

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2026 MEETING of the RDA Steering Committee
Asynchronous, via Basecamp, Google Meet and Zoom
27-30 July 2026

Attending: Getaneh Alemu, RSC Wider Community Engagement Officer
Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
Ahava Cohen, RSC Europe Representative
Szabolcs Dancs, RSC Translations Team Liaison Officer
Jack Ennis Butler, RSC Oceania Representative
Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor
James Hennelly, Director, ALA Digital Reference (RDA publisher)
Christopher Holden, RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer
Felipe Martinez, RSC Latin America and the Caribbean Representative
Robert Maxwell, RSC Chair Elect
Christine Oliver, Canadian Federation of Library Associations (RDA copyright holder), RDA Board Chair
Trina Soderquist, RSC North America Representative
Elisa Sze, RSC Education and Orientation Officer
Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

Observers registered for the Public Session on 28 July:

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Adam Baron, USA
Valentin Becerril, Mexico
Sita Bhagwandin, Netherlands
Thomas Brenndorfer, Canada
Jorge Gomez Briseño, Mexico
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Thumy Webb, USA
Thurstan Young, UK
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Executive Session

Asynchronous Meeting

599 Welcome, Housekeeping and review of previous action items

All actions from previous meetings have either been completed or are in progress. A welcome from the Chair was shared on the RSC News page ([Appendix 599](#))

600 Operations Documents

Over the course of the meeting, the Chair and Secretary shared new Operations Documents and asked for corrections / amendments to be notified to the Secretary. Members of the RSC expressed their thanks.

600.1 ACTION: Secretary to publish new Operations Documents to the website and archive them to ALAIR

601 Updates from Working Groups

601.1 Advisory and Task and Finish Working Groups

601.1.1 RSC Archives Working Group

The Working Group shared an informal report ([Appendix 601.1.1](#)). The RSC expressed its thanks to the Working Group, which has been extremely active in an area that has long been identified as important to the wider RDA cataloguing community.

601.1.2 Religions in RDA Working Group

Renate Behrens shared that they have been working on a proposal with the Technical Working Group. Some of the work that has been undertaken by the Group was presented by Ahava Cohen at the Association of Jewish Librarians (AJL) Conference 2026 in Evanston, Illinois: '[The Tale of the Cataloger with No Last Name: Making RDA Good for the Jews](#)'. The RSC expressed its thanks to the Advisory Working Group for its sustained work over many years.

601.1.3 Music Working Group

Chair of the Working Group Chelsea M. Hoover has informed the RSC Chair and Secretary that they should be ready to submit a Discussion Paper (RSC/MusicWG/2026/1) in November for constituency review. The RSC Chair Elect (who becomes Chair on 1 January 2027) and Secretary are holding space in the agenda of the first RSC Meeting of 2027 for discussion of the paper. Members of the RSC expressed their thanks to the Music Working Group for its ongoing work.

601.1.4 String Encoding Scheme (SES) Working Group

The WG is preparing updates of the Proposals for Extent of Manifestation and Manifestation Extent Statement elements. Further discussions with RSC members are required for this. If the

proposals are finalised in time, they could be discussed at the RSC's January 2027 meeting, and the RSC Chair Elect and Secretary are holding agenda space for what we hope will be published in November as RSC/SESWG/2026/1.

601.2 Joint Working Group on Artificial Intelligence

Chair of the Working Group Ahava Cohen shared that most of the Working Group's activities since the April Meeting have been focused on the Minimum Description Set ([Item 606](#)). Ahava highlighted the article she and Working Group member Charlene Chou published in *Catalogue & Index* 215 (2026): '[Intelligence, Artificial and Otherwise: Governance, Standards, and the Joint RDA Board / RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence](#)'. She also highlighted the presentation she gave at the ALA Conference 2026 in Evanston, Illinois: '[RDA & AI](#)'.

601.3 Examples Working Group

Chair of the Working Group Jessica Grzegorski shared an informal report.

601.3.1 Evaluation of examples in the Original Toolkit

Since the countdown clock officially started in May, the Examples Working Group has focused on evaluating examples in the Original Toolkit, updating particularly useful examples according to the current editorial guidelines, and incorporating them into the Official Toolkit. The aim is to ensure that communities that use and benefit from the examples in the Original Toolkit can still locate and use them in Official RDA once Original RDA ceases to exist in its current form.

601.3.2 Impact of the RSC Editorial Group

With the formation of the RSC Editorial Group, the Examples WG hopes to incorporate examples for new or revised RDA text more quickly. The WG already prioritizes the creation of examples in conjunction with changes to RDA, but this coordinated effort will make it easier to incorporate examples in the same release cycle as changes to the base RDA text. The WG is currently compiling examples for new relationship elements related to rare and old materials outlined in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/Decisions](#) and [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/Decisions](#).

601.3.3 RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/2

In an effort to make it clearer when string encoding schemes are used in examples, the Examples WG drafted a proposal that will cover minor changes to the [Examples section](#) of the Introduction to RDA guidance chapter. This proposal is in response to comments at past public sessions regarding the use of ISBD punctuation in certain examples. We expect to discuss the proposal at the November RSC meeting¹.

¹ [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/2](#) was published on 31 July and [featured in a news item](#) alerting the wider RDA community to its constituency review. It will be discussed in the November 2026 RSC Meeting.

601.3.4 Plans for the November Outreach Session

The Examples Editor and Education and Orientation Officer are leading an outreach session as part of the November Meeting. Jessica shared some details which will be made public at the appropriate time. (See [Item 604](#) for further details from Elisa). Oceania Representative Jack Ennis Butler asked if it would be possible to run a repeat session at a time closer to business hours in Oceania. Jessica and Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze confirmed that they will be happy to discuss this with Jack.

601.4 Technical Working Group

Chair of the Working Group Chris Holden shared an informal report. As is always the case with the Technical Working Group, this included business confidential information, which will be shared with the wider RDA cataloguing community at the appropriate times.

601.4.1 Soft-deprecated proposals

Working Group members are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the final two soft-deprecated proposals for the November 2026 meeting. One of these is a proposal to fully deprecate the parallel elements and move their instructions to the legacy resources section of the Toolkit. The other is a proposal to deal with the "note" elements that were soft-deprecated. Community feedback has been that it is not a good solution simply to fully deprecate these elements and move their instructions to a generic "note on [entity]" element, so they are looking at other possible solutions to retain specific kinds of note elements while cutting down on their overall number.

