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PROGRESS REPORT

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The print version of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of *Texas Reference Sources (TRS)* is now considered outdated and remaining copies have been removed from TLA inventory. Ordering information has been dropped from the *Texas Reference Sources Online (TRSONline)* homepage. A check of RRT General Ledgers from 2004 through 30 November 2008 shows total sales of 58 copies for a total generated revenue of \$1166.15. The original 2004 printing cost for 200 copies was \$2099.50. Sales of the print edition did not reach the 106 copies needed to recover the printing cost. The sales were less than originally projected in 2002, but this is understandable due to libraries decreasing purchases of print resources during the interim and the availability of an attractive updated online edition as *Texas Reference Sources Online*. The failure to recoup the printing cost has no effect on current RRT financial obligations (the money is already spent and RRT is in excellent financial shape). This outcome just reinforces the decision to end print publication of this resource. After the TLA Annual Conference in 2008, the remaining print copies were removed from TLA inventory. Two print copies were deposited with the TLA Archives at the Texas State Library and Archives Division in Austin.

John Hepner continues to teach as an Adjunct Instructor in the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. His semi-retirement has allowed him more time to devote to the project. Project participants were notified of new email addresses to be used to submit information to the General Editor.

Several updates to *TRSONline* were completed and posted during the past year. Due to the number of changes in the online edition, the "Errata" document for the print edition is no longer being updated. Two problems developed with the suggestion form in 2008: the General Editor's email address was incorrectly listed and an inordinate amount of spam was being received by the General Editor through the form. Both problems were rectified, although some spam still gets through.

The master list of editing assignments was updated in January 2009. During the past year, five section editors or co-editors resigned. Section T-CC (Sociology) lost its editor and sections T-CF (Mythology, folklore, and popular culture), T-CJ (Political science and government), T-CB (Education), and T-DB (Texas history) lost their section co-editors. T-CF did not require the co-editor to be replaced. A call for volunteers to fill the vacant positions was posted to the RRT member distribution list on 22 January 2009. The response was swift and gratifying. By 24 January 2009, all positions had been filled. A notice that all positions had been filled was posted to the RRT member distribution list on 24 January 2009.

*Respectfully submitted by John C. Hepner, General Editor.*