

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Clarify Sources of Information for Statement of Responsibility Relating to Title Proper (RDA 2.4.2.2, etc.)

We agree with ALA that Interpretation #2 is the correct one for transcribing statements of responsibility related to the title proper. We are generally agreeable to ALA's approach, and have provided comments for changes below.

Change #1- RDA 2.4.2.2 and RDA 2.4.2.3

Comment 1 (2.4.2.2):

We agree to changes in the first paragraph. For the final paragraph, we would like to incorporate language about "role" because if two statements of responsibility about the same person performing different roles are found in different sources, both can be recorded (e.g., cover says "photographs by John Smith" and title page says "text by John Smith").

Proposed final paragraph:

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

Comment 2 (2.4.2.3):

We do not agree to the proposed second paragraph referring to 2.4.2.2. We note that other instructions for recording elements with multiple sources of information do not refer back to the source of information (e.g., 2.3.3.3 does not refer to 2.3.3.2; 2.8.2.3 does not refer to 2.8.2.2). We assume this is because in order to record something, you must first know where to go to find it.

Comment 3 (2.4.2.3):

We agree to the proposed final paragraph referring to 2.17.3.5.

Change #3-RDA 2.17.3.5

We agree.