

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, Secretary, RDA Steering Committee

From: Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor

Subject: Formal response to RSC/NARDAC/2025/4, Scope note for Corporate Body

The RDA Examples Editor thanks NARDAC for this proposal. I appreciate NARDAC's point that the LRM enumerates many different examples of collective agent, which also fall under the RDA Corporate Body entity. Many of the examples are not obviously corporate bodies to all RDA users (e.g., spacecraft), and I believe the community of RDA users would appreciate the extra guidance that a scope note and glossary definition would provide.

Although the scope of Collective Agent in RDA could be revised instead, I prefer the revisions as laid out in NARDAC's proposal. As an entity supertype, Collective Agent is broader than Corporate Body by design, and it would be misleading to add a long list of specific examples to the scope of Collective Agent if the examples related to only one subtype (Corporate Body) and not the other subtype (Family).

**Recommendation 1:** Under **Entities** > [Corporate Body](#) revise the definition and scope by adding a scope note.

I approve, with suggested amendments below to shorten and clarify the language in the proposed scope note:

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## Definition and Scope

A collective agent who is composed of persons who are organized for a common purpose or activity. A corporate body includes an association, commercial or nonprofit enterprise, institution, ~~business firm, nonprofit enterprise~~, government, government agency, project or program, and a religious body, ~~including one identified by the name of a local~~ or place of worship. A Corporate body also includes a formally named and convened event such as a conference, athletic or other contest, exhibition, expedition, fair, or festival; and a vessel such as a ship or spacecraft.

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***Recommendation 2:*** Revise the glossary entry for *Corporate Body* by adding a scope note.

I approve, with the same suggested amendments as above.