

PCC Task Group on coding for non-RDA entities in NARs

Background:

The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) has decided for its implementation of the post-3R RDA Toolkit that responsibility for resources may be attributed to non-human personages, and that these may be represented by NARs. Non-human personages will also continue to be established as NARs for subject use. However, because such entities are not agents under RDA, the NARs cannot be coded as RDA records.¹

PoCo identified two issues arising from this policy:

- How to code description convention (MARC 040 \$e) for such records
- How to code type of entity (MARC 075) for such entities

Charge:

The Task Group is charged to:

- Propose a new MARC descriptive conventions source code for the 040 \$e subfield in the authority format to indicate that a record is a PCC record, but not an RDA record.²
- Evaluate options for an authorized vocabulary for entity type that can be used in the 075 and be included as an approved vocabulary in the MARC documentation. The Task Group should consider existing vocabularies such as the DNB entity types,³ and may consider devising a new vocabulary if necessary.

¹ Authorized access points for works and expressions may be constructed using names for non-RDA entities. The question initially arose whether such access points qualified as RDA. However, under the new approach proposed by RSC in a recent [discussion paper](#), string encoding schemes are now a question of community practice, and RDA itself places no restrictions on the value of an access point. For this reason the Task Group has not been asked to address this question.

² Although the charge concerns a descriptive conventions source code for authorities, PoCo may also consult Task Group members about coding descriptive conventions in PCC bibliographic records. This may happen either during its term of activity or at a later date.

³ See [Integrated authority file \(Gemeinsame Normdatei, GND\), general type](#) and [Integrated authority file \(Gemeinsame Normdatei, GND\), specific type](#)

Attribution to non-RDA entities raises the further question of what elements to use with them. This is an important question, but is out of scope for this Task Group.

The Task Group will consult with the Standing Committee on Standards (SCS) and other stakeholders as appropriate. The SCS co-chairs will keep PoCo apprised of the Task Group's progress and will bring its recommendations to PoCo for final discussion and approval.

Time Frame:

Date charged: July 22, 2020

Date preliminary report due: August 30, 2020

Date final report due: October 15, 2020

Reports to:

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Final Report Transmittal & Tracking Sheet:

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