601.4.2 Work with SHARE-VDE

Moves are afoot to work with SHARE-VDE on RDA-to-BIBFRAME mappings. This is a joint initiative, and Chris hopes to be able to share more details soon.

601.4.3 Update to RSC/NARDAC/2025/4

The Technical Working Group has been touch with NARDAC regarding the outstanding issues on [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4](#) from the November 2025 meeting (see [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/Decisions](#)). Now that the RSC has received clarification from the IFLA Bibliographic Conceptual Models Review Group, the Technical Working Group is preparing a discussion paper with possible solutions to the issues surrounding collective agents and corporate bodies, to share with NARDAC and eventually the whole RSC for discussion.

601.5 Translations Working Group

Working Group Chair Szabolcs Dancs provided an informal update. In particular he highlighted:

- The Czech translation was added to the RDA Registry in mid-June
- The Hungarian translation of RDA Toolkit has been finalized and is approaching publication
- The RDA Translations wiki and RDA Translations Resources folder have been updated, including information on RDA translation statuses

- The Translators' Meeting could not take place during the EURIG Annual Meeting this year, and so an online meeting is in preparation

602 Updates from Regional Representatives

602.1 Europe

Europe Representative Ahava Cohen provided an informal update.

602.1.1 EURIG Annual Meeting

The EURIG Annual Meeting was held on 28–29 May 2026 at KBR, the Royal Library of Belgium in Brussels. Minutes of the meeting and links to the presentations can be found on the [meeting page](#). Topics discussed included entity based cataloguing and Official RDA implementation. In addition to the presentations and EURIG business sessions, participants took part in round table discussions about cataloguing unembodied and no-longer-embodied works. As a result of the round table a EURIG working group will be formed to explore the possibility of creating a discussion paper for RSC consideration in the second half of 2027.

602.1.2 Clarivate Focus Group

As several of the EURIG members use the Alma library management system, EURIG is currently in talks with Clarivate to convene a focus group for national libraries and national networks using that system. The new group would focus on the practical aspects of the system and would join the current focus group of national library directors. Of course, if such a group is convened it would be open to membership worldwide, not just Europe.

602.1.3 Election of Executive Committee

New members of the Executive Committee were elected: Thurstan Young of the British Library was elected Vice-Chair and Christiane Niklowitz of the Swiss Library Service Platform was elected Executive Secretary.

602.1.4 Annual Meeting 2027

The 2027 Annual Meeting is set to be held at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh. Planning for the meeting will begin in September.

602.2 Latin America and the Caribbean

Latin America and the Caribbean Representative Felipe Martínez provided an informal update.

602.2.1 ¿Qué hay que saber sobre la cuenta regresiva de RDA?

Felipe thanked ALA Director of Digital Reference James Hennelly for his support in carrying out the first of the countdown clock year webinars ('What to Know About the Countdown Clock') in Spanish on 19 June. It was delivered by Felipe and by the RDA Board National Institution Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean Ángela Quiroz. As well as the language of the webinar being in Spanish, some of the learning resources are devised in Spanish.

The video recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoQX37qd6d8> and slides at

https://www.rdatoolkit.org/sites/default/files/uploads/CountdownClock_Presentation_19jun%20SPANISH.pdf, with thanks to the RDA Mexico Group for translating the ‘What to Know About the Countdown Clock’ slides into the Spanish language.

602.2.2 The 3rd Meeting on Education for Information Organization “New Pedagogical and Technological Perspectives for Teaching and Applying the Official RDA Toolkit in the Training of Librarians”

The School of Library Science, Documentation and Information at the National University of Costa Rica, the College of Library Science and Archives, and the Institute of Library and Information Research, both of them at the National Autonomous University of Mexico University of Mexico (UNAM), in conjunction with the RDA Mexico Group, organized this conference whose main objective was to promote exchange of ideas among scholars, teachers, students, and practitioners about information organization and cataloguing teaching, including innovative strategies, technological resources, and pedagogical approaches that foster the meaningful teaching and learning of the LRM model, as well as the Official RDA Toolkit conceptual framework, and its application in diverse Latin American contexts. It was celebrated in a hybrid format at the National University of Costa Rica’s School of Library Science, Documentation and Information on May 26 to 29, 2026. Program and further information: <https://difusion.iibi.unam.mx/EEOI/index.html> Event Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/@auditorioclodomiropicadotw7162>

602.2.3 Webinar Series: *Serio Conceptos RDA*

The RDA Mexico Group under sponsorship of the National Autonomous University of Mexico has organized the RDA webinar series *Serio Conceptos RDA* for Spanish speaking cataloguers. Its objective is to introduce participants to the essential RDA terminology and concepts on RDA for transitioning to the Official RDA Toolkit. The RDA series began in June but will run throughout November 2026, with two episodes each month. Felipe coordinates the series. Through ten episodes different concepts will be approached, among them Entities, Elements, Domain and Range, Nomen, Element Labels, and Vocabulary Encoding Schemes. Spanish speaking attendees will have access to structured, and practical examples from RDA Toolkit Spanish translation. This webinar series will be delivered through the Zoom platform and will include opportunities for audience interaction. Further information and schedule of each session on the RDA Mexico Group [Facebook](#). Recordings of each live episode will be available afterward on [RDA Mexico Group](#)’s website².

602.2.4 XV Latin American Meeting on Cataloging and Metadata

The RDA Mexico Group, under the auspices of the Institute for Library and Information Research, the National Library of Mexico, and the General Directorate of Libraries and Digital

² A news item in Spanish (with English translation) was published on 10 July:
<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news/rsc/grupo-rda-mexico-serie-conceptos-rda>

Information Services of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, is organizing the XV ENCUESTRO LATINOAMERICANO DE CATALOGACIÓN Y METADATOS (XV Latin American Meeting on Cataloguing and Metadata) with the theme “Hacia la transición del RDA Toolkit Original al RDA Toolkit Oficial” (“Challenges in the Transition from the Original RDA Toolkit to the Official RDA Toolkit”) which will run from 30 September – 2 October 2026. This meeting aims to create a space for cataloguers to share and discuss reflections, challenges, areas of opportunity, and expectations regarding RDA Toolkit. It will be a hybrid event, in person and via Zoom. Further information and registration at <https://difusion.iibi.unam.mx/RDA-M%C3%A9xico/eventos.html>

602.2.5 8th Colloquium on RDA in Latin America and the Caribbean

The University of Costa Rica, the Costa Rica RDA Group and RDA ALyC (the RDA Latin America and the Caribbean Group) are organizing the 8^o Coloquio sobre RDA en América Latina y el Caribe (8th Colloquium on RDA in Latin America and the Caribbean) from 3-6 November in San José, Costa Rica. This forum will bring together experiences, discussions, and perspectives on standards for describing and accessing information resources, as well as emerging challenges related to metadata and artificial intelligence. Information will be published at <https://indico.congresos.ucr.ac.cr/event/2/page/5-programa-del-coloquio> soon.

