To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative

Subject: RDA models for relationship data

ACOC thanks the Relationship Working Group for this detailed proposal developed in collaboration with the Technical Working Group.

Recommendation 1. Generalize the *Related*... entity elements to cover all RDA current and future entities as specified in Appendix 1:

a. Add a general *related entity* relationship element with the definition "An entity that is associated with the entity being described".
ACOC agrees to this recommendation.

b. Generalize the definitions of the current *related*... entity elements as element sub-types of related entity.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation.

c. Retain the current same-entity *related*... entity definitions but qualify the labels, as element sub-types of the generalized *related*...entity elements.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation.

d. Add specific cross-entity *related*... entity elements for all non-same pairs of RDA entities.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation.

e. Differentiate the labels by adding qualifiers for the source entity.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation but suggests that the labels be reviewed for (human) readability.

f. Update the RDA Toolkit instructions for elements marked **.
ACOC provisionally agrees to this recommendation and looks forward to a future proposal outlining the revisions.

g. Add properties for the full set of designators to the RDA Registry.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation.

Recommendation 2: Add designators for subject-related *Person, Family, and Corporate Body* entities to Appendix M.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation. We note that the concept of Family as Subject of a Work (M.2.7) differs from "family name" as established in Library of Congress Subject Headings. While LCSH family names use a single form of name to refer to *any* occurrence of that family name a family name established in RDA is specific to the *particular* family to which it refers. This distinction is important when determining the subject of the work. For example, is the work a history of a particular family (e.g., a history of Michael Jackson's family), or is it a history of the family name Jackson, or is it a Jackson family history?

Recommendation 3: Add cross-entity designators for items that are reproduced as manifestations to Appendix J.
ACOC tentatively agrees, with reservations regarding how cross-entity designators will be understood and appropriately applied by cataloguers and particularly if cross-entity designators initially exist only in Appendix J. ACOC agrees that Option 2 (placing these designators in a new section J.5.6) may be less confusing and prefers the alternative labels provided in Appendix 3.

Recommendation 4: Add reciprocal designators for cross-entity PFC to WEMI designators in the Toolkit.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation, but again wishes to see clarity around labelling so that cataloguers are able to correctly apply reciprocal designators.

Recommendation 5: Consider other arrangements of relationship elements and designators and their associated instructions in RDA Toolkit, including tables and thesaurus architectures with navigable broader/narrower and see/see also cross-references, and consider re-organizing the basic layout of designators to reflect Table 5.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation and welcomes a re-organization of the basic layout of designators in line with Table 5.

Recommendation 6: The RSC Relationship Designators Group should undertake a complete review of designator labels in the context of the proposed matrix of high-level relationship elements in Recommendation 1 and the potential for different displays and layouts of the designations in Recommendation 5, in collaboration with the RDA Development Team.
ACOC agrees to this recommendation.

Regarding issues requiring resolution, we strongly agree that a specified framework for proposed RDA designators is desirable and agree to the proposed specifications for new designators. ACOC would also like to see a specified framework that defines the level of granularity for all new relationship designators.