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SABR: The Baseball Research Society



Dick Beverage
President

President's Report

This past year has been a memorable one for SABR. In 2007 for the sixth straight year SABR operated at a surplus. Our financial condition has never been stronger. Revenues were the highest in the history of the organization and of special note is the strength of our fundraising. Donations approached \$100,000, a mark that should be exceeded in 2008. More members are giving and giving larger amounts. This trend bodes well for future years.

The most significant event of the past year has been the revision of the SABR staff. Last summer Publications Director Jim Charlton informed SABR that he did not wish to renew his contract for 2008. That news caused the Executive Director and the Executive Board to review our entire staffing requirements. After much discussion, it was decided that the position of Publications Director would be filled by a SABR employee working out of the SABR office and a new position would be created to handle SABR's electronic needs as well as other special projects. The positions of Research Services Manager and Media Relations Manager were eliminated. After lengthy searches, Nick Frankovich was hired as Publications Director in February, and in early June Becky Bristol was hired as the Director of Special Projects. We are confident that these two individuals will make major contributions to SABR in the months and years ahead.

During the past year SABR has actively pursued opportunities for digitization of research materials, but nothing has materialized as of yet. The proposal to digitize *The Sporting News* player-record cards was not accepted by the company, which has been undergoing major changes in their operations. Earlier this year, the Minor League Database was deployed on the SABR website, and it has been received with great enthusiasm by minor-league researchers. Although there are many additions and corrections to be made, it is a wonderful resource, which will only get better. The Amateur Athletic Association (now known as LA84) has recently deployed *The Sporting Life* on its website, and that resource is now available to SABR members.

In November 2007, SABR negotiated a licensing agreement with Sports Reference, LLC, to display the SABR Encyclopedia database on its website, Baseball-Reference.com. That site is one of the premier sources for baseball data, and by partnering with the company SABR will improve its exposure to the baseball statistical world in addition to generating excellent revenues. We foresee similar opportunities to develop in future years. SABR contracted with XML Team in that same month to upgrade the *SABR Encyclopedia*. Unfortunately, progress in completing the project has been slower than expected, and we do not expect it to be completed much before the end of August.

The 2009 convention will be held during the last week in July in Washington, D.C. No site has yet been selected for 2010 with several cities under consideration.

Dick Beverage, President, June 8, 2008

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In addition to serving as SABR's President, Dick Beverage is the Secretary-Treasurer for the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America and the founder and president of the Pacific Coast League Historical Society. In early 2007, USA Today named him one of five "silent but influential" people in baseball.

SABR Continues to Strengthen in 2007-2008

It is my pleasure to inform you that SABR continues to strengthen in many ways.

One obvious indication of our strength is that we finished in the black for the sixth consecutive year. We now have a reserve-fund balance of more than \$270,000. Five years ago, our reserve fund balance was only \$93,600, and ten years ago it was \$69,000. Despite the rapid growth in our reserve fund, it still represents only about 50 percent of our \$554,900 operating budget. The importance of a healthy reserve fund is to keep the organization stable in lean times, to be able to allow the organization to take on bigger projects and bigger chances, and to spin off a little more income.

Following the financial-metric theme, I'd like to point out the growth in our Endowment Fund. In June 1998, we had \$419 in our Endowment. In June 2003, it was \$4,500. On June 30, 2008, it stood at approximately \$61,000. Our annual donation program is a big part of this success, as is our Legacy Circle program, which recognizes members and friends who remember SABR in their estate plans.

Another indication of our strength is that for the first time ever, we finished with 7,000 or more members in consecutive years. In 2008 we are a little behind schedule in reaching 7,000 for the third consecutive year, but we'll keep striving for it.

Yet another indication of our strength is the continued excellence of attendance figures at the annual convention. In 2007, the St. Louis convention broke the all-time SABR record with 726 attendees. In 2008, Cleveland finished with the fourth-most attended with 632 attendees. In the past five years, we've had the most, third-most and fourth-most attended conventions, with the best attended convention west of the Great Plains and our best-attended international meeting to show for it. Our average attendance for these past five years is 600, which would be our sixth-best attendance at a convention-we are doing that well at attracting attendees.

