To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Bill Leonard, CCC Representative to RSC

Subject: Additions and Revisions to RDA 2.15.3, Plate Number For Music

CCC thanks the Music Working Group for this proposal. CCC discussed the proposal at its meeting September 16 and does not agree with the proposal as written. The end result will be that RDA will allow agencies to record plate numbers in any fashion. Each agency’s preference will need to be recorded in a local application guideline.

CCC suggests that the problematic sentence could simply be removed. Agencies’ local practices could then be documented in their local application guidelines or they could rely on the advice already provided in the MLA Best Practices. Either way, agencies will need to document their practice.

2.15.3.1 Scope

A plate number for notated music is a numbering designation assigned to a notated music resource by a publisher. The number is usually printed at the bottom of each page, and sometimes also appears on the title page. A plate number for notated music sometimes includes initials, abbreviations, or words identifying the publisher. It is sometimes followed by a number corresponding to the number of pages or plates.