602.3 North America

North America Representative Trina Soderquist provided an informal update. She highlighted RDA- / RSC- related presentations at ALA Annual:

- *Practice Cataloging Using Official RDA* / Adam Baron, Robert L. Maxwell, Susie Jones, Oksana Osborne, Trina Soderquist, Michael Babinec, Laura Doublet, Adam L. Schiff, Yuji Tosaka, Cathy Weng:
 - [Schedule & Resources](#)
 - [Workshop Introduction](#)
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- [MLA Policy Statements for Official RDA](#) / Chelsea Hoover
- [RSC Music Advisory Working Group](#) / Chelsea Hoover
- [RDA Toolkit Update](#) / James Hennelly
- [RDA & AI](#) / Ahava Cohen

Trina also highlighted the proposals NARDAC is currently drafting and formally thanked Thomas Brenndorfer for acting as backup representative to the RSC, writing and submitting [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/NARDAC](#) when Trina was away from work.

602.4 Oceania

Oceania Representative Jack Ennis Butler provided an informal update. As well as providing information on a proposal that ORDAC is considering writing, he highlighted the following three areas of activity in the region.

602.4.1 ‘What to Know About the Countdown Clock’

Jack formally thanked Robert L. Maxwell and James Hennelly for their [repeat of the first of the countdown clock year webinars](#) at a time that was better for Oceania than the [original webinar](#). ORDAC is currently putting together topics for some webinars for Oceania that will complement material from the RSC including those planned for the November meeting.

602.4.2 NSLA RDA Project

In Australia, National and State Libraries Australasia continue to progress on their RDA project. Policy Statements should be finalised and endorsed by the Policy Statement Working Group this week. In addition, the Workflows Working Group started their work to draft guidance documentation.

602.4.3 Official RDA in New Zealand Libraries

The National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa has completed all their Policy Statements and with the June release, these are now all in the RDA Toolkit. Their focus now will be on supporting New Zealand libraries to make their transition to the Official RDA Toolkit.

603 Update from the Wider Community Engagement Officer

As well as corresponding with members of the wider RDA cataloguing community who do not yet have regional representatives, Wider Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) Getaneh Alemu has been very active in Africa. He reported on his survey of RDA activities in Africa in *Catalogue & Index* 215 (2026): [‘Making RDA Truly Global: Advancing Engagement, Adoption and Implementation in African Library Communities’](#). Following the survey, he worked with Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze to develop and deliver 2 webinars providing a practical introduction to RDA for librarians and cataloguers across Africa. Around 200 cataloguers participated live, highlighting strong demand for professional development in cataloguing standards across the region. Elisa developed training examples based on African authors, and the webinars were in her usual interactive style to aid in active learning. Recordings of both sessions are available on the RDA YouTube Channel, supporting continued learning and wider participation:

- Part 1 (13 July): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNhN2d25boI>
- Part 2 (14 July): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8UT9jq0HR8>

It is worth pointing out that these recordings may be useful for those new to RDA outside Africa. Getaneh and Elisa have discussed next steps with the RSC Executive Committee, and are currently designing some more in-depth training for the region.

604 Update from the Education and Orientation Officer

Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze provided an informal update on her activities since the last RSC Meeting, highlighting:

- **Introduction to RDA: A Webinar Series for African Cataloguers** (see [Item 603](#)). Elisa formally thanked Getaneh for the opportunity to work on this initiative together. She is beginning to plan a more advanced programme so that they can capitalize on the enthusiasm demonstrated by the post-webinar survey respondents
- **November Outreach Session:** As Jessica mentioned in her informal report ([Item 601.3.4](#)), Elisa and Jessica have started planning the outreach session of the November RSC Meeting, which will take place on 19 November (time to be confirmed)
- **JULAC BSC (Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee Bibliographic Services Committee):** Elisa had a Zoom call with cataloguers and cataloguing supervisors working at each of the 8 Hong Kong universities that make up [JULAC](#). The call was an opportunity for Elisa to share information on how to find instructions in RDA Toolkit, how to find complementary information (such as RDA vocabulary terms in Simplified and Traditional Chinese) in the RDA Registry, and some Learning Resources that are available. The call was co-organized with Ian So (Hong Kong Baptist University). Because JULAC BSC has a policy of consulting PCC policies and practices, Elisa referred them to some of the PCC training contents that are also available (emphasizing that these are being shared as an example of *one* community implementation of RDA), as well as a link to the training modules that Elisa's University of Toronto Libraries colleagues and she developed for their own local training
- **CaMP (Cataloging and Metadata Pedagogy) Group:** Elisa met with this informal chat group to share her experiences teaching with the Official RDA Toolkit in her University of Toronto course. Most attendees were from American or Canadian universities. There was a mix of people engaging with RDA, ready to engage with RDA and not at a stage where they feel ready to begin (for various reasons)
- **RDA Training in Canada Working Group:** Outside her RSC commitments, Elisa continues to contribute to this working group, which now has a website in [English](#) and [French](#). These are featured in the RSC's [Implementing Official RDA](#) webpage, as it contains links to the group's previous workshops that may be of use to the RDA cataloguing community in Canada and beyond

Elisa also shared that she continues to receive emails from individual contacts, and directs them to existing regional committees as appropriate.