I am also proud of setting up a small additional non-dues revenue stream in the licensing of data to Sports Reference, LLC (www.baseball-reference.com). Finding more ways to increase our revenues without hiking dues is an important task ahead for SABR.

I realize that so much of what I've written about above has to do with fiscal strength. But really the backbone of this organization are the volunteers who work so hard to make their part of SABR better. The committee chairs, the chapter leaders, and so many others have poured sweat equity into this organization for years, and their hard work is really starting to show and pay off for SABR. The people of SABR, the community of SABR is first-class, and I must note that it is an honor and a privilege to be the chief steward of this product of the vision of Bob Davids and the fifteen others who met in Cooperstown in August 1971.

Thank you for making this so special.

John Zajc

Executive Director



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Executive Director

John Zajc has served as SABR's Executive Director since January 2003. He has been employed by SABR since June 1990 when he was hired as a part-time clerical assistant.



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June 30, 2008**

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Chapter Report Summary

This year, there were no new chapters formed, but all three chapters formed in the preceding year have been active.

In particular, I suggest we consider the Jesse Burkett Chapter (Worcester, Massachusetts), in which former chapter head Ron Marshall says that he's been unable to find a successor. It may be that no harm is done by allowing the chapter to continue in name only for another year or so. The Rabbit Maranville Chapter in Springfield, Massachusetts, did not file a report for more than two years, seems to have been revived. Likewise, the South Florida Chapter has become reactivated and is holding quarterly meetings.

Most existing chapters reported an active year of social gathering, luncheons and dinners, programs of speakers, and the like.

Some chapters have become more active in disseminating research, such as The SABRBoston Chapter, which has now - at least nominally - produced four books of biographies of the Boston Red Sox, one also including the 1948 Boston Braves, and has other similar projects in the works.

Other affinity groups-if not regional chapters-have initiated similar projects, such as a 1968 Tigers group which has also published a book via Maple Street Press and launched a followup project on the 1984 Tigers. A number of similar projects, some of which are based in regional chapters, include a book on Minnesota natives in baseball, a project on Connecticut ballplayers, one on Rhode Islanders, and one on the 1961 Angels. In some cases, support from the regional chapter has been minimal. In most such instances, the editors of the projects have to reach outside the chapter to find biographers and other contributors.

Chapters which have reached out to work with local ballclubs in one way or another include the Casey Stengel Chapter in New York (Trenton Thunder), the Rogers Hornsby Chapter, and the Lefty O'Doul Chapter. A couple of other chapters indicate plans for the 2008 year.

Numerous chapters have continued to hold hot stove events and other gatherings, and the detailed compilation of chapter reports includes a number of "name" speakers at chapter meetings, including

Research Library Report

Between June 1, 2007, and June 15, 2008, the SABR Research Library handled 103 separate requests for copies, the number of copies in each request ranging from one to more than 50. This was less than the year before, even though a list of new articles appears in each issue of the SABR Bulletin, and those lists generate most requests.

The scanning project that was begun last summer has not resumed this year. This means that hundreds of articles from the collection exist as PDF files, presumably somewhere on the SABR web site. But many more articles have not been scanned.

The holdings continue to increase. One of the newest sources is a collection of Sport Magazines from the 1940s into the 1970s that was passed along to me. Articles from these issues have been listed in recent issues of the SABR Bulletin, and they will continue to appear as I go through the magazines. I also try to collect as many texts of convention presentations as I can. Also, a number of members pass articles along to me. With apologies for any I omit, I want to particularly thank Paul Cammarata, Pete Cava, Jim Mallinson, Steve Lawrence, and Bill Gilbert.

Though the cost of postage has risen again this year, I am keeping the cost of copying and mailing at 12 cents a page (11 cents for 100 pages or more).

Len Levin

Earl Weaver, Jean-Pierre Roy, Jorge Posada, Orlando Cepeda, Jose Snatiago, Dave Littlefield, Lanny Frattare, Frank Thomas, Roland Hemond, Jerry Trupiano, and Bob Tewksbury. A good range of ballclub employees, from groundskeepers to scouting coordinators, spoke of their work.

