

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative
Subject: Appendix I Relationships for works issued over time

ALA thanks BL for this proposal to add two new relationship designators to Appendix I and to add relevant examples to 19.3.1.3. We generally support these additions and offer the following revisions.

Publishing director – I.2.2

ALA does not agree with including the term “intellectual responsibility” in this definition. This broadens the proposed relationship designator beyond legal responsibility, and it is not clear how “intellectual responsibility” differs from the role of a creator. We also believe that removing this phrase will help distinguish this term from the proposed “founder” relationship designator. In the context of linked data, it would be better if the “publishing director” definition were restricted to the meaning of the term in the French legal context. We would support the creation of an additional term, broader in scope, to relate the overall role of an editor to a work, with publishing director as a subordinate term. The result would be:

publishing director

a person, family or corporate body having legal responsibility for the content of a work.

If the JSC does not agree with this suggestion, we recommend adding a version of the sentence “Apply generally to serials.” to the definition. Currently, this is used in the sequential relationship designator definitions in J.2.6 and J.3.6. The result would be:

publishing director

a person, family or corporate body having legal and/or intellectual responsibility for the content of a work. Apply generally to the relationship between an agent and a serial work.

Founder of work (Option A) / Founder (Option B) – I.2.2

Although several ALA respondents prefer Option B, we observe that using the same term and basic relationship across different appendices (with minor variations in the definitions) does not follow the current RDA model for relationship designators. The majority of ALA respondents believe that RDA should continue to maintain a distinct hierarchical relationship between each of these appendices (I, J, K, and M) and the relationship elements in RDA.

For either Option A or Option B, ALA recommends creating the equivalent relationship designator in I.3.1, *Relationship Designators for Contributors*. We believe that expressions can

be founded in the same way works can be (e.g., an agent decides to fund the ongoing translation of a serial). Adding this expression relationship would require adding qualifiers for the appropriate WEMI level and thus would present a third option for the proposed terms. In addition, ALA recommends using similar language for founder here as recommended in 6JSC/ALA/43, preferring “establishing” over “founding” in the definitions.

Thus we propose:

I.2.2:

founder (work)

an agent responsible for establishing a work.

I.3.1

founder (expression)

an agent responsible for establishing an expression.

Suggestions for the definitions of “founder” in Appendix K

ALA prefers the solution proposed in 6JSC/ALA/43, which generalizes the “founder” relationship definition so that it applies to all agents, proposed for the new section K.2.1 (repeated here for convenience):

founder A person, family, or corporate body that establishes the related family or corporate body. *Reciprocal relationship:* founder of

founder of A family or corporate body that the related person, family, or corporate body establishes. *Reciprocal relationship:* founder