

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Proposed revision of RDA Instructions for Government and Non-Government Corporate Bodies

ACOC thanks ALA for this proposal to revise the instructions relating to Government and Non-Government Corporate Bodies.

We support the intent to simplify and generalize the instructions. We support Recommendations 1-7, and recommendations 9-13; we have reservations re: Recommendation 8.

ACOC considers that the 11.2.2.14 Type 6 instruction does support collocation because it ensures that this type of subordinate body is collocated with other bodies entered under the name of the higher body.

However, as the existing instruction is artificial and does not represent the name as found on the resource, we accept the recommendation to change this instruction. To ensure that users seeking the body under the name of the higher body can still find it in an ordered list, a new provision should be added to instruction 11.2.3.7 Other Variant Name to create a variant name for the name entered subordinately. We note that it would not be possible to make global changes to existing headings to reflect the new instruction and ask that the JSC consider the impact of this.

ACOC suggests that further simplification might be achieved by combining the following two provisions: TYPE 3 re: a 'name that is general in nature or that does no more than indicate a geographic, chronological, or numbered or lettered subdivision of a parent body' and TYPE 5 re: a 'name of a university faculty, school, college, institute, laboratory, etc., that simply indicates a particular field of study' as the same principle is being applied in both.

We also suggest that if the proposed changes are referred to the Examples Group, the group be provided with the complete draft of the revision including the examples.

We agree that the additional issues raised (Political parties, Courts, and Religious officials) warrant further consideration.