

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Revision proposal for *RDA* 6.2.1.9, 6.14.2.7.1, Appendix B.3: Abbreviations for the part designation *Number* or its equivalent in another language

We thank the JMWG for studying the issue of numbering related to part designations for musical works. We agree that the proposal provides continuity with pre-RDA practices, and note that it results in the same practice for parts of musical works in RDA 6.14 via Appendix B.3, and the practice already documented in Appendix B.5.4 for numeric designations of musical works (RDA 6.16). Having a single practice for both types of numbering will be easier for catalogers to apply.

We think the new example proposed for 6.2.1.9 might benefit from an explanation, given that this example is for the preferred title for a part of a musical work rather than a preferred title per se.

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Title of a part of a musical work

Note: some reviewers felt that the current caption and instruction for 6.14.2.7.1.1 “Part Identified Only by a Number” might be interpreted literally as “only a number” (and not a caption and a number) instead of the intended distinction between parts that were only numbered vs. parts that have titles. The JMWG may wish to consider in the future whether clarification is in order.