

To: ALA/Core/Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA)

From: CC:DA Chair

Re: Chair's Report for July 2023-February 2024

Charge: The body within the American Library Association responsible for developing official ALA positions on additions to and revisions to RDA: Resource Description and Access.

Work undertaken since the annual meeting in July:

- Continuing the recruitment of liaisons from ALA units and non-ALA organizations who have vacancies. Repeated attempts to contact the Medical Library Association and the Public Library Association have not been successful; the chair will continue to reach out to these organizations.
- CC:DA members responded to a poll sent out by NARDAC on "soft deprecated" elements in RDA
- CC:DA was asked by NARDAC to participate in planning a practical, preconference training at ALA annual. Ideas are being solicited from the CC:DA membership
- CC:DA responded to requests for comments by RSC:
 - ReligionsWG/2023/1
 - ReligionsWG/2023/2
 - LanguagesWG/2023/1
 - PlacesWG/2023-2

Task forces:

- The CC:DA Procedures Task Force continues its work revising CC:DA procedures. It is hoped that a vote on the new procedures will take place at the midwinter CC:DA meeting and the task force can be discharged
- Two new task forces have been charged:
 - The Documents Online Repository Task Force was charged on August 14, 2023 with identifying a permanent online repository, recommending a retention cycle, and migrating and organizing historical CC:DA documents as appropriate. Richard Guajardo, CC:DA webmaster, was appointed chair of the task force, with members Kathy Glennan, Robert Rendell, and Amanda Ros. Work is open ended and ongoing
 - The CC:DA Task Force on Personal Names in Official RDA was charged September 7, 2023 with submitting a proposal to NARDAC revising the RDA instructions for personal names. At the request of NARDAC, CC:DA was asked to suggest revisions to the rules for compound surnames, but the charge has expanded to consider instructions for personal names in general. Keith Pettit is acting as chair, with members Mary Burns, Peter Fletcher, Kate James, and Tina Marie Maes. Work

is currently ongoing, with an interim report expected at the CC:DA midwinter meeting

- A task force to work on a welcoming document for new CC:DA members was tabled until the new procedures are finalized and approved.

Membership:

- Kathy Glennan, long time CC:DA member and former chair of the RSC has agreed to be the chair-elect/vice chair. Her term will start after ALA Annual this summer. Many thanks to her for her willingness to serve in this position
- Onboarding of our two new interns, Charlotte Cotter and Michael Bradford
- Timothy Ryan Mendenhall was appointed as the CC:DA liaison to the ALA Romanization Review Board
- Jenny Levine, our ALA Core Staff Liaison, is retiring. We thank her for her technical expertise and support of CC:DA and wish her a happy retirement! Amber Robbin will continue on as our ALA Core Staff Liaison going forward
- A few voting members are either ending their second term and will rotate off CC:DA or are at the end of their first term and can choose to volunteer for a second if they wish. I will be contacting those folks to get an idea of how many open voting member slots there will be for 2024-2025
- There are also liaisons who have been appointed for 1, 2, or 3 year terms depending on the rules of their nominating organizations. I will also be contacting these folks and their organizations about reappointment or new appointments as necessary