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605 October release schedule

As publisher, Director of ALA Digital Reference James Hennelly shared the October release schedule, which remains business confidential until after publication. He also updated RSC members on the progress of the RDA Board's Business Model Working Group, which he chairs, and on discussions around training and development. This led to a wide-ranging discussion among RSC members on the state of the art in training in Africa (see also [Item 603](#)), Europe and Latin America (see also [Item 602.2](#)). James reported on conversations that he had with attendees of the ALA Annual (see also [Item 602.3](#)), and Oceania Representative Jack Ennis Butler highlighted the [National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa's training materials on Niche Academy](#) (which are linked from the RSC's [Implementing Official RDA](#) webpage).

606 “Minimal Set” update

Chair of the AI Working Group Ahava Cohen thanked Working Group members Christian Aliverti and Renate Behrens for their work on this. They have proposed a list of elements for use in developing AI cataloguing processes, which Ahava shared with the RSC, asking for feedback from them. Because this is a Joint Working Group, this element set will remain confidential until after the Board meets in September and has had a chance to comment on it too. However, there are two important pieces of information that Renate as RSC Chair, Chris Oliver as RDA Board Chair and James Hennelly as Director of ALA Digital Reference have authorised to be shared in these minutes.

606.1 No longer to be referred to as a “Minimal Set”

Ahava reported that in a meeting with Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden, Chris has pointed out that the working title “Minimal Set” runs the risk of confusion with the Guidance on [Minimum description of a resource entity](#) in the RDA Toolkit. Moving forward, the elements identified by the AI Working Group will be referred to as the *Application Profile for AI / Computational Description*.

606.2 Recruitment of Test Institutions

The next stage for the Application Profile for AI / Computational Description is to ask institutions to try it in their prompts to see if it improved the results either in the short run or as help countering AI drift. The Working Group has already identified three national libraries who are able to test the Application Profile as part of their own AI work, and is keen to identify more. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to advertise for further participants, and in the course of the meeting Ahava and the RSC Secretary drafted a call which was then approved by the Chair of the RDA Board, RSC Chair and Director of ALA Digital Reference. It was published on 2 August 2026, and members of the RSC have been asked to share it with their communities and other contacts (See [Appendix 606.2](#))

607 Editorial Group

Following queries from a member of the RSC and from members of the wider RDA cataloguing community, Director of ALA Digital Reference James Hennelly wanted to make the membership and remit of this group clear. Now that more institutions are implementing Official RDA (or have already implemented it), we are receiving a higher volume of change requests (via the [Toolkit feedback form](#)) and proposals and in many cases the editorial work required to implement the decisions of the RSC needs liaison between some or all of the Technical Team Liaison Officer (Registry, Reference, Glossary), RSC Secretary (Toolkit excluding examples), Examples Editor and the Director of ALA Digital Reference, who, as publisher, is responsible for all the editorial activity in RDA. James has, therefore, convened the Editorial Group to ensure that implementation of RSC Decisions is coordinated efficiently. It meets after each RSC Meeting to schedule implementation and consists of the Director of ALA Digital Reference (Chair), RSC Secretary, Technical Team Liaison Officer, Examples Editor and RSC Chair (and Chair Elect / Past Chair when there is one). Although the RSC Chair is not directly involved in editing activities, it is important for them to know when the decisions are being implemented, and they have oversight of proposals that are in preparation. RSC/Operations/4/2026 (approved under [Item 600](#)) sets out the terms of the Editorial Group.

608 Updates / AOB (Any Other Business)

608.1 Webinar for Senior Managers

Renate Behrens said that an issue that has been raised before was the need for a webinar for senior managers. She asked if the RSC thought the time might be right for this. After discussion, Renate and the Chair of the RDA Board Chris Oliver said they would raise it during the next Board Meeting. James Hennelly said that this aligned with wider Board discussions around advocacy.

608.1.2 ACTION: Renate Behrens, Chris Oliver and James Hennelly to discuss a webinar for senior managers with the rest of the RDA Board in its September Meeting.

608.2 Proposal Responses

With a busy agenda for the Public Session, Renate asked if there were any questions regarding the Proposals, now that everyone had a chance to read the responses of others and [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/Summary](#), [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/Summary](#), [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/Summary](#) and [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/Summary](#).

608.2.1 RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1

Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski thanked Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden for highlighting the work carried out in 2016 ([RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/TechnicalWG](#), [RSC/RareWG/6](#) and [RSC/RareWG/6/rev](#)). She shared that in the Public Session she aimed to propose that further options be added in line with [RSC/RareWG/6](#) and [RSC/RareWG/6/rev](#). She

hoped that this would meet the needs expressed in [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/EURIG](#) too. Renate Behrens thanked Chris and Jessica for their work, and confirmed that it would be helpful for Jessica to share this in the Public Session. If the RSC wants these options to be included, Jessica can prepare a follow-up proposal (RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026 3, [Item 610](#)) for constituency review. The RSC Secretary confirmed that if this could be prepared in time, it could be published at the end of the July Meeting for discussion in the November meeting ([Item 610](#)).

608.2.2 RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2

The RSC Secretary stated that given that Europe Representative Ahava Cohen had been involved in the drafting of this proposal, she (Secretary) had been surprised to see a *redux* of the debate around *scribe agent, etc.* for *published* resources included in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/EURIG](#). She asked where in Europe this was coming from. The Europe Representative explained the issue again, providing examples from her own institution since she knows this best. After a discussion of this issue and whether or not it may be resolved using the wording supplied in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/NARDAC](#), Translations Team Liaison Officer Szabolcs Dancs restated that the terms included in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) (for which RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2 is a follow-up proposal) are all terms which are used by the international communities represented by the Translations Working Group members, and this includes *scribe agent, etc.* Renate Behrens stated that in the April Meeting, there had been a clear desire for the *scribe agent, etc.* terms and that the issue raised seemed to concern the place of *scribe agent* in the hierarchy. In the Public Session it would be helpful to discuss this first and then the issue concerning *printed / published* sources. She thanked Szabolcs, the Translations Working Group, Ahava, and Oceania Representative Jack Ennis Butler for their work in preparing RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2. It is a good example of the constituency consultation model in action. The RSC Secretary offered formal thanks to North America Representative Trina Soderquist and her Backup North America Representative Thomas Brenndorfer: Thomas had prepared [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/NARDAC](#) while Trina was on leave, and it appeared to the Secretary to contain detailed suggestions for discussion at the Public Session which would hopefully aid in the resolution of some thorny issues.

