To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

Subject: Proposal on numerals associated with given names

The text below sets out decisions taken by the RSC in their meeting in April 2025.

RSC/NARDAC/2025/1 was submitted on 21 February and published on 24 February 2025. Written responses were received through February and March and RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/summary was prepared and published on 16 March. The only change suggested was from the Technical Team Liaison Officer (RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/TTWGResponse), who stated that "For consistency, the Glossary definition should be in the present tense, with the verb in the first sentence reading as 'hold' instead of 'held'. He identified that "The use of 'name' in the Glossary definition is ambiguous, and the RDA term 'given name' would be clearer'. Finally, the Technical Team Liaison Officer pointed out that 'The phrased 'names of monarchs and other royals or ecclesiastics' in the Glossary does not match the phrase used in the text of RDA … The phrase from the text dates back to AACR2 and may be worth reviewing in light of the work of the Religions in RDA Working Group". With all this in mind, RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/TTWGResponse suggested an alternative wording, which the North America representative and the rest of the RSC accepted in the meeting (RSC/Minutes/508-520 Item 509 (forthcoming)).

With the amendments suggested in RSC/NARDAC/2025/1/TTWGResponse, the proposal was approved unanimously by voting members of the RSC.

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Recommendation 1

Under Preferred names of person that include neither a surname nor a term of rank of nobility, revise the first condition option (64.31.88.71):

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CONDITION

A value of Person: [name of person](#) does not include a value of Person: [surname](#).

> **CONDITION OPTION**
>
> Record a value that is a part of the name under which a person is listed in a *source of information* as the first part.
>
> Treat a ~~roman numeral~~ <u>regnal number</u> associated with a given name as an integral part of the name (e.g., in the case of some popes, royalty, and ecclesiastics).

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CONDITION

A value of Person: [name of person](#) does not include a value of Person: [surname](#).

> **CONDITION OPTION**
>
> Record a value that is a part of the name under which a person is listed in a *source of information* as the first part.
>
> Treat a regnal number associated with a given name as an integral part of the name (e.g., in the case of some popes, royalty, and ecclesiastics).

Recommendation 2

Under [Names of person that include neither a surname nor a term of rank of nobility](#) revise the condition option ([41.40.53.39](#)):

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A value of Person: [name of person](#) does not include a value of Person: [surname](#).

A person is not identified by a term of rank of nobility.

A person is commonly associated with a place of origin or residence, an occupation, or other characteristics in manifestations associated with the person or in reference sources.

> **CONDITION OPTION**

Record the name using as the first element the words or phrases for a place of origin or residence, an occupation, or other characteristic, followed by the part of the name under which the person is listed in reference sources.

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Recommendation 3
Add a definition and scope of "regnal number" to the Glossary.

<u>regnal number</u>

<u>A number used in combination with a given name of a person in order to identify, sequence, or distinguish persons who hold an office under the same name.</u>

A regnal number may be expressed as a roman numeral, or using another numbering system, such as an arabic numeral, a spelled-out number, or a combination of a numeral with a word, abbreviation, ordinal suffix or symbol.