To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC representative
Subject: Addition of the Copyright holder relationship – Amendments to RDA 21.6.1.1 and Appendix I

BACKGROUND

Currently Chapter 2 of RDA provides for the recording of copyright date and Chapter 4 provides for the recording of restrictions on use. No specific provision is made in RDA for recording the relationship between copyright holder and the relevant manifestation.

While the recording of the copyright holder relationship appears to fall within RDA 21.6, this is not explicit in the current instructions. In addition, there is currently no appropriate relationship designator provided in Appendix I to indicate the specific nature of the copyright holder relationship.

The purpose of this proposal is to suggest that the instructions at 21.6.1.1 be revised to explicitly include the relationship of copyright holder/s associated with a manifestation, and that the relationship designator - copyright holder - be added to RDA Appendix I.4 in a new section at I.4.4 for Relationship Designators for Other Persons, Families, or Corporate Bodies Associated with a Manifestation, in keeping with the pattern used in I.2 and I.5.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

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