608.2.2 Further Terms in RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/EURIG

[RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/EURIG](#) included the following statement:

“There are useful MARC terms which are not included in this proposal (for example, “bookseller [bsl]”, “attributed name [att]” and “wood engraver” nor are elements from other Western vocabularies such as RBMS (for example, “subscriber”). EURIG would like to understand why these were not included and, if relevant, see a follow-up proposal with added terms.”

In the Executive Session on 27 July, the Europe Representative once again raised this issue. The RSC Chair and Secretary reiterated that the decision reached on [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) was that the Translations Team Liaison Officer would prepare [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#)

incorporating the concerns raised by EURIG, NARDAC and ORDAC. The scope of RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2 was to deal with the terms raised by the Translations Working Group and the issues they faced in the absence of their terms. ORDAC had provided a draft definition of the *wood engraver, etc.* terms and so it was straightforward to include it as RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2 Recommendation 2. The Technical Team Liaison Officer had made it clear that he would consider proposals for further terms ([RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/Decisions](#)) and so the Europe Representative could submit a proposal as RSC/EURIG/2026/1 or RSC/EURIG/2027/1 for consideration. Other RSC members with experience in drafting proposals, including the RSC Secretary, Translations Team Liaison Officer and RDA Examples Editor (who is a member of the RBMS Policy Statement Writers Group and the Editorial Group for DCRMR) are all willing to assist, but the Europe Representative should take the lead on this.

608.2.3 RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3 and RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4

Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden thanked the RSC Secretary for preparing [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/Summary](#) and [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/Summary](#). He was in agreement with the amendment suggested by Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski in [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/ExamplesEditor](#) and was looking forward to hearing any comments from observers in the Public Session. With regard to [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/NARDAC](#), he stood by the original proposal as written, and looked forward to discussion in the Public Session, as well as any comments from observers.

608.3 Workflow

The RSC Secretary offered formal thanks to all voting members of the RSC. For the first time in a long time nobody needed a substantial extension on the deadline for return of responses. As well as allowing other RSC members and observers plenty of time to read responses, it also allowed the Secretary time to compile the summary documents. Although these are prepared primarily to aid the Chair in allocating adequate time for discussion during the Public Session (by identifying areas of consensus and dissonance), the Secretary knows they are also useful to those for whom English is their second, third, fourth or fifth language. So being able to prepare these ahead of time not only saved the Secretary working overtime but also helped everyone partake in the discussion of the important and highly nuanced issues raised. The Chair and Secretary also formally thanked the writers of proposals for the November Meeting: three of these are ready for publication at the end of the July Meeting, with the final two papers on soft-deprecated elements in their final stages with the Technical Working Group. Finally, the Secretary gave formal thanks to the String Encoding Scheme Working Group, whose first proposal is with the Technical Working Group with a view to publication in November for discussion in the first meeting of 2027. North America Representative Trina Soderquist said that she would be in touch with the Chair and Secretary regarding the five proposals on which NARDAC is near to completion. The Secretary said that, subject to approval from Chair Elect Robert L. Maxwell, whose term begins on 1 January, there should be space for some of these proposals in the first meeting of 2027. It would be ideal if they could be published in November. She asked Trina to follow-up by email regarding dates.

Public Session

Synchronous Meeting

online via Zoom

6:00-8:00pm UTC, 28 July 2026

609 Welcome to the Public Session

RSC Chair Renate Behrens welcomed everyone to the Public Session, and asked the RSC to introduce themselves. There were a large number of first-time observers in this meeting, and it was a particular pleasure to see them, as well as the many people who take time to attend Public Sessions regularly. There were four proposals under discussion, and on behalf of the RSC Renate thanked the wider RDA community for responding to them via their Regional Representatives and the Wider Community Engagement Officer.

610 RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1

[RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1](#) was published on 30 April 2026 and formal responses were received between 30 April and 17 July. [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/summary](#) was published on 17 July.

Introducing the proposal, the Examples Editor thanked everyone for their feedback, especially the work that the Technical Team Liaison Officer had done to look into the history of the list in RDA. [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/TTLO](#) stated:

“In exploring the history of this list in the Official RDA Toolkit, we noted that the current preferred order comes from Original RDA 2.2.2.2. This issue was discussed in 2016 in RSC/RareWG/6 and RSC/Rare WG/6/rev, in which the RSC Rare Materials Working Group stated that, *“For early printed resources...it does not benefit the user to choose between...sources based on a prescribed order. The best source of information for materials of the hand-press period will vary considerably, compared to later materials... In the absence of a title page, the user is best served by choosing the source in which the information is most formally presented.”* According to the minutes of the November 2016 meeting, the proposal was ultimately withdrawn in order to facilitate further work in the 3R project, but with regards to listing a preferred order of sources of information, *“the trend seems to be what the Rare Materials Working Group has indicated in this proposal”*.

The Examples Editor also acknowledged the issue raised in [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/EURIG](#):

“EURIG would like to note the continued absence of other preliminaries besides the title page and title sheet as a source of information. More broadly, we note the absence of guidance on the use of a title page verso amongst the sources of information which RDA includes as sources of transcription. If title page verso is encompassed by the term title sheet, then this could be brought out in the glossary definition (as a scope note) and in the vocabulary encoding scheme for recording source.”

After the opportunity for RSC Members and observers to share their views verbally, the Examples Editor shared her screen and showed a DRAFT proposal to add another option to “Choose the source in which the information is most formally presented.” This option would provide the opportunity to select information from the title page and other preliminaries, and potentially solve the issue raised by EURIG, as well as enacting the recommendation from [RSC/RareWG/6](#) and [RSC/RareWG/6/rev](#) surfaced by [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/TTLO](#).

In the context that the Examples Editor will present the addition of this option in RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/3, members of the RSC voted unanimously to approve the recommendations in RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1

610.1 ACTION: Secretary to prepare and implement RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/Decisions³

610.2 ACTION: Examples Editor to prepare RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/3⁴

611 RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2

A follow-up to [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) (see [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/Decisions](#) for details), [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#) was published on 4 June 2026. Formal responses were received between 29 June and 16 July 2026. The usual summary of responses, [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/summary](#) was published on 20 July.

