

To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

Subject: Decisions on RSC/ReligionsWG/2025/1 – Proposal to Revise  
Name of Corporate Body

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

[RSC/ReligionsWG/2025/1](#) was published on 22 September 2025. Written responses were received between 7 October and 11 November and [RSC/ReligionsWG/2025/1/Summary](#) was published on 12 November.

In the Public Session of the November Meeting (RSC/Minutes/538-555<sup>1</sup> Item 546), there was wide-ranging discussion of the proposal. In particular, the Technical Team Liaison Officer explained that the glossary definitions he had suggested in [RSC/ReligionsWG/2025/1/TTLO](#) were not offered as final solutions but as a route into discussion. He agreed with the North America Representative that there was the potential that the current changes might have to be relocated again as a result of further work NARDAC is undertaking. The Europe Representative suggested that the recommendations made in the proposal were preferable to the current location of these instructions, and mooted that the proposal be implemented “for now” while the Religions Working Group and Technical Working Group worked together on the glossary definitions and NARDAC and the Technical Working Group worked together on progressing the ideas being the NARDAC discussion papers. This suggestion was unanimously accepted as a practical step.

As the Secretary pointed out in her contextual note on recommendation 2 in [RSC/ReligionsWG/2025/1/NARDAC](#), proposals are required to use the language of the “currently published” text in the Toolkit. The new deadline of 8 weeks prior to the RSC Meeting fell ahead of the October 2025 Toolkit release, meaning that the Religions in RDA Working Group had to include Recommendation 2 for context, even though it had been implemented (but not published) at the time the proposal was submitted and published.

This means that only **Recommendation 1** remains to be implemented, as follows:

Add a condition option under [82.09.48.83 Different names or forms of name for the same corporate body](#).

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

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**CONDITION**

Two or more values of a name appear in manifestations.

No value of a name is predominant or *formally presented*.

A name of corporate body has a brief form that is specific enough to differentiate two or more corporate bodies with the same or similar names.

**CONDITION OPTION**

Record a brief form of name.

The brief form may be an initialism or an acronym.

Example ...

**CONDITION**

Two or more values of a name appear in manifestations.

No value of a name is predominant or *formally presented*.

The corporate body has a real or official name.

**CONDITION OPTION**

Record the real or official name.

**CONDITION**

Two or more values of a name appear in manifestations.

No value of a name is predominant or *formally presented*.

A value of Corporate Body: **name of corporate body** is a brief form that is not specific enough to differentiate two or more corporate bodies with the same or similar names.

**CONDITION OPTION**

Record the form of name that appears in a source of information over the official form.

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**CONDITION**

Two or more values of a name appear in manifestations.

No value of a name is predominant or *formally presented*.

The corporate body has a real or official name.

**CONDITION OPTION**

Record the real or official name.