

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
Subject: RSC/NARDAC/2025/4 – Scope Note for Corporate Body

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

[RSC/NARDAC/2025/4](#) was published on 22 September 2025. Written responses were received between 7 October and 11 November and [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/summary](#) was published on 13 November. Several RSC members made positive comments in support of the general idea behind the proposal, but [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/TTLO](#) rejected both recommendations. It is worth reading [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/TTLO](#) in its entirety.

In the Public Session of the November Meeting (RSC/Minutes/538-555¹ Item 545), the Technical Team Liaison Officer Chris stressed that RDA must remain in tandem with the IFLA LRM. It should not try to anticipate IFLA standards development. It would be far better to work within the terms of RSC/Chair/2023/3/rev – Protocol between the RSC and the IFLA Committee on Standards (CoS)² and provide feedback on this issue in terms of RDA development.

The Chair opened the floor to observers and several spoke on the importance of First Nations representation and on the IFLA LRM. In particular, Pat Riva shared that in her experience working on the IFLA bodies that created and maintain the LRM, Collective Agent was envisaged as having two elements within it, Family and Corporate Body. She thanked the RSC for its determination to stay aligned with the LRM and offered to take our concerns to the relevant IFLA committee responsible for updating the LRM. Renate Behrens thanked her for this, which she feels an appropriate way forward, consistent with our protocol with the IFLA Committee on Standards³.

Accordingly, the RSC decided that the next step would be for the RSC Chair Elect to liaise with Pat Riva and the Technical Team Liaison Officer and, if necessary facilitate a meeting between Pat and the Technical Working Group. The RSC Chair should be copied into all correspondence as she is the official liaison to IFLA COS. After the Meeting, she requested that he also contact the Chair of the IFLA Bibliographic Conceptual Models (BCM).

¹ Decisions document published ahead of Minutes; search “RSC/Minutes/538-555” to retrieve them on ALAIR (<https://alair.ala.org/home> once they are published and archived).

² <http://hdl.handle.net/11213/21198>

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