

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Proposed revision of RDA instructions on Sources of Information (RDA 2.2.2.1–2.2.2.4)

ACOC thanks ALA for this proposal to revise the instructions relating to Sources of Information (RDA 2.2.2.1–2.2.2.4). We support Recommendations A and B, but think Recommendation C may need further work.

ACOC supports the intention of Recommendation C but thinks the proposed wording of 2.2.2.3 is somewhat confusing. The second sentence disrupts the flow, and it's not clear if in choosing the first applicable source the cataloguer is being instructed to refer to the list that follows later. It is also unclear whether the Alternative is intended to refer to just the second if-clause in the first paragraph, or to both if-clauses.

We note that the qualifier 'eye-readable' has been removed from the proposed Alternative, and we wonder if this is to allow inclusion of QR code labels – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QR_code – or whether something else is intended.