

To: ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
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Subject: Hearings in 19.2.1.1.1

Background and discussion

At the JSC meeting in November 2011, the JSC approved proposal 6JSC/LC/6 and added “hearings” (not “legislative hearings”) to category c) iii) in 19.2.1.1.1.

The approved text of 19.2.1.1.1 c) iii) now reads:

iii) an event (e.g., an exhibition, fair, festival, hearing) falling within the definition of a corporate body (see 18.1.2)

In preparing a revision of my presentation on the changes from AACR2 to RDA, I realized that including hearings in this category is problematic. The revised instruction now implies that hearings are named corporate bodies, because the final sentence in section c) says:

provided that the conference, expedition, or event is named in the resource.

The example that prompted LC’s proposal comes from 19.2.1.3 and was included in the section of examples of “Works Reporting the Collective Activity of a Conference, Expedition, or Event”:

Australia. Parliament. House of Representatives. Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for Australian women : public hearings 24–25 July 1990 / House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

This example was included in 19.2.1.3 for lack of a better place to put it. In AACR2, hearings of legislative and governmental bodies are entered under the name of the body conducting the hearing, *not the name of the hearing*. Hearings are not considered named corporate bodies in AACR2. The RDA revision approved in 6JSC/LC/6 now appears to make hearings named events and suggests that the creator is the *hearing* rather than the *body holding the hearing*. If this be the case, the example above would have to be rendered as:

Inquiry into Equal Opportunity and Equal Status for Australian Women (1990 : Canberra, A.C.T.)

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for Australian women : public hearings 24–25 July 1990 / House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Assuming that the JSC did not intend to change the way in which hearings are treated, I believe that hearings must be moved from its position in 19.2.1.1.1 c) iii). There are two possible places that they could be moved to:

1. Expand section b) of 19.2.1.1.1 to include hearings conducted by legislative and governmental bodies:
 - b) works that record the collective thought of the body (e.g., reports of commissions, committees; official statements of position on external policies, standards; transcripts of hearings conducted by legislative and governmental bodies)
2. Create a new category of corporate bodies considered to be creators. It would probably be best to place this category between the current categories b) and c) of 19.2.1.1.1.

works that record hearings conducted by legislative and governmental bodies

If option #1 is preferred, the hearing example currently found in 19.2.1.3 under “Works Reporting the Collective Activity of a Conference, Expedition, or Event” should be moved to the section of examples under “Works Recording the Collective Thought of the Body”. If option #2 is preferred, a new section in 19.2.1.3 should be added and the hearing example moved there. If option #2 is preferred, I would also recommend the addition of several other examples. Some possible ones showing examples of both legislative and governmental bodies:

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Ensuring full implementation of the 9/11 Commission’s recommendations : hearing before the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate, One Hundred Tenth Congress, first session, January 7, 2007

United States. Congress. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Bosnia-Herzegovina : outstanding issues in post-conflict recovery and reconciliation : hearing before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, One Hundred Tenth Congress, first session, November 8, 2007

United States Sentencing Commission

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Transcripts of proceedings of the public hearings of the United States Sentencing Commission : November 16–17, 2004 and February 15–16, 2005

Joint Federal-Provincial Panel on Uranium Mining Developments in Northern Saskatchewan (Canada)

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Transcript of the public hearings held by the Joint Federal-Provincial Panel on Uranium Mining Developments in Northern Saskatchewan for the McArthur River and Cigar Lake projects held at Community Hall, Pinehouse, Saskatchewan, October 7, 1996

Chicago (Ill.). Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs

Authorized access point representing the creator for: Transcript of the Commission on Latino Affairs hearing on the proposed 1992 World’s Fair

Questions:

1. Do you agree with the changes made by the JSC in 19.2.1.1.1 c) iii)? That is, should hearings be treated as named events? Or would you prefer that RDA treat hearings the same way they are treated in AACR2? That is, should the creator of a hearing be the body that held the hearing?
2. If the preference is to follow AACR2 practice, which of the two options listed do you prefer? Or is there some other option that is preferable?