Introducing the proposal, Technical Team Liaison Officer Szabolcs Dancs acknowledged assistance from Oceania Representative Jack Ennis Butler and Europe Representative Ahava Cohen in preparing it so as to ensure that the issues raised in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/ORDAC](#) and [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/EURIG](#) might be addressed. He also thanked Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski who he knows is working on examples following the approval of the terms in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/Decisions](#). Finally, he thanked the authors of [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/NARDAC](#), for their suggestion of redefining *engraver agent*, etc., which he hoped would go some way towards a solution for the issues raised in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/EURIG](#).

611.1 Facsimiles

When the Chair opened the floor for discussion by RSC members, Europe Representative Ahava Cohen immediately raised her concerns about the relationship between scribes and *published* materials. This led to a wide-ranging discussion on the cataloguing of facsimiles.

Chair Elect Robert Maxwell and the RSC Secretary shared that they had worked with facsimiles for decades and that they (and others in the rare materials cataloguing community) were aware

³ [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/Decisions](#) was published on 31 July 2026 and will be implemented in the next release of the RDA Toolkit (expected in October).

⁴ [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/3](#) was published on 31 July and featured in a news item: [For Constituency Review: Two Proposals from the RDA Examples Editor](#).

that there is a long-standing lacuna in RDA in clear directions for cataloguing facsimiles. This is inherited from the Anglo-American cataloguing tradition, in which those dealing with facsimiles made do with the instructions available to them and applied cataloguer judgment.

Robert stated that he would be happy to see an exploration of facsimiles in a Discussion Paper. The issue raised repeatedly by Ahava around the use of *scribe agent, etc.* in facsimiles is an issue shared by several other elements in RDA. Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden highlighted that the Technical Working Group is aware that inheritance is an issue in some cases, and gave the example of a publisher agent of an Early Modern book. When a facsimile is published, he posited that we would not want the metadata for the facsimile to inherit the Early Modern publisher agent. As a longstanding rare books cataloguer, Robert stated that we would want the facsimile to be found by library users searching under the publisher agent of the original Early Modern book. Jessica and the RSC Secretary agreed that (a) there are many research use cases of library users in which the facsimile would be wanted in a search of this kind and (b) the *principle* of inheritance in this situation is acknowledged but the *practicality* of cataloguing the facsimile to meet the user needs usually takes priority. Chris agreed he would be happy to work with Robert in a wider consideration of issues in cataloguing facsimiles.

Jack asked whether short-cut elements could afford a solution. Chris and Szabolcs said that this may be a route forward and Chris committed to exploring these within the context of the exploration of facsimiles.

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| 611.1.1 | ACTION: | Chair Elect to take the lead in formulating a plan to explore the issue of facsimiles and discuss with the Technical Team Liaison Officer in the first instance |
| 611.1.2 | ACTION: | Chair Elect and Technical Team Liaison Officer to bring a plan for the exploration of facsimiles to the Executive Committee |
| 611.1.3 | ACTION: | RSC Chair and Secretary to add to the agenda of the next Executive Committee the scheduling of the facsimile discussion to the agenda of the appropriate Executive Committee |

611.2 Recommendation 1: *scribe agent, etc.*

As he had in the Executive Session ([Item 608.2.2](#)), Szabolcs restated that the terms included in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) (for which RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2 is a follow-up proposal) are all terms which are used by the international communities represented by the Translations Working Group members, and this includes *scribe agent, etc.* The RSC Secretary reminded the RSC that in the Executive Session the Chair had stated that in the April Meeting, there had been a clear desire for the *scribe agent, etc.* terms and that the issue raised seemed to concern the place of *scribe agent* in the hierarchy. Renate then asked members of the RSC to vote on

whether they wished *scribe agent, etc.* to be approved for inclusion. There was unanimous agreement. However, the RSC Secretary asked what form of words the inclusion should take. Should it be the wording in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#) Recommendation 1 OR the wording suggested in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/NARDAC](#)? Or, given that it had been agreed to deal with published materials within a wider discussion paper on cataloguing facsimiles, should the wording be that originally proposed in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) Recommendation 5?

With an eye on the time needed for discussion of Recommendation 2 of this proposal and of the other proposals on the agenda, the Chair asked the RSC Secretary to summarise the decisions made in the Public Session and present the options for the decisions still to be made in a votable form for members of the RSC. [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/summary2](#) was presented to the RSC on 29 July, with discussion and voting taking place in the asynchronous session 29-30 July⁵.

Voting members of the RSC decided unanimously to approve [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/summary2](#) Option 1, which set out the original recommendation made in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) Recommendation 5.

611.3 Recommendation 2: *wood engraver agent, etc.*

After a discussion of the issues raised in the formal responses (summarised at [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/summary](#) Recommendation 2) voting members of the RSC approved the addition of the terms set out in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#).

In terms of the issues raised in relation to the terms' place in the hierarchy of elements, the solution suggested in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/NARDAC](#) was approved unanimously. The Oceania Representative, who had undertaken a lot of the work in drafting the terms for *wood engraver agent, etc.* in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1/ORDAC](#) (carried forward into [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#) Recommendation 2) thanked NARDAC and the Technical Team Liaison Officer for the solution proposed to the issues raised by [EOO](#), [EURIG](#), and [ExamplesEditor](#), and by [NARDAC](#) themselves in their responses to [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#).

[RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/TTLO](#) summarised the solution as follows:

“The responses of both NARDAC and the Examples Editor make a compelling argument that **wood engraver agent** should not be a narrower term of **engraver agent**, but instead should be on an equal level of the hierarchy with **engraver agent** under **printmaker agent**. To end all ambiguity and ensure that RDA does not rely on outside practices and vocabularies for its definitions, I agree with NARDAC’s response that the best way to implement this would be not just to define **wood engraver agent** as a narrower term of **printmaker agent**, but also to propose changing the definition of **engraver agent** to clarify that this element applies specifically to intaglio printing rather than relief printing. This would eliminate a long-standing

⁵ It was published on 2 August 2026, after the conclusion of the RSC Meeting.

ambiguity in RDA and bring the definition of these elements in line with community expectations.”

Changes to the hierarchy and / or definition of elements require a full proposal so they receive review by all members of the wider RDA cataloguing community. As a result, and notwithstanding the RSC’s belief in the amendments to the definition and hierarchy of the *engraver agent, etc.* elements, a proposal will need to be prepared and presented to the community at the Public Session of the RSC.

