3.1 RDA/MARC 21 Alignment Task Force

There had been a change of personnel at the British Library, requiring an update to the membership of the RSC/MARC 21 Alignment Task Force. The RSC Secretary had updated the Task Force's charge document and asked voting members of the RSC to approve it, and they did so unanimously. [RSC/Chair/2025/15](#) was published on 29 July and [the Technical Working Group webpage was updated](#). Chris shared that in June he had an online meeting with the members of the RDA/MARC 21 Alignment Task Force and Thurstan Young of the British Library. In this meeting, they talked about some specific mapping issues, as well as general concerns about the display and indexing of mappings in the Toolkit interface, and the possibility of mapping RDA labels to MARC relationship designator fields.

528.3.2 Feedback for the June MAC Meeting

The Technical Working Group provided feedback on a MARC proposal regarding transliteration schemes in RDA, and how these relate to the guidance on data provenance. In particular, [MARC Proposal 2025-05](#) proposed specific codes for the BCP 47 transliteration scheme. After some discussion, the Technical Working Group agreed that BCP 47 posed no problem to RDA, and there were sufficient RDA elements to implement the transliteration scheme as written. This feedback was provided to the authors of the proposal, as well as other interested parties. The Technical Working Group also worked with Charlene to provide feedback and comments to several other proposals and discussion papers at the [June MAC meeting](#).

528.3.3 IAML Congress

Chris has recently returned from the July congress of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives, and Documentation Centres (IAML), where he talked about RDA and music with the attendees, and led IAML's Cataloguing and Metadata Section in discussing possible issues that might be tackled by the future RSC Working Group for Music.

528.3.4 Advice to the RDA cataloguing community

The Technical Working Group continues to be active in providing advice to members of the RDA cataloguing community. Chris is always interested to hear from people who are implementing Official RDA and / or the RDA Registry. He highlighted one query from a European library considering proposing additional elements for representative expressions.

528.3.5 Proposal Work

The Technical Working Group continues to be active in developing proposals and Fast Track proposals. Chris highlighted his drafting of FT2025-3 ([Item 526.1](#)) and FT2025-4 ([Item 526.2](#)), his co-sponsorship of FT2025-5 ([Item 526.3](#)) and the plan for soft-deprecated elements ([Item 523](#)), which will include writing proposals and a discussion paper. The Technical Working Group is currently reviewing a proposal Chris has drafted concerning the **expression:duration** and **work:duration of representative expression** elements. This work is being undertaken in collaboration with the work being done by the Extent Working Group (see [Item 532.1](#)) and it is hoped to submit the proposal for constituency review in plenty of time for the November RSC Public Session.

528.4 Translations Working Group

Szabolcs shared actions since the RSC Meeting in April. These included:

- Reaching out to colleagues in Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, North-Macedonia, Romania) to see if there is an interest in translating and implementing RDA
- Cooperating with EURIG in organizing the translators' meeting which was held during the EURIG meeting in Stockholm. The meeting included a brief overview on what happened in the translation field; a presentation by James Hennelly on scheduling releases; introduction of the new Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Technical Working Group; a presentation by RDA Examples Editor; a presentation by

the Education and Orientation Officer on the materials to be translated. Slides are shared on Google Drive in the Translation Resources folder, where translators have easy access

- Working with the Technical Team Liaison Officer on translation issues
- Organizing the work of the Hungarian translators working group and holding a workshop for Hungarian colleagues at the annual meeting of the Hungarian Librarian Association
- Updating the content of the RDA Translations wiki and the RDA Translation Resources folder on Google Drive, including the information on RDA translation statuses
- Creating and sending materials for translation (reference templates, difference reports) to the translators and mediating translation issues.

Szabolcs also shared upcoming work, which includes the publication of the textbook *Road to Understanding RDA* which is underway in Hungary and a forthcoming article about the implementation of RDA in New Zealand in the Hungarian international library journal CELISR.

528.5 Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence

Working Group Chair Ahava Cohen shared that since the last RSC Meeting there have been two presentations of the work of the Working Group – [Ahava presented at the EURIG Annual Meeting on 23 May](#) and [Charlene presented at the Linked Data Forum at the ALA Annual Meeting on 30 June](#). Both presentations are linked from the [2025 Presentations and Outreach page](#) and from [the Working Group's webpage](#). Ahava had organised meetings for Working Group members with a range of experts who have been implementing AI in their cataloguing settings, including Hannes Lowagie (KBR, Belgium and RDA Board) and Lili Dae (Ex Libris). Ahava outlined the Working Group's upcoming actions, which she planned to also share in the Public Session (see [Item 532.5](#)).

