To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative  
Subject: Revision of RDA 3.5.3 (Dimensions of still images)

LC thanks CCC for the proposal, we agree to the proposal (with the amendments noted by the CCC Rep via email, and the ACOC response).

We note two minor issues, and one question:

3.5.3.2, last full paragraph: the wording borrowed from the cartographic instructions is identical to the paragraph found in 3.5.2.2, except for the difference of “is” vs. “was”; we think it is better to be consistent with the wording in 3.5.2.2.

In some cases, it is difficult to determine the points for measuring the height and width of the pictorial area, etc., itself (e.g., when the shape is extremely irregular, or when it is printed without one or more of its borders). When this occurs, record the height × width of the sheet. Indicate that the dimensions are for the sheet.

EXAMPLE

sheet 48 × 27 cm

3.5.3.4, Pictorial Area on More Than One Sheet of the Same Size, first paragraph:
We think the “if” clause should begin with wording similar to 3.5.3.3 for consistency.

If: the pictorial area resource consists of an image spanning more than one sheet

Question: We are not sure why the instructions at 3.5.3.3 (Pictorial Area on More Than One Sheet of Differing Sizes) includes instructions only for the dimensions of the sheets and not the pictorial area, while at 3.5.3.4 (Pictorial Area on More Than One Sheet of the Same Size) there are instructions for giving both the measurement of the pictorial area and the sheets. Is it only important to give both sets of dimensions (image and sheets) when the sheets are the same size, or should the instructions be parallel?