To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Clarify Sources of Information for Statement of Responsibility Relating to Title Proper (RDA 2.4.2.2, etc.)

CCC thanks the American Library Association for this proposal. CCC support change 1 with the suggestions given below. CCC supports changes 2 and 3 with no alterations save one. We note that the CCC members read RDA 2.4.2.2 according to interpretation no. 2 and have taught that reading. During CCC’s discussions, it was also mentioned that the ambiguity was likely a deliberate approach taken by the JSC and the RDA Editor to broaden the adoption of RDA by providing room for flexible interpretations based upon cataloguer’s judgement. This flexibility might prove to be vital if the RDA community is serious about interoperability with standards developed by other communities which are accustomed to exercising cataloguer’s judgement. Nevertheless, CCC will support this proposal.

The introduction of a firm order of preference at 2.4.2.2 would justify a similar order given for all transcribed elements with multiple sources of information, e.g., edition statement, publisher’s name, etc. We would prefer a global solution be developed in chapter 1 in the form of an instruction explaining what it means to follow an order of preference for transcribed elements taking into account repeatability, non-repeatability and parallel elements.

Change #1 – RDA 2.4.2.2, Sources of Information and RDA 2.4.2.3, Recording Statements of Responsibility Relating to Title Proper

CCC suggests replacing “Use” with “Follow”.

Use Follow this order of preference even if a subsequent source of information contains a fuller statement of responsibility identifying the same person, family, or corporate body.

In the explanation of the second example at 2.4.2.3, CCC suggests moving the word “only.”

Janáček
(Munclinger)
Resource described: 3 Moravian dances : for flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon / Janáček ;
(Munclinger). On the preferred source of information, only the composer’s and arranger’s surnames only appear. In the caption, the statements of responsibility are: Leos Janáček ; transcribed by Milan Munclinger

CCC’s discussion of the Munclinger example noted that this example conflates two situations: a fuller form of name found on a source outside the preferred source; and a fuller statement found on a source outside the preferred source. The example would be clearer if it only showed the former situation. CCC discussion also led to a suggested revision of 2.4.1.7. With the changes above, the second paragraph of 2.4.1.7 might not be specific enough. We propose revising 2.4.1.7 to clarify that the added information about role was taken from the same source as the statement of responsibility.
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Indicate that the information was taken from a different source than the statement of responsibility (see 2.4.2.2) or a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Change #2 – RDA 2.17.3.4, Variant Forms of Names
CCC supports this change but we note that if the Janacek/Munclinger example in #1 above is changed, the example here might have to be revised to something like:

Name of transcriber appears in caption as: Milan Munclinger

Statement of responsibility on title page: (Munclinger). Fuller information in caption

Change #3 – RDA 2.17.3.5, Other Information Relating to a Statement of Responsibility
CCC supports this change.