

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative
Subject: Full name as addition to Initialism or Acronym in Access Points for Corporate Bodies (Revision of RDA 11.13.1.2)

ALA thanks BL for this proposal to specify using the fullest variant name for a corporate body as a qualifier in an authorized or variant access point. While we support this concept, we do not agree with the BL approach, which prefers this addition rather than relying on cataloguer's judgment to determine the best qualifier.

Our proposed revision:

- Introduces new sub-instructions in 11.13.1.2, and returns the name of that instruction to “Addition to a Name Not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body”. These revised instructions would allow cataloguers to choose either the type of corporate body or the expanded name as a qualifier in the authorized access point.
- Allows the cataloger to use either the expanded name or a term designating the type of corporate body. This flexibility will help if a cataloger encounters a corporate body that appears to use an acronym or initialism, but no information is available about what the letters stand for. Current examples of this situation in the LC/NACO Authority File include:
 - ABEMADI (Firm)
 - ACCO (Firm)
 - BOVA (Firm)
- Uses the term “expanded name” in 11.13.1.2.2, to mirror the terminology used in 11.2.3.4. However, we would support changing the name of both of these instructions to “Fuller Form of Name” to parallel the language used for personal names.
- Suggests new examples for 11.13.2.1, *General Guidelines on Constructing Variant Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies*, in the 2nd example box (Addition to a Name Not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body).

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11.13.1.1 General Guidelines on Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies

When constructing an authorized access point to represent a corporate body, use the preferred name for the corporate body (see **11.2.2**) as the basis for the authorized access point.

[examples unchanged]

Make additions to the name as instructed at [11.13.1.2–11.13.1.8](#), in that order, as applicable.

[examples unchanged]

Exception

If two or more governments claim jurisdiction over the same area (e.g., occupying powers and insurgent governments), add a designation to the access point for the jurisdiction to distinguish between the two. Add the designation (see [11.13.1.7](#)) before the date or dates associated with the government (see [11.13.1.5](#)).

[examples unchanged]

~~Make the additions specified~~ Apply the instructions at [11.13.1.2](#) if the preferred name for the body does not convey the idea of a corporate body.

Make the additions specified at [11.13.1.2–11.13.1.7](#) if they are needed to distinguish access points representing different corporate bodies with the same name.

Make the additions at [11.13.1.8](#) for the access point representing a conference, as appropriate.

ADDITIONS TO ACCESS POINTS REPRESENTING CORPORATE BODIES

11.13.1.2 Addition to a Name Not Conveying the Idea of a Corporate Body

When constructing an authorized access point for a corporate body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body, add one of the following elements as appropriate to assist in the identification of the body:

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or

expanded name (see [11.13.1.2.2](#))

Also add one of these elements if needed to distinguish one access point from another (i.e., when two or more bodies have the same name or names so similar that they may be confused).

11.13.1.2.1 Type of Corporate Body

~~Add a term designating the type of corporate body (see [11.7.1.4](#)), if needed to distinguish one access point from another (i.e., when two or more bodies have the same name or names so similar that they may be confused). Also add such a term if the preferred name for the body does not convey the idea of a corporate body.~~

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11.13.1.2.2 Expanded Name

If:

the preferred name consists of or includes an acronym, initialism, or an abbreviated form of name

and

the expanded name of the corporate body (see [11.2.3.4](#)) provides better identification than the type of corporate body (see [11.7.1.4](#))

then:

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EXAMPLE

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Evrovizija (Contest)

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