**RDA Glossary**

**Corporate Body**

An organization or group of persons and/or organizations that is identified by a particular name and that acts, or may act, as a unit.

**RDA 19.2.1.1.1**

**Corporate Bodies Considered to Be Creators**

Corporate bodies are considered to be creators when they are responsible for originating, issuing, or causing to be issued, works that fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. works of an administrative nature dealing with any of the following aspects of the body itself:
2. its internal policies, procedures, finances, and/or operations

or

ii) its officers, staff, and/or membership (e.g., directories)

or

iii) its resources (e.g., catalogues, inventories)

1. works that record the collective thought of the body (e.g., reports of commissions, committees; official statements of position on external policies, standards)
2. works that record hearings conducted by legislative, judicial, governmental, and other corporate bodies
3. works that report the collective activity of

i) a conference (e.g., proceedings, collected papers)

or

ii) an expedition (e.g., results of exploration, investigation)

or

iii) an event (e.g., an exhibition, fair, festival) falling within the definition of a corporate body (see 18.1.2) provided that the conference, expedition, or event is named in the resource being described

1. works that result from the collective activity of a performing group as a whole where the responsibility of the group goes beyond that of mere performance, execution, etc.
2. cartographic works originating with a corporate body other than a body that is merely responsible for their publication or distribution
3. legal works of the following types:

i) laws of a political jurisdiction

ii) decrees of a head of state, chief executive, or ruling executive body

iii) bills and drafts of legislation

iv) administrative regulations, etc.

v) constitutions, charters, etc.

vi) court rules

vii) treaties, international agreements, etc.

viii) charges to juries, indictments, court proceedings, and court decisions

1. named individual works of art by two or more artists acting as a corporate body.

**RDA 19.2.1.1.2**

**Government and Religious Officials Considered to Be Creators**

Government and religious officials are considered to be creators when they are responsible for the following types of official communications:

1. official communications by heads of state, heads of government, heads of dependent or occupied territories, or heads of international bodies (e.g., messages to legislatures, proclamations, executive orders)
2. official communications from popes, patriarchs, bishops, etc. (e.g., orders, decrees, pastoral letters, bulls, encyclicals; official messages to councils, synods).