

To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Bill Leonard, CCC Representative to RSC

Subject: Revision of 1.8.1 Numbers Expressed as Numerals or as Words

CCC appreciates the detail in this proposal from the Rare Materials Working Group.

CCC members are of mixed opinions on changing the alternative to an exception. Exceptions are seen as mandatory, if applicable. The decision to apply the extra provisions of rare printed resources is surely not compulsory, but it should remain an alternative. Agencies will lose their discretion to apply special treatment to rare resources if the alternatives are changed to exceptions.

CCC agrees with adding numbering within a series and numbering within subseries to the list of elements.

There are two inconsistencies between the lists of elements given in the main instruction and in the proposed exception. In the main instruction, all of the sub-elements of “numbering of serials” are given. In the proposed exception, only the element “numbering of serials” is given. The elements in the main instruction are capitalized while in the proposed exception they are lower-cased.

CCC does not agree with establishing the term “rare printed resources” in RDA and therefore does not agree with changing the name of the alternative.