To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Kathy Glennan, Chair, RSC

Subject: Technical Working Group: Terms of reference

General terms of reference

The Technical Working Group will conduct its business within the general terms of reference for RSC Working Groups (see RSC/Operations/3).

This is a standing Working Group. The chair is a voting member of the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), serving as the Technical Team Liaison Officer.

Background

The RSC develops *RDA: Resource Description and Access* for international use with a range of encoding schemes typically employed in library and related applications. The underlying domain model is based on the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM) conceptual model. In addition, the RDA/ONIX Framework for Resource Categorization is used to derive content and carrier categories specified in RDA.

Metadata produced using RDA must be well-formed and able to meet the needs of applications operating in a variety of implementation scenarios. The number of RDA applications is increasing as a result of the success of RDA, requiring the RSC to further develop the substructures between the underlying models and functional requirements of RDA.

The technical standards environment of RDA is also developing, and the RSC needs to monitor potential impact of changes.

Charge (duties and responsibilities)

The Group is charged to:

- Assist the RSC in developing RDA in technical areas such as models, structures, and standards.
- Assist ALA Publishing in developing and maintaining the RDA Registry.