

CC:DA Midwinter 2013 Report
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RDA Revision Proposals

CC:DA had a very busy summer and fall of 2012. We approved four revision proposals for RDA and modified one of the proposals that we had approved at Annual 2012. We also approved a new ALA-LC Romanization table for Belarusian, and commented on dozens of proposals from other constituencies to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC). Some of our comments may lead to further revision proposals. The four proposals approved by CC:DA were:

- A proposal from Adam Schiff changing the instructions for assigning the creators of hearings
- A proposal from the Music Library Association on variant access points for musical works whose librettos are written by the composers.
- A proposal that combined two proposals, one from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and one from the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL), on the preferred names of places.
- A proposal based on the work of CC:DA's Sources of Information Task Force.

In Seattle, CC:DA discussed the work of our three outstanding task forces. The work of one task force, which is investigating changes affecting RDA in the *Chicago Manual of Style, 16th edition*, is essentially finished, but due to winter weather and travel issues we were not able to vote on this report at the Midwinter meeting. We will do so soon, and submit it to the JSC as a proposal or discussion paper. The task force proposing new relationship designators for Appendix K has completed about half of their work. CC:DA generally approved of it and so the task force should submit a completed proposal for Annual 2013. Lastly, the task force on recording relationships also appears to be on track and will hopefully have a proposal by Annual as well.

At Midwinter we also discussed some of the issues raised by the proposals we had submitted last fall, in order to prioritize CC:DA's next actions. We determined that two large issues were the most important to tackle first, and agreed to form two new task forces to study them. First, our discussions of the AALL/CEAL proposals revealed many more issues relating to place names, so we will have a new task force to look at place names in detail and perhaps suggest sweeping changes to the instructions in RDA. Second, we decided to reconstitute an existing task force, which was looking at presenting quantitative data in a more machine-actionable form. That task force wrote a discussion paper, which CC:DA approved at Annual 2012 and which was sent to the JSC for their fall meeting. The JSC encouraged ALA to continue working on these issues, so the task force's work will continue but with new membership: we want to include members with expertise in special materials (music, audio-visual, rare books, maps).

Website

CC:DA's new website, based on WordPress software, went live for Midwinter 2013 and all documents relating to the meeting were only posted on the new website and not on our previous site. CC:DA's webmaster solicited input about the architecture and style of the site, and we also

discussed how to best archive the older materials relating to the committee. The new website can be seen at alcts.ala.org/ccdablog and we welcome any feedback.