Note: There was one item of AOB (Item [537.2](#)).

Public Session**Tuesday, 15 July 6:00-8:00pm UTC****online, via Zoom****521 Welcome**

Renate extended a warm welcome and thanked observers for their continued interest in the work of the RSC. In the course of the usual introductions of RSC members, she stated how pleased the RSC is to welcome a new region for the first time – Latin America and the Caribbean, represented by Felipe. Renate ran through the housekeeping, including pointing out that as a matter of protocol, RSC members speak first, followed by observers.

[Items 522-528 discussed in Executive Session]

529 Presentation on Official RDA at the National Library of Greece

Dr Michalis Gerolimos shared the progress made by the National Library of Greece in implementing Official RDA. As well as sharing the background, planning and implementation, he highlighted two tools they developed: transliteration.nlg.gr provides transliterations following ALA-LC Romanization and following ISO 843:1997; data.nlg.gr is a Wikibase prototype which converts data as is into RDA/RDF. Following the presentation, Michalis was joined by his former colleague Dr Sofia Zapounidou, in answering questions from the audience. The recording of the presentation and Q&A session is [available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube Channel](#).

530 RSC/EOO/2025/1 - Proposal to revise Guidance: Aggregates and Guidance: Diachronic Works following from RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/Decisions

Elisa introduced [RSC/EOO/2025/1](#) and highlighted [RSC/EOO/2025/1/summary/rev](#). She and Chris acknowledged the helpful feedback that had been provided by members of the RSC, including more substantive comments from [EURIG](#) and [NARDAC](#). Elisa said that both had asked for greater specificity to the phrase “well-formed metadata description set” and NARDAC had suggested its expansion to “well-formed metadata description set of an aggregate”. Elisa and Chris are happy to accept this amendment. Robert and Ahava confirmed that the amendment would meet their needs. There were no comments from other RSC members, nor from observers, and so Renate asked voting members of the RSC to vote. RSC/EOO/2025/1 was passed unanimously, with the amended wording.

530.1 ACTION ITEM: RSC Secretary to prepare and implement RSC/EOO/2025/1/Decisions.

531 RSC/NARDAC/2025/2 - Revision of two sets of condition and condition options for Corporate Body: variant access point for corporate body

531.1 Introduction

Robert introduced [RSC/NARDAC/2025/2](#), providing the context that members of NARDAC who were working with Official RDA had come to feel that it would be better placed in a different section of the same element. Having read through the responses (summarised at [RSC/NARDAC/2025/2/summary](#)), NARDAC filed [RSC/NARDAC/2025/2/summary/NARDAC](#) to address the concerns raised in [RSC/NARDAC/2025/2/EURIG](#) and [RSC/NARDAC/2025/2/ORDAC](#) and Robert quoted from [RSC/NARDAC/2025/2/summary/NARDAC](#) in his introduction before asking the Europe and Oceania Representatives for their thoughts.

531.2 Discussion continued in the Executive Session

After an exchange of views between RSC members and also including the Co-Chair of NARDAC, who was present as an observer, a final decision could not be reached in the Public Session, and so the Chair moved that it be continued in the asynchronous Executive Session.

531.3 Withdrawal of RSC/NARDAC/2025/2 Recommendation 2

After further discussion in Executive Session, Robert asked his NARDAC colleagues to confer on all the feedback received and reported that they agreed to drop RSC/NARDAC/2025/2 Recommendation 2 (to add a condition and condition option under [RDA 27.35.52.19 Format of base variant access points for corporate body](#) on the basis that the proposed instruction is covered in the instruction at [RDA 64.74.66.23 Corporate Body: access point for corporate body. Format of base access points for corporate body](#), to which cataloguers are referred from under [RDA 27.35.52.19 Format of base variant access points for corporate body](#).