Both the Bob Broeg Chapter and the Kansas City chapter dedicated historical markers (to Federal League Park and Dummy Hoy, respectively), and two or three chapters have similar projects in the works. The Bob Broeg Chapter, of course, also helped organize an excellent convention in St. Louis during the summer of 2007.

Bill Nowlin, VP



Asian Baseball Committee

We managed to get our newsletters out (a bit late). Thanks to Dave Snyder and the SUNY Cortland folks, they look fantastic. Efforts to create a project that will help give the group direction once again had a lack of response. While the importance of Asian baseball is growing each year, keeping up enthusiasm even among core members is difficult.

Asian Baseball Committee

Founded: 2003
Chair: Rob Fitts

Ballparks Committee

The SABR Ballparks Committee was founded in 1981 as a result of the research of ballparks maven, Phil Lowry, whose work eventually resulted in Green Cathedrals. This history of “all things ballpark” spurred a research boom that matched a ballparks building boom a decade later. The SABR-published Green Cathedrals in 1985 went through several private printings and was re-issued by SABR a few years ago.

Much of the revised data and some of those photos came from the Committee’s people and files, a tradition that continues with many book, marker, media, and scholarly research projects. Even in this internet age, the Committee’s files on parks and topics continue to assist everyone from the college professor to the grade school student seeking often obscure data on even more obscure parks.

The Committee’s “Ballparks in TV and Movies” remains a useful research tool, and David Mitchell again updated his Ballparks Bibliography, some copies of which will be available at the annual meeting.

The Committee assisted several marker projects with either specific information or procedural advice. Dozens of research inquiries were handled with either assistance from the files or a reference to a willing and knowledgeable committee member.

The chairman appreciates the regular letters, e-mails, and material sending that add to the “body of knowledge” of ballparks.

Ballparks Committee

Founded: 1982
Chair: Bob Bluthardt



Baseball and The Armed Forces Committee

No report at press time.

Baseball and the Arts Committee

The SABR Baseball Arts Committee has spent another year immersed in all manner of interests on baseball by way of many art forms. Lively discussion has gone on between members of the group, now at 38 members on the Yahoo group. Jeff Campbell is working on more editions of his

Baseball & the Armed Forces Committee

Founded: 2004
Chair: Jim Wheeler

Baseball & the Arts Committee

Founded: 1997
Chair: Joanne Hulbert

Baseball Records Committee

Founded: 1975
Chair: Lyle Spatz
Highlights

*In spring 2007, Scribner's published the work of many Baseball Records Committee members and its chair Lyle Spatz in **The SABR Baseball List and Record Book**.*

music compilations and will have a new CD via Hungry for Music coming out this summer. I have continued to accumulate baseball poetry, and Jessica Rosner continues to oversee the cinema scene.

Members of the committee have provided answers to requests from SABR members as well as the general public. An increase in interest in fine art over the past year is encouraging, and serious discussion regarding the enhancement of all art forms at future meetings and conventions is on-going. The general SABR membership is encouraged to forward any queries they have regarding art and baseball to members of the group, as there are many members who have an interest or expertise in these areas. The Baseball Arts Committee is committed to bringing more knowledge and exposure to the various art forms that are so integral to the history and culture of baseball.

Baseball Records Committee

The Baseball Records Committee was created in 1975 to reconcile differences and pursue a greater degree of accuracy in baseball's *historical record*. The word *record*, as we use it, has two meanings. We use it in the sense that some player, or some team, has the most or least of something for an inning, or a game, or a season, etc. For example, Sandy Alomar, Sr. holds the Major League record for Most plate appearances in a season without being hit by a pitch, with 1,739 for the Angels in 1971. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Ryan Dempster allowed 30 home runs in 2000, or Bill Madlock struck out 510 times in his career. Both aspects of baseball's historical record are of equal importance to us, and we are as diligent with regard to accuracy for the "unknown" players as we are for the Hall of Famers.

Beginning with our formation, committee members have contributed countless corrections, additions, and deletions to the record books. Our ultimate goal of finding all the errors in the historic record, or at least achieving a full reconciliation of differences among all the record books and encyclopedias, remains unlikely for the near future; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap.

