

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
Cc: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Elisa Sze, Education and Orientation Officer
Subject: Formal response to RSC/Examples Editor/2024/1 – Proposal to add glossary definitions for fictitious entity and non-human entity

Recommendation 1: Add a glossary definition for *fictitious entity*.

I approve, but with a minor suggestion.

The existing Guidance on [Fictitious and non-human appellations](#) indicates that fictitious entities may refer not only to fictitious agents, but also to fictitious places and timespans, among other entities. For this reason, the proposed definition is suitably broad.

The term “[reference source](#)” appears in the second sentence of this recommendation, but the term coincides with the label of an element that is defined as “A manifestation which provides evidence for the use of a nomen.” To keep element labels distinct from terms that are not element labels, I would like to suggest replacing “reference source” with “[source of information](#)”.

Recommendation 2: Add a glossary definition for *non-human entity*.

I approve, but make the same minor suggestion as above—to consider replacing the term “reference source” with the term “source of information” in the definition.