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Description and Access (CC:DA)

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**Goals and Objectives for Year**

The Committee is responsible for formulating ALA descriptive policies and relaying them to the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. *RDA: Resource Description and Access* will replace AACR2 in 2009 if all goes according to plan. The AALL representative to CC:DA plays an important role in educating the committee regarding legal resources, presenting law catalogers' views in relating to the rules, and in working on relevant task forces and committees to ensure that law rules are properly formulated.

To that end this year's objectives are:

1. To attend the Joint Steering Committee meetings held in Chicago, Oct. 15-19, 2008. This meeting includes extensive discussion of the legal rules for access points, including treaties, laws, and administrative regulations.
2. To attend the midwinter and annual meetings of the CC:DA in Philadelphia and Anaheim, presenting AALL catalogers' views as appropriate.
3. As a member of the JSC Examples Committee for Part B of RDA, to provide the most up to date, accurate, and useful examples for the legal rules in RDA.
4. Prepare annual report to AALL concerning the representative's activities throughout the year.

**Liaison Function with other Committees or Special Interest Sections**

The representative alerts AALL catalogers via the TS-SIS list when new drafts of RDA are released, to ensure the widest participation possible. A report will be given at one or more of the TS-SIS meetings at our annual meeting in Portland.

The representative works closely with the AALL Descriptive Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group, established last year as part of the TS-SIS Cataloging and Classification Committee. This group discusses various cataloging issues and helps to formulate AALL's positions.

## **Resources**

This year the representative needs financial support for 5 days of JSC meetings in Chicago, as well as for ALA midwinter and annual meetings. This year is unusual in that the October meetings of the JSC concern several issues important to law catalogers. The decisions made at these meetings will be reflected in the cataloging rules for many years. Attendance by a law representative should be helpful in presenting AALL's views on the issues. Future years should not require attendance at the JSC meetings.