Since our last annual report, committee members in perusing the encyclopedias, newspapers, and record books, have found errors, additions, subtractions, and typos in the listing of the playing records or listings of the record performances for several players. Among these are Hugh Duffy, Earl Hamilton, Paul Hines, Big Bill James, Lefty James, Jimmy Johnston, and Buck Weaver.

The Baseball Records Committee has a Yahoo! eGroup, established by Trent McCotter, whose purpose is twofold: 1) to discuss happenings in the Records Committee (information on the convention, newsletters, etc). 2) to provide a place for SABR members to send in, keep track of, seek assistance with, or inquire about possible errors in the historical record and about various record-setting and record-tying achievements in Major League Baseball.

The committee is part of the recently established Union Project, whose mission is to have an inclusive group of historians, scholars, and baseball experts conduct a rigorous review of discrepancies in the statistical record of our National Pastime. After careful consideration of new research, the Union Project will publish suggested changes or corrections to previously accepted statistics as needed. Individual publications will be free, of course, to adopt the Union Project's suggestions or not.

Rod Nelson has agreed to serve as the committee's representative on the new SABR Digitalization Committee, which will explore potential digitization opportunities for the Records Committee.

Bibliography Committee

The Bibliography Committee's major project, The Baseball Index, completed its sixth year of internet availability during the past year. The site, www.baseballindex.org, became available on the Internet on May 27, 2002. During the past year, the database moved past the 227,000-record level. And, information from The Baseball Index is completely free.

When it opened, The Baseball Index contained about 175,000 books, articles, book sections, videos, art works, sound recordings and other items. The researcher may search it for references to a



player, umpire, owner or executive. It may be searched for terms, such as Baker Bowl or Cotton States League or Umpire Baiting or Changeups. Over 2,000 separate terms are included as well as the names of leagues, stadiums and baseball groups. Usage continues to rise steadily as more people try it and find how useful for research it is.

Our major problem with the project remains the need for more volunteers to continue to expand the database. Andy McCue continues to oversee the project. Steve Milman remains a major contributor.

While The Baseball Index, is our major effort, the committee continues with other projects. The Bibliography Committee was founded in 1983 by Frank Phelps and seeks to discover, organize and provide information about books and other research materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball researchers.

The committee currently has 233 members working on a variety of projects in addition to TBI.

A project begun last year to put Frank Phelps' listing of obituaries in *The Sporting News* into the TBI format has made tremendous progress, with special gratitude to Phil Bergen for his work. Mike Grahek, Glenn Morosco and Bill Nowlin have also contributed. One more group of obituaries remains to be completed and the full 9,000 plus obituaries will be posted into TBI.

Ron Kaplan continued to improve the publication with more reviews and pictures. Book reviews from Terry Smith and other committee members highlight the newsletter. We seek to re-print book reviews from other committee newsletters as well.

Rich Arpi started his 20th year of researching and editing Current Baseball Publications, the quarterly listing of baseball books and periodicals which the committee has produced since 1986. Current Baseball Publications has been mounted on SABR's web page to make it more accessible to all SABR members.

Committee co-chair Skip McAfee continues to lead our project to produce indexes for significant baseball books that were published without them. The committee also acts as a clearing-house for SABR authors who are seeking a volunteer to produce an index for their book.

We are still seeking efficient ways to turn some of the committee's older, paper-based research into web-available documents. This is especially true of Frank Phelps' *Index to Sporting News Registers*, which is being worked on by Joel Dinda. Jim Lannen has continued to update and improve the cache of annual reports, newsletters and CBP onto the SABR website. He is also working to expand the number of book reviews from our newsletter that are available electronically.

Biographical Research Committee

Due to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* being online, we found several more Philadelphia players. There is also a website that has images of Pennsylvania death certificates through 1915. These two

Bibliography Committee

Founded: 1984

Chair: Andy McCue

Highlights

The Baseball Index now has more than 227,000 citations.

tools allowed us to find missing Philadelphia players John Bancker, Dick McBride, James Conway, George Ulrich, and Fred Clement.

