

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
From: Jack Ennis Butler, ORDAC representative  
Subject: Formal response to RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2 Proposal on adding “scribe agent / etc.”, “scribe agent / etc. of”, “wood engraver agent / etc.” and “wood engraver agent / etc. of” as new elements to the RDA Toolkit, the corresponding new definitions to the Glossary, and the corresponding new properties to RDA

ORDAC thanks the Translations Team Liaison Officer for coordinating and preparing this proposal.

In addition to Recommendation 1.1, ORDAC suggests adding alternate labels to “scribe agent” commonly used in the rare books community and listed as variants in the RBMS relationship designator “scribe” <https://rbms.info/vocabularies/relators/tr52.htm>. These are “copier agent”, and “facsimilist agent”. These could also be added in the hierarchy as appropriate.

Finally, ORDAC would like to re-iterate the Technical Working Group’s point from [RSC/TranslationsWG/2026/1/TTLO](#) that there is a risk of adding more and more specific elements to the Toolkit where they may be more appropriately managed at a community level.

**Recommendation 1.1**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

**Recommendation 1.2**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

**Recommendation 1.3**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

**Recommendation 2.1**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

**Recommendation 2.2**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

**Recommendation 2.3**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.