531.4 Examples

In the course of the discussion in the Public Session, an issue with some of the Toolkit examples was discovered, in which it appears that the examples used for rotation of name form are not accurate. During the Public Session, the Examples Editor agreed to look at these and suggest improvements. When Robert withdrew RSC/NARDAC/2025/2 Recommendation 2, he stressed that NARDAC believed it important to add one or more examples of a variant access point recorded in direct order at [RDA 27.35.52.19 Format of base variant access points for corporate body](#). In the Executive Session, the Examples Editor suggested adding the following examples:

[RDA 27.35.52.19](#) Corporate Body: variant access point for corporate body > Format of base variant access points for corporate body

Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato
(<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/nr2001039047>)

Friends of the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library
(<https://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2006130546>)

Aerotransport, Aktiebolaget (<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n80160440>)

Corporate Body > access point for corporate body > Format of base access points for corporate body

RDA 61.73.89.59 CONDITION OPTION

Record a value that rotates one or more words, phrases, or other components of a name to the front, followed by some or all of the remainder of the name.

Example

~~Bad Wiesseer Kreis. Jahrestagung~~

~~Recording method: structured description~~

~~Name of corporate body: Jahrestagung des Bad Wiesseer Kreises~~

~~International Whaling Commission. Annual Meeting~~

~~Recording method: structured description~~

~~Name of corporate body: Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission~~

Österreichisches Museum für Kunst und Industrie, K.K.
(<https://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n87908591>)

Society of Extractors and Adaptors of Teeth, Incorporated
(<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/nb2019013864>)

Aerotransport, Aktiebolaget (<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n80160440>)

After some discussion, both Robert and Charlotte agreed that these examples would resolve the issue, and Jessica confirmed that she will make this change ahead of the next release of the Toolkit.

531.4.1 ACTION ITEM: Examples Editor to implement changes as agreed.

531.5 Vote on RSC/NARDAC/2025/2 Recommendation 1

With Recommendation 2 withdrawn, the RSC Secretary asked voting members to vote on Recommendation 1:

Delete the two sets of conditions and condition options under [RDA 36.18.34.57](#) Additional elements and designations in variant access points for corporate body

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CONDITION

~~A value of Corporate Body:~~ [authorized access point for corporate body](#) ~~includes:~~

- ~~1. a value of Corporate Body:~~ [authorized access point for corporate body](#) ~~for a higher or related body~~
- ~~2. a value that is based on Corporate Body:~~ [preferred name of corporate body](#) ~~of a subordinate body.~~

CONDITION OPTION

~~Include a value that is based on Corporate Body:~~ [preferred name of corporate body](#) ~~that is recorded directly.~~

~~Record only if the name might reasonably be searched in that variant form.~~

CONDITION

~~A value of Corporate Body:~~ [authorized access point for corporate body](#) ~~includes:~~

- ~~1. a value of Corporate Body:~~ [authorized access point for corporate body](#) ~~for a higher or related body~~
- ~~2. a value that is based on Corporate Body:~~ [preferred name of corporate body](#) ~~for a subordinate body that does not suggest subordination.~~

CONDITION OPTION

~~Include a value of Corporate Body:~~ [preferred name of corporate body](#) ~~for a subordinate body whose name does not suggest subordination directly.~~

Voting members of the RSC unanimously approved RSC/NARDAC/2025/2 Recommendation 1.

531.5.1 ACTION ITEM: RSC Secretary to prepare and implement RSC/NARDAC/2025/2/Decisions.

532 Working Groups

532.1 Extent Working Group

On behalf of the Working Group Chair, Thomas Brenndorfer, Renate shared that as a Task and Finish Working Group, its term ends at the end of 2025 and it hopes by then to have completed drafting proposals based on the discussion of [RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev2](#) at the RSC Meeting in November 2024 ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#) Item 488). Renate confirmed that proposals will be published as soon as possible after they are received. rdatoolkit.org/rsc/news is always the first place to check for the latest news and announcements from the RSC.

532.2 Religions in RDA Working Group

On behalf of the Working Group Chair, David Roth, Renate reported that the Working Group is working on making the instructions that were accepted in the RSC Meeting in November 2024 broader than solely religious bodies, as requested by the RSC.

532.3 Archives Working Group

Renate shared that this group has been discussing whether an alignment between RDA and Records in Context and how the RDA Collections Model may be helpful. They are now collecting information on institutions who use RDA to document archival material.