I think the most interesting find of the year was the player previously known as Ryerson Jones. While Jones is a very common last name, Ryerson is a very uncommon first name and we had never been able to find anyone by that name in any public records. During his playing career he was often called Ri Jones. Richard Malatzky thought it might be a nickname and decided to try Uriah Jones. Lo and behold, within an hour, he was able to find a Uriah L. Jones who was our missing player. The obituary confirmed his playing career. He died November 29, 1936 in Fresno, California. This was an amazing find.

Three ballplayers were discovered to be the wrong people. The man who died in 1931 that we had originally listed as Jack McCarthy was a longtime umpire in the Pacific Coast League. He was not the 1893 ballplayer. The umpire was from California and the player was from Chicago. We have not yet pinned down the death of the 1893 player. We had listed 1885 Baltimore pitcher as George “Shorty” Wetzel. Shorty Wetzel was actually William Shakespeare Wetzel and was a minor league infielder. George B. Wetzel was the Baltimore pitcher and is still missing. Al Martin, one of two Al Martins on the 1872 Brooklyn Eckfords, was thought to be Albert DeGroot Martin since the ballplayer worked for a newspaper and Albert DeGroot Martin worked for a newspaper and married a baseball writer’s daughter. However, there was another Al Martin that worked for a different New York newspaper and his obituary confirmed that he was the missing Brooklyn Eckfords player.

Amazingly, Al Martin was one of three members of the 1872 Brooklyn Eckfords that we found this year. We also were able to pin down brothers Andrew and William Allison. Andy Allison’s death certificate misspelled his name as Ellison and that made him doubly difficult to find.

Other missing players we found include Jack Brennan (made tough by the fact that his real name was Gottlieb Doering), James Donnelly, George Baker (made tough by the fact that his real name was George Boecke), Frank Graves, Packy Dillon, William Barnes, and John Leary.

We also had an unspeakable tragedy befall the biographical committee and all of SABR with the January death of Dick Thompson. Dick was an outstanding researcher and an invaluable member of this committee. Dick will be missed by all of us.

In 2007, I reported that there were 284 ballplayers that were missing complete death information out of over 16,000 players. Over the past year, we reduced that number to 275. I doubt that we’ll ever reduce that number to zero, but we put a dent in the number every year thanks to a dedicated group of researchers.

BioProject Committee

The 2008 convention marks the sixth anniversary of the founding of the BioProject committee. The committee manages the Baseball Biography Project, whose purpose is to solicit, write, edit, and maintain high quality journal-length biographies of any player who ever played in the major leagues, as well as any other person connected with baseball in a significant way.

There are four Vice Chairs on the committee. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our lists of subjects and authors. Jan Finkel heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products. Trey Strecker is in charge of generating interest in 19th century subjects. Bill Nowlin helps foster and advise team or regional projects. In addition, Warren Corbett handles comments and help from the public, Mike Cooney puts out a great newsletter, and Tom Ruane manages our email group.

As of today we have completed 816 biographies, compared with 515 one year ago, our largest yearly increase, and there are 966 in progress. (This past year I began posting “stubs” for biographies published in a book but not yet on the site. This accounts for about 50 of this year’s “new” biographies.) Here is a breakdown of completed biographies credited in each annual report:

2003 — 46	2004 — 155	2005 — 296
2006 — 341	2007 — 515	2008 — 816

We have more than 40 biographies in the editing phase. We

Biographical Research

Founded: 1971

Chair: Bill Carle

Highlights

Over the past year, the committee found and completed missing death information for 9 of 284 missing ballplayers.

have begun posting “biographies” of ballparks, which so far amount to 4 of the total above.

When this project was begun six years ago some expressed concern that there were not enough researchers in SABR to make this project work—one committee chairman estimated that there were fewer than 100 researchers in SABR. As of today we have posted biographies from 281 different authors. There are another 200 who have been assigned biographies to write.

We made some fine progress last year in making our web site interface easier to navigate. Along with browsing by the player’s last name, one can now view “Hall of Famers,” “Umpires,” “Managers,” and other categories of subject. It is relatively easy to add new categories. We also have begun adding pictures to the bios, but have not made much progress going back and adding them to the earlier posted bios. We need some volunteers to step up here.