611.3.1 ACTION: RSC Translations Team Liaison Officer to prepare and submit RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/3 to deal with the definition and hierarchy of *engraver agent, etc.* terms for discussion at the November Meeting of the RSC⁶

611.4 Alternate Labels

An observer sought reassurance from the Technical Team Liaison Officer that the issue about alternate labels raised in RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/EURIG had been taken on board. The Technical Team Liaison Officer was happy to provide this assurance, not only with regard to this proposal but also as a general principle (See [Item 612.3](#)).

611.5 RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/Decisions

The decisions of the RSC will be published in the usual way.

611.5.1 ACTION: RSC Secretary to write RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/Decisions⁷

611.5.2 ACTION: RSC Secretary and Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/Decisions

612 RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3

[RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3](#) was published on 28 April 2026 and formal responses were received between 29 May and 30 June. [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/summary](#) was published on 17 July 2026. As he had done in the Executive Session ([Item 608.2.3](#)), Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden thanked the RSC Secretary for preparing [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/Summary](#). He also thanked the wider RDA community for their time and care in responding to the constituency review.

⁶ [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/3](#) was published on 2 August along with a [news items](#) alerting the wider RDA cataloguing community that it is available for constituency review.

⁷ [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/Decisions](#) was published on 2 August.

612.1 *Use for* references for digests

As he had stated in the Executive Session ([Item 608.2.3](#)), Chris shared that he was in agreement with the amendment suggested by Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski in [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/ExamplesEditor](#):

“Considering that the definitions for the elements related to *digest* are closely related to the definitions for *abridgement* elements and the definition of digest may vary depending on context (e.g., condensation of expression or work vs. compilation), I suggest adding the following *Use for* references to the glossary:

- [Abridgement of expression](#)
 - Add: *Use for*: digest of expression
- [Abridgement of work](#)
 - Add: *Use for*: digest of work
- [Abridged as expression](#)
 - Add: *Use for*: digested as expression
- [Abridged as work](#)
 - Add: *Use for*: digested as work ”

When voting on the issue, he would be asking voting members of the RSC to vote on the text as amended by [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/ExamplesEditor](#). He was, however, keen to hear comments from any observers.

612.2 Alternate labels – deprecated terms

In [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/EURIG](#), Ahava Cohen had asked the indirect question: “It is our understanding that, where elements are fully deprecated, they become alternate labels for the preferred element.” The community member who raised the issue was observing the Public Session and asked Chris for confirmation of this. Chris was happy to provide that reassurance: when a soft-deprecated term is fully-deprecated, the former soft-deprecated term becomes an alternate label for the term in which it is now used. This helps RDA cataloguers to find the term they should use.

612.3 Alternate labels – [type of agent] agent

This conversation ([Item 612.2](#)) led to a *redux* of the discussion on *wood cutter* as an alternate label for *wood cutter agent* ([Item 611.4](#)). Chris repeated the statement in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/EURIG](#) with regard to *wood engraver agent*:

“For consistency, human consumption and possibly support of unconstrained properties in the Registry, the alternate labels for *wood engraver agent* should include *wood engraver*.”

Chris stated that this was always the case and something that he ensures as a matter of course whenever he is adding new elements to the Registry (which then feeds directly into the Toolkit

element page). He thanked the community member for their diligence in continuing to stress the importance of alternate labels, and also acknowledged that for some other members of the wider RDA community alternate labels may seem highly detailed / nuanced. In brief, when deleting terms (as in [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3](#)) it is important to ensure the deleted terms are subsumed elsewhere – usually a Broader Term ([Item 612.2](#)) and when adding new terms (as in [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1](#) and [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#)) it is important to ensure that someone searching under the generic term – e.g. *wood cutter* – would find the agent – e.g. *wood cutter agent* ([Item 611.4](#)).

612.4 Vote and Decisions

As Chris had requested ([Item 612.1](#)), Renate Behrens asked voting members to vote on the text as amended by [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/ExamplesEditor](#). The result was unanimously in favour.

612.4.1 ACTION: Secretary to prepare and publish
RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/Decisions

612.4.2 ACTION: Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement
RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3/Decisions

613 RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4

[RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4](#) was published on 28 April 2026 and formal responses were received between 29 May and 29 June. [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/summary](#) was published on 17 July. As he had in the Executive Session ([Item 608.2.3](#)), Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden thanked the RSC Secretary for preparing [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/summary](#). Notwithstanding the feedback received in [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/NARDAC](#), Chris stood by the proposal as originally written. North America Representative Trina Soderquist stated that she believed the question raised by NARDAC in their response was addressed by the reassurances Chris had provided with regard to alternate labels ([Item 612.2](#)): knowing that Chris takes care of these issues as part of the standard implementation process is reassuring for this proposal too. A vote was made on the proposal as written and was unanimously approved by voting members of the RSC.

613.1 ACTION: Secretary to prepare and publish
RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/Decisions

613.2 ACTION: Technical Team Liaison Officer to implement
RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4/Decisions

614 Implementing Official RDA

Following the successful [webinars held at the start of the Countdown Clock](#) and the [Introduction to RDA for African Cataloguers](#), recordings of all of which are available on the [RDA Toolkit YouTube](#), Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze and Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski

have been tasked with coordinating an online training session which will take place during the November Meeting. Details will be published soon. [The Serie Conceptos RDA](#) is underway for Spanish language speakers - details on [El Grupo RDA México's Facebook page](#).

The [Implementing Official RDA webpage](#) has been updated with links to presentations from EURIG 2026 and the NARDAC Forum, and a link to the [Special Issue of Catalogue & Index](#) which was published for the year of the Countdown Clock. You can also find links to presentations and articles on a range of topics on our [Presentations and Outreach 2026 page](#). As always, news and announcements from the RSC are made first at rdatoolkit.org/rsc/news

615 AOB (Any Other Business)

Renate Behrens thanked voting members for their decision-making so far and reminded them to look out for the RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2/summary2 on which to vote over the next two days ([Item 611.2](#)). She opened the floor to AOB.

615.1 Small discrepancy in the text of RDA and the Glossary

Renate asked a member of the wider RDA community to raise an issue that he had raised with the Secretary and Technical Team Liaison Officer by email ahead of today's meeting. It is concerned with the Glossary definition of [plate](#):

“A leaf, usually containing illustrative content, that does not form part of either the preliminary or the main sequence of pages or leaves.”