532.4 Music Working Group

Renate announced that there will be a new Music Working Group and drew attention to [the call for participation that was published earlier in the day on 15 July 2025](#). She asked those with expertise in this area to get in touch, and she asked observers to share the call with any colleagues they know who are involved in music cataloguing and documentation.

532.5 Joint RDA Board / RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Working Group Chair Ahava Cohen shared the actions of the group since the April RSC Meeting (see [Item 528.5](#)). She then outlined upcoming actions. A challenge is that most AI agents are black boxes. The Working Group is trying to work out a way to create prompts to create minimal RDA description. A further task will be to work out a way to use AI to work within the Guidance to teach people how to work within the Toolkit.

532.6 Examples Working Group

Examples Editor and Chair of the Working Group Jessica Grzegorski shared some membership changes. She expressed her sadness that Sofia Zapounidou had to step down from the Working Group due to her change of role and institution, and thanked Sofia for her contributions. She

also announced that Emine Hatun Gür, who has already been working on the Turkish translation of RDA, has joined the Examples Working Group. The Group's webpage has been updated, and an updated charge document, reflecting the membership changes, was due to be published (See [Item 528.2.1](#)). She also publicly thanked Robert Maxwell, Adam Schiff and the PCC for sharing their spreadsheet of examples covering relationship elements (See [Item 528.2.3](#)). Jessica encouraged other groups working in different communities to get in touch if they have examples to share and / or if they would like assistance from the Examples Working Group in determining appropriate examples. Jessica's email address is jessica@rdatoolkit.org.

532.7 Technical Working Group

Technical Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Working Group Chris Holden began by publicly thanking Damian Iseminger for all he has done to help Chris learn about the role. Damian stayed on for six months as Past Chair of the Technical Working Group, and although this role has now ended, he is remaining on the Working Group as an active member. Chris reported on his June meeting with the members of the RDA/MARC21 Alignment Task Force, in which they discussed some specific mapping issues, as well as general concerns about the display and indexing of mappings in the Toolkit interface, and the possibility of mapping RDA labels to MARC relationship designator fields (see [Item 528.3.1](#)). He shared that the Technical Working Group provided feedback to the June MAC Meeting (See [Item 528.3.2](#)). Chris highlighted FT2025-3 ([Item 526.1](#)), FT2025-4 ([Item 526.2](#)) and FT2025-5 ([Item 526.3](#)). He also shared the headlines of the plan he is proposing for soft-deprecated elements (see [Item 523](#)). He stressed that he is happy to receive feedback from any member of the RDA cataloguing community and shared his email – techo@rdatoolkit.org.

532.8 Translations Working Group

Translations Team Liaison Officer and Chair of the Working Group Szabolcs Dancs highlighted that the annual meeting for the Translations Working Group was held during the EURIG meeting. He gave public thanks to members of the RSC who contributed – James, Jessica, Chris and Elisa. Szabolcs has reached out to colleagues in Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, North-Macedonia, Romania) to see if there is an interest a webinar on the translation and implementation of RDA. Like his colleagues in other language groups within the Translations Working Group, Szabolcs has himself been organizing the work of the Hungarian Translators Working Group, and he reported that he feels that across all the world, the language groups are keen on keeping the Registry up-to-date with their terminology, and are working well together. (See [Item 528.4](#) for further information on Translation Working Group activities).

533 Education and Orientation Officer

Elisa highlighted her recent presentations (linked from [her page on the RSC website](#) and from the [RSC's presentations and outreach page](#)), and thanked the organisers of the 2º Encuentro de Educación sobre Organización de la Información and the IFLA Regional Division Committee on Asia-Oceania's Webinar on Promoting Discovery Tools for Libraries for inviting and hosting

her presentations. She also shared her email address – elisa@rdatoolkit.org – and encouraged any member of the RDA teaching community to get in touch if they want to discuss teaching and training or if they have ideas for how the RSC can further support them in their work as RDA educators.