This past spring saw the publication of two more team-centered books—one on the 1918 Red Sox, and one on the 1968 Tigers—bringing our total to four published books. A book on the 1948 Braves and Red Sox will be published this summer, and at least three books will be coming out next year: 1969 Mets, Minnesota Natives, and the 1939 Red Sox. There are several more projects at some stage of development.

With the transition to a new SABR office staff, I have requested that the office be more involved in the publication phase of our project. This will help us a lot, by freeing me to focus more on the members and improvement of the project. This will also help SABR as it develops a more cohesive publication model.

With membership currently at 530, the committee looks forward to an even more productive seventh year. We will pass 1000 biographies sometime before the 2009 convention, along with the publication of several new books.

Business of Baseball Committee

The Business of Baseball Committee is co-chaired by Gary Gillette and John Ruoff. The BoB supports SABR members and others interested in researching the business of the National Pastime in a variety of ways. The committee maintains a widely used public Web site with copies of hundreds of valuable documents and with reams of original research at BusinessofBaseball.com. Ken Cherven recently updated the look and feel of the Web site, making it easier to use and to find information.

The committee also maintains an active listserv for its members, with articles referenced in discussion posted quickly on BusinessofBaseball.com. The committee’s newsletter, *Outside the Lines*, edited by Ruoff, publishes high-quality research with a remarkable breadth of topics including important economic, legal, and historical analysis. In the past year, these included Michael Hauptert’s developing studies of player salaries in the period of integration and his analysis of the financial value of the Babe Ruth deal; Hauptert’s study with Kenneth

BioProject Committee

Founded: 2002

Chair: Mark Armour

Highlights

*In addition to adding over **300** biographies in the past 12 months, the BioProject continues to be a big part of the rise in biography-based books like **Sock It to ‘Em Tigers: The Incredible Story of the 1968 Detroit Tigers** published by Maple Street Press and **When Boston Still Had the Babe: The 1918 Champion Red Sox** published by Rounder Books.*



Business of Baseball

Founded: 1994
Chairs: Gary Gillette
John Ruoff

Highlights

The committee's website, www.businessofbaseball.com, underwent a facelift and renovation in the past year.

Collegiate Baseball Committee

Founded: 1985
Chair: Rick Benner

Deadball Era Committee

Founded: 2000
Chair: John McMurray

Winter comparing the New York Yankees with the African-American Hilldale Daisies; Craig Lammers' look at Bob Quinn as father of the farm system; Dan Levitt's history of Ed Barrow's role in attempting to form a third major league; and Bill Gilbert's annual summary of arbitration outcomes.

At this year's SABR convention in Cleveland, the BoB Committee will be sponsoring for the first time a panel discussion on the state of baseball broadcasting, anchored by Curt Smith. Participants include broadcasters Jon Miller, Tom Hamilton, and Duane Kuiper.

Collegiate Baseball Committee

The Collegiate Baseball Committee is focused on the history of collegiate baseball in the United States. The first project undertaken was to determine which major league baseball players played for which college baseball team. Over 5,500 major leaguers were identified and matched with their respective senior (4-year) colleges. Another 1,600 have been identified as junior college baseball players, with some overlapping with the senior college players. Further research has identified some major league managers, coaches, umpires and general managers who played college baseball, but did not play in the major leagues.

The Committee is also in the process of identifying the coaches and records of each baseball team in the history of the baseball program at each existing and some closed colleges. We are also including with each college a list of conference affiliations, conference championships, participation in the college World Series, and first team All-America selections.

The results for all Division I colleges and universities was published in 2007 in a book call "College Baseball: Essential Facts about all Division I teams" by committee chairman Rick Benner (McFarland Publishing Inc.)

The Committee intends to publish on the Internet a version of this research, to date, which would also include lesser division colleges and junior colleges, and would be tied to the current online SABR Encyclopedia.

New projects in progress or on the future agenda include team rosters for each season, games scores including exhibitions and post-season, and identification of graduates.

