

**Report from Lisa Carter, SAA liaison to the ALA's Committee on Cataloging:
Description and Access
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Throughout 2008-09, the ALA Committee for Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) advised on and contributed to the development of several descriptive standards. Complete lists of actions taken by the Committee are available from their website, <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/>, including:

- The Chair's Report on CC:DA Motions and Other Actions for July 1, 2008–January 20, 2009 (<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair45.pdf>) and for January 21, 2009–June 30, 2009 (<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair49.pdf>)
- Minutes of the Meeting held at 2009 ALA Midwinter (<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/min0901rev.pdf>)
- The Chair's Report of Strategic Comments on *Resource Description and Access* (<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair46.pdf>)

Minutes from the 2009 ALA Conference Meeting (which the SAA Liaison was unable to attend) are not yet available.

Highlights of activities undertaken by CC:DA in 2008-09 include:

The CC:DA Task Force on the Review of Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Serials) (DCRM(S)), provided a report/response to the chair of the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee in July 2008.

(<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair44.pdf>) Generally, the Task Force found that this manual for cataloging rare serials is a huge improvement over what previously existed. Recommended improvements were primarily specific wording suggestions.

A CC:DA Task Force on the Review of the Proposed ISBD Area 0 was charged to review the ISBD Area 0 proposal submitted by IFLA for worldwide review. The proposal was intended to improve bibliographic control and access to resources in multiple formats and/or published in more than one physical medium. The Task Force found the proposal successful in meeting its goals but recommended some improvements which are outlined in their review (<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair47.pdf>)

CC:DA also reviewed the complete draft of RDA, gathering feedback on the CC:DA wiki. A resulting report on the CC:DA's concerns and suggestions for RDA

(<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair46.pdf>) was submitted to CCS at the end of January 2009. The report outlines RDA's most critical flaws and presents 3 recommendations for improvement (a rewrite of the draft, publisher attention to market requests and JSC objectives and retention of the advances made during the development of RDA). Detailed discussion of RDA progress took place at both ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual (minutes for Midwinter are available at

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/min0901rev.pdf> while minutes for Annual are forthcoming). The RDA text was handed to the co-publishers on schedule on June 22, 2009. RDA is scheduled to be released at the end of November 2009. Testing of RDA (<http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/>) by twenty selected partners is to begin by the end of the year.

The CC:DA internal email discussion lists [ala-ccda] and [ccda] were merged with the public [rules] list (rules@ala.org), so that committee work can be followed openly by interested parties. Committee members have read-write privileges while non-committee member subscribers have read-only privileges on the resulting [rules] list.

CC:DA commented on a significant number (too many to list here) of ISO/NISO reviews.