The instructions for **extent of manifestation** make it clear that plates can be leaves or pages (See RDA 78.19.92.80 [Leaves or pages of plates](#)).

The change request received is to add the words "page or" to the glossary definition so it reads:

“A [page or](#) leaf, usually containing illustrative content, that does not form part of either the preliminary or the main sequence of pages or leaves.”

Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris Holden shared that when he looked into the issue, he could see that the original Glossary definition comes from AACR2, and it looks like the RDA text has been updated but the Glossary has not.

As this issue is on the borderline between editorial decision (which Chris can make) on the basis that it makes the text and glossary consistent, and Fast Track, on the basis that the glossary definition is long-standing, he asked the RSC to consider whether a Fast Track proposal was needed, or he could simply make the edit.

Voting members of the RSC were unanimous in empowering Chris to make this change, since it would restore consistency between the Toolkit text and the Glossary. Renate Behrens thanked Chris for his diligence in checking with the RSC rather than assuming he automatically had the

power to edit this. It is always better to be overly cautious in such matters. Chris thanked Renate and the RSC for their decision.

615.1.1 ACTION: Technical Team Liaison Officer to make edit as set out in these Minutes (Item [615.1](#)).

615.2 Thanks

Renate Behrens thanked the RSC and the Meeting observers for their attention. Several proposals will be published this week⁸, with two more to follow shortly afterwards. Renate looks forward to seeing observers again in November.

Approved by the RDA Steering Committee, 1 September 2026.

⁸ The following proposals were published on 2 August 2026:

- [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/2](#) (included in [news item with details of how to respond](#))
- [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/3](#) (included in [news item with details of how to respond](#))
- [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/3](#) (with [news item with details how to respond](#))

APPENDIX

599 Welcome to the July 2026 Meeting of the RSC

Published at <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news/rsc/welcome-july-2026-meeting-rda-steering-committee>



A very warm welcome to our July Meeting from RSC Chair Renate Behrens (pictured). The meeting runs asynchronously from today (27 July) until close of play on Thursday (30 July) and includes a synchronous Executive Session (for RSC members) and a Public Session tomorrow, at which we will discuss 4 proposals and will hear briefly about the free online training session that RDA Examples Editor Jessica Grzegorski and RSC Education and Orientation Officer Elisa Sze are planning for the November Meeting.

Here are some links you may find interesting / useful:

- The latest on implementation of Official RDA, including a new section on the UK: [Implementing Official RDA](#)
- Minutes of the January Meeting: [RSC Meeting Minutes](#) (also available with [URI on ALAIR](#))
- Agenda of the April Meeting: [RSC Meeting Agendas](#) (also available with [URI on ALAIR](#))
- RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1 and its responses: [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1](#) (individually [posted to ALAIR](#))
- RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2 and its responses: [RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2](#) (individually [posted to ALAIR](#))
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3 and its responses: [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3](#) (individually [posted to ALAIR](#))
- -- Renate Behrens and Chris Holden
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4 and its responses: [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4](#) (individually [posted to ALAIR](#))

If you have not registered yet, there is still time to do so: simply email Anne Welsh, RSCsecretary@rdatoolkit.org and she will be happy to send you the joining instructions (including Zoom link).

We look forward to seeing those of you who are able to attend the Public Session tomorrow.

601.1.1 Informal Report from the Archives Working Group

1. Reach out to the community

The working group decided to conduct a survey to reach out to institutions currently using RDA to document archival materials or interested in RDA. We have 15 responses so far, from different parts of the world – mainly libraries describing archives and personal papers, most of them using MARC as format; RDA is used together with other standards such as RNAB, DACS, ISAD(G).

The hierarchical structures and conditions governing access are among the elements where guidance is missing.

We are currently analyzing the results.

2. RDA and the principle of provenance and respect des fonds

The working group finds that the necessary RDA elements exist but that guidance is missing in the Toolkit.

3. RDA and recording the custodial history

The working group finds that the necessary RDA elements exist but that guidance is missing in the Toolkit.

4. Establishing an alignment between [RDA and Records in Context \(RIC\)](#)

The working group is trying to align RDA Registry and RiC-O for an example archival description.

While many of the necessary elements exist in RDA, they come from different WEMI levels. The RDA Collections Model with its focus on the manifestation level might be a solution for that intellectual challenge.

Some members of the working group believe that mappings at the working level (e.g. MARC to EAD) make more sense than an alignment of the conceptual models.

Furthermore, we are considering that there might be different solutions (application guidelines or profiles) for different regions and communities.

5. Standards bodies with which it would be useful for the RSC to establish (a) protocol(s)

ICA and EGAD: The working group is preparing an addition to section 4.8 of the RiC Application Guidelines (AG).

Furthermore, given the persistence of DACS, the SAA might be a relevant body for exchange.

6. Final report

The WG plans to prepare a final draft report for the next RSC meeting in November.

606.2 Call for Volunteer Libraries to Test Application Profile for AI Processes

Published at <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news/working-groups/call-volunteer-libraries-test-application-profile-ai-processes>



As the latest step in its work considering the use of AI in RDA cataloguing, the [Joint RDA Board / RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) is seeking volunteer libraries / cataloguing organizations to help test an Application Profile for AI Processes.

A lightweight DRAFT Application Profile with elements that may be helpfully used when creating prompts for AI-assisted cataloguing workflows has been proposed by the Joint Working Group. The RSC considered it during its meeting last week, and the RDA Board will consider it during its meeting in September. The aim is then to publish the approved DRAFT Application Profile after Board approval and to move into a testing phase.

If your institution is currently using AI for some of your cataloguing processes, AI Working Group Chair Ahava Cohen (pictured) would love to hear from you. The Working Group is looking to recruit volunteer institutions to test the DRAFT Application Profile in their own settings. They are keen to hear from potential volunteers between now and September so that they can have a testing plan set up to coincide with the Board's signing off on the DRAFT Application Profile.

Ideally we are looking to test across a wide geographic spread, a variety of RDA implementations, and different metadata encoding schemes.

If you are interested, please email Ahava in the first instance - Ahava.Cohen@rdatoolkit.org - letting her know the AI tool(s) you are using and the cataloguing processes in which you are using them.