534 Regions

534.1 Europe

Ahava highlighted the EURIG Meeting in May, and pointed to [the website, where recordings are available](#). She shared that the 2026 EURIG Meeting is scheduled to take place at the KBR (Koninklijke Bibliotheek) in Brussels. Luna Sindin Cordery from the Biblioteca de Catalunya has been elected as the new Chair, following the end of Jenny Wright's term in office. One large project that EURIG is undertaking this year is to put together a webpage where members can share the Application Profiles they are preparing as they implement Official RDA. She stressed to the EURIG membership that external documents cannot ignore RDA copyright by unfairly copying large parts of the Toolkit and that any organization wanting to share their AP must honor the RDA permissions policy and respect the copyright.

534.2 Latin America and the Caribbean

Felipe shared that although the Latin America and the Caribbean RDA Group (RDA ALyC) was only formally established in June 2025, its members have been active in the region to promote RDA over a number of years. He highlighted some of their recent activities.

534.2.1 2nd Meeting on Information Organization Education

The RDA Mexico Group, together with the College of Library Science and Archives (National Autonomous University of Mexico) and the School of Library Science, Documentation and Information (National University of Costa Rica) organized the 2nd Meeting on Information Organization Education: “Challenges and opportunities in teaching and learning RDA Toolkit.” It took place in a hybrid format from April 1st to 4th in Costa Rica. This meeting aimed to be a space where Latin American teachers, students, cataloguers, and information organization specialists shared their experiences on teaching and learning RDA Toolkit (both Original and Official RDA). Angela Quiroz and Felipe Martinez, Elisa Sze from RSC gave the conference “RDA Toolkit in a Canadian Cataloguing Course”. Program and further information in Spanish: <https://difusion.iibi.unam.mx/EEOI/index>

534.2.2 RDA Users Meeting

The RDA Mexico Group invited the RDA subscriber community in Mexico and Latin America to participate in the 1st RDA Users Meeting. It was held on May 14th at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in a hybrid format. Its objective was to share experiences, best practices, and success stories on the adoption, application, and use of the RDA Toolkit (Resource Description and Access) in libraries and other information units from their

institutions. Angela Quiroz participated with the conference: RDA Implementation in the Library of the National Congress of Chile. Program and further information in Spanish: <https://difusion.iibi.unam.mx/EURDA/index.html>

534.2.3 II Meeting on Information Organization

The National Library of Peru (BNP), together with the RDA Peru Group, organized the "II Meeting on Information Organization: Challenges and Opportunities of Technological Innovations." The meeting took place from June 16th to 18th in the "Mario Vargas Llosa" auditorium of the National Library of Peru. Felipe Martínez and Angela Quiroz participated as speakers, along with others from Spain, Costa Rica, Colombia, Argentina, Chile, and Peru, who shared their experiences, studies, and research on RDA. Further information in Spanish: <https://www.bnp.gob.pe/biblioteca-nacional-del-peru-realizo-con-exito-ii-encuentro-sobre-organizacion-de-la-informacion/>

534.2.4 RDA in Sound and Audiovisual Archives

The Ibero-American Network for Digital Preservation of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (RIDAPSA) invited Felipe Martinez to give the conference "From cataloging to metadata management: RDA in sound and audiovisual archives." This was held on the Zoom platform from the Institute of Library Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico on June 28, 2025. It was an attendance of more than 300 participants in remote access from various Latin American countries. Further information in Spanish: <https://www.bnp.gob.pe/biblioteca-nacional-del-peru-realizo-con-exito-ii-encuentro-sobre-organizacion-de-la-informacion/>

534.2.5 XIV Cataloging and Metadata Meeting

The XIV Cataloging and Metadata Meeting will be celebrated on October 1, 2, 3 at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). In this time, the theme will be "Reflections around the Official RDA Toolkit". It is organized by the RDA Mexico Group and sponsored by the Institute of Research in Library Science and Information Studies (UNAM), the General Direction for Libraries (UNAM), and the National Library of Mexico. Further information in Spanish: <https://difusion.iibi.unam.mx/ECyM/> and <https://web.facebook.com/grupordamx/>

534.2.6 VII RDA Colloquium in Latin America and the Caribbean

The VII RDA Colloquium in Latin America and the Caribbean will be celebrated on November 18 and 19 at the National Library of Chile. It will be sponsored by the RDA Latin America and the Caribbean Group. Further information about it will be delivered soon.

534.2.7 RDA Spanish Translation

RDA Spanish translation coordinated by ABINIA (Association of National Libraries from Latin America) and the National Library of Mexico continues to progress. It is expected that in the next months it will be ready for publication.

