

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Revision of RDA 2.5.2: Designation of Edition and Revision of RDA
2.5.6: Designation of a Named Revision of an Edition

For the present, LC agrees that the ACOC proposed revisions make the instructions easier to understand and apply without changing their meaning. As a minor adjustment, at 2.5.6.3, LC suggests that the examples remain those of the current text (the last five presented in the revision). Some of the newly added examples appear to be questionable, e.g., "New ed. rev. and enl." because "New edition" is already identified as the designation of edition.

LC sees data relating to edition as a single, integrated statement transcribed from a resource and would prefer that RDA treat such data as a single element instead of separating a Designation of a Named Revision of an Edition from a Designation of Edition. Since the current approach appears to stem from the ISBD (Edition Statement and Additional Edition Statement), for the longer term, LC suggests that the JSC explore with the ISBD Review Group the possibility of treating the data relating to edition as a concept constituting a single string of data occurring on an item within a particular manifestation. We believe this will be a simpler approach for catalogers and would not impact the task of identification. The relationship between an edition and a named revision of an edition could then be treated as related expressions (RDA 26).