Deadball Era Committee

Now in its eighth year of existence, the Deadball Era Committee continues to grow each year while fulfilling its mission of researching and chronicling baseball history from 1901 through 1919. The Committee now is made up of more than 500 members. In recent years, more than 100 committee members contributed to *Deadball Stars of the National League* (2007) and its companion, *Deadball Stars of the National League* (2004). The Committee is now considering ideas for its next major initiative.

The Committee is chaired by John McMurray. The Committee publishes its newsletter, "The Inside Game," four times each year under the editorial direction of newsletter editor Charles Crawley and Assistant Editor Mark Dugo. Also, under the supervision of Gabriel Schechter, the Ritter Award is awarded annually to the best book focused primarily on the Deadball Era published during the year prior. Committee members have been devoted to writing biographies of contemporary players for SABR's BioProject, which are posted exclusively online.

With a large and enthusiastic membership, and two major books under our belt in five years, the Deadball Era Committee appears to have a very bright future. Committee members remain committed to fulfilling the mission of the Deadball Era Committee and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein that characterizes both our Committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

Latino Baseball

The committee continues its mission in creating a more vibrant and robust arm of SABR's research collective.

To that end, the committee has recently changed its name from Latin American committee to Latino Baseball Committee. The



change reflects the entire range of players of Latino heritage, those born in the United States and in Latin America. The committee remains focused on creating awareness of the game and its players in these countries.

Latino Baseball Committee

Founded: 1988
Chairs: Anthony Salazar
Edwin Fernandez-Cruz

The committee continues to publish its quarterly newsletter, *La Prensa del Béisbol*, which has featured great stories and articles submitted by the committee's members. Interviews and photos, member spotlights, trivia and insightful lists were also included.

In 2008, the Latino baseball committee will present its first-ever, EDUARDO VALERO AWARD, which honors the writer of the best article submitted to the committee's publication. The award takes its name after the committee's past chair.

As certain SABR committees overlap in interest, members have been invited to work with the Latino Baseball Committee to enhance the scholarship and research in respected areas.

Movements undertaken that will amplify our mission include the creation of a bilingual Latino baseball website, which aims to be a one-stop researcher's resource. We would also like to create a Latino baseball anthology. This publication would include roughly 15-20 scholarly articles, featuring historical photographs and related illustrations. The anthology would be a first of its kind, as SABR looks to include the book in a future publication cycle.

The future of béisbol is looking more Latino than ever. Please join us in support of the Latino Baseball Committee.

Minor Leagues Committee

In 2007, the Minor League Committee embarked on an ambitious project to create an online Minor League Encyclopedia. The leadership team is Kevin McCann, Kevin Johnson, and Ted Turocy. The Encyclopedia was officially released for SABR members on February 18, 2008.

Two issues of the committee newsletter, "Beating the Bushes," were published in March and July.

Many committee members worked on various projects throughout the year. Jerry Jackson completed a database of minor league managers thanks to a SABR-Yoseloff Baseball Grant. Bill McMahon continues his work on identifying affiliation ties with major and minor league clubs through the Farm Club project. Rex Hamann continues to publish his research journal, the *American Association Almanac*.

Research endeavors and queries (including those from outside SABR) were shared with members through personal correspondence, the committee newsletter, and the online SABRminorleagues Yahoo e-list group.

The committee met at the SABR 37 Convention in St. Louis, and 48 members attended. Former chair John Schleppe was recognized for his leadership and contributions during his

Minor Leagues Committee

Founded: 1971

Chair: Kevin McCann

Highlights

In February 2008, the committee launched the alpha version of the SABR Minor Leagues database at <http://minors.sabrwebs.com>

tenure and new chair Kevin McCann officially assumed leadership. Bill McMahon updated the committee on the Farm Club project and Ed Mickelson shared memories of his playing career. Rod Nelson and Kevin Johnson discussed the SABR Minor League Encyclopedia, which at the time was still under development.

Committee members who published books in 2007 included:

- Lloyd Johnson and Miles Wolff's third edition to *The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* (Baseball America).
- Ed Mickelson's autobiography entitled *Out of the Park: Memoir of a Minor League All-Star* (McFarland).
- Jamie Selko's book *Minor