534.3 North America

Robert Maxwell highlighted several activities.

534.3.1 NARDAC Update Forum

The spring NARDAC Update Forum was held online on April 14, 2025. An update about NARDAC activities was followed by a presentation by Charlotte Christensen of National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa about NLNZ's implementation and training for Official RDA. NLNZ implemented Official RDA in August 2024. The forum can be viewed on the RDA YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZK_4EdUW5k8.

534.3.2 ALA Conference

NARDAC co-sponsored the preconference A Joint Workshop with NARDAC and PCC SCT RDA Training Task Group: Monographs, held at the ALA Annual Conference on Friday, June 27, 2025 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Participants from NARDAC in developing the content and/or presenting the workshop included Robert Maxwell, Adam Schiff, Hong Cui, Melanie Polutta, Trina Soderquist, and Shawne Miksa. NARDAC also hosted a forum on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at ALA. The forum featured an update on NARDAC activities, a summary of the preconference, and presentations from James Hennelly on RDA Toolkit and from Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor.

534.3.3 Margaret Mann Citation

Robert took the opportunity to publicly congratulate his NARDAC colleague Adam Schiff on being this year's recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation.

See <https://www.ala.org/news/2025/04/adam-l-schiff-awarded-2025-margaret-mann-citation> for details.

534.4 Oceania

Charlotte shared several activities.

534.4.1 NARDAC Forum

Charlotte was one of the speakers at the [NARDAC Forum, which is available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube channel](#). Her presentation begins at 10:58, and is linked from the [RSC's 2025 Presentations and Outreach page](#) and [Charlotte's own page on the RSC website](#).

534.4.2 ORDAC Webinars

ORDAC has run a series of 3 webinars, all of which are available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube channel at the links below:

- [Practical Implementation of RDA at the NLNZ](#)

- [Q&A on Official RDA Project at NLNZ](#)
- [National and State Libraries Australia \(NSLA\) Official RDA Project](#)

These webinars are also linked from the Australia and New Zealand sections of the [Implementing Official RDA webpage](#).

534.4.3 National and State Libraries Australia (NSLA) Project

In Australia the NSLA Official RDA project is currently on track to have their documentation ready for use by the middle of 2026, after which training can be planned and provided. The intention is for all Australian libraries to be trained and transition together to the new standard. Institutions outside Australia are also watching the progress of this project with interest.

534.4.4 LIANZA Cat-SIG Discussion Sessions

In New Zealand the library association special interest group on cataloguing, LIANZA Cat-SIG, is planning a number of upcoming discussion sessions and as part of that plan there will be opportunities for institutions to talk about their plans towards Official RDA implementation.

534.4.5 Official RDA Implementation at the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa (NLNZ)

At the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa it has now been just a few weeks short of a year Official RDA was implemented as the cataloguing standard. Charlotte highlighted [the training materials shared on Niche Academy](#). The most recent release at the end of June included tutorials relating to serial works, archived websites and music scores, and there was also a new tutorial for parallel aggregates to build on the previous information available for describing aggregate resources. The newest guidance documentation is the NLNZ approach to resource description which brings together all of our documentation into a workflow. The next training material release is likely to include musical sound recordings and cartographic resources. The [Implementing Official RDA webpage](#) links to the training materials on Niche Academy in the section on New Zealand.

534.4.5 A Warm Welcome to Latin America and the Caribbean

Charlotte concluded by extending a warm welcome to the Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean. She commented that as part of that region is also situated in the Southern Hemisphere, she and the rest of ORDAC look forward to finding ways of working together. She also expressed their pleasure at the internationalization of RDA, signified most recently by the Latin America and the Caribbean RDA Group's formal constitution.

535 Wider Community Engagement Officer

Charlene gave a brief update on her activities, acknowledging those other RSC members with whom she has been working closely: Elisa, Szabolcs and Chris. She shared the following details on the RSC Basecamp space to be read into the Minutes.

535.1 Outreach Activities

While traveling in Asia from April 21 to May 2, Charlene followed up with colleagues involved in RDA, including promoting the translation of [RDA teaching and training tips](#). For example, the Traditional Chinese translation has been completed and will be shared with the RSC soon.

535.2 MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) Meetings

Charlene attended the MAC meetings held from June 25–26, 2025. She shared the proposals and discussion papers with the RSC and the Technical Working Group (TWG) for comments. The TWG chair and members conducted a thorough review and provided feedback. Charlene then posted the official RSC responses to the MAC listserv before the meetings.

535.3 Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Charlene shared the [Interim Report](#) of the [PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata](#) with the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group. She also presented the [Joint Working Group's progress](#) at the RDA Linked Data Forum during the ALA Annual Meeting.

535.4 Recruitment of WCEO 2026-2027

Some of Charlene's time recently has been spent responding to inquiries from potential applicants to be her successor as WCEO. [The call](#) closed on 30 July.

536 ALA Digital Reference

James Hennelly highlighted [the June Release](#). Subscribers can [access the full release notes](#). He also drew attention to the new subscription level that provides permission to create and publish online cataloguing manuals derived from the RDA standard. As [set out in the news section of the RDA Toolkit site](#), the RDA Companion Subscription will come with the following benefits:

- Permission to create and publish online cataloguing manuals based on RDA
- Access to the Toolkit's content management system to contribute policy statements and community resource materials
- An RDA Toolkit account with a number of RDA Toolkit user licenses (based on population of your user community) and support, including IP authentication, for the account

RDA Companion Subscriptions must be renewed annually in order to retain benefits.

Pricing is based on a number of considerations, including population and economic environment of the user community. For a quote, inquire at rdatoolkit@ala.org. Looking to the future, he mentioned that ALA and the other copyright holders are considering potential implications on the Toolkit of AI, and he drew attention to the imminent release of the Spanish translation and the work that is starting on the Arabic translation.

537 AOB (Any Other Business) and thanks from the Chair

In the Executive Session, the Chair thanked all members of the RSC for their hard work. In the Public Session, she thanked Michalis Gerolimos for his presentation and all observers for their continued interest in the work of the RSC, and drew observers' attention to the [2025 Presentations and Outreach page](#), the [Implementing Official RDA webpage](#), the new individual pages for RSC members (linked from the [Members page on the website](#)) and the [RSC News and Announcements](#), which is always the first place to find the latest information.

537.1 Issue of *Catalogue & Index* to coincide with the start of the Countdown Clock

In the Executive Session meeting on 14 July, the Chair shared that she and the Secretary had approached the editors of Open Access journal [Catalogue & Index](#) and pitched an issue on implementing Official RDA to coincide with the start of the Countdown Clock. It will include articles by colleagues who have spoken in the RSC Public Sessions about their implementations (see [Implementing Official RDA webpage](#)) and a contribution from RSC members. She and the Secretary will be in touch over the next month with each RSC member to discuss their contribution. In the Public Session, the Chair shared that this issue is under presentation, with many thanks to *Catalogue & Index* editors Dr Karen Pierce and Fran Frenzel. The RSC hopes it will be a useful resource and source of information for members of the RDA community who are working on their own implementations.

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| 537.1.1 | ACTION ITEM: | Chair and Secretary to meet and finalise content plan. |
| 537.1.2 | ACTION ITEM: | Chair and Secretary to contact contributors with plan for their contribution. |
| 537.1.3 | ACTION ITEM: | Contributors to email the Secretary with their contributions by March 2026 at the latest. |
| 537.1.4 | ACTION ITEM: | Chair and Secretary to edit contributions and submit to the <i>Catalogue and Index</i> editors (via the <i>Catalogue & Index</i> submissions portal) by 1 May 2026. |
| 537.1.5 | ACTION ITEM: | Chair and Secretary to coordinate news item with the <i>Catalogue & Index</i> editors to publicise the issue to the RDA community in May 2026. |
| 537.1.6 | ACTION ITEM: | Regional Representatives to disseminate across their Regions in May 2026. |

537.1.7 ACTION ITEM: Secretary to include in the ‘News from the RSC’ articles for the IFLA newsletters.

537.2 Officers’ and Regional Representatives’ Annual Reports

In the asynchronous Executive Session, the RSC Secretary reminded RSC members that their annual reports are due for the November Meeting. She will set up to do items and circulate templates closer to the time.

537.2.1 ACTION ITEM: Secretary to set up to do items for members’ annual reports and circulate templates.

Approved by the RDA Steering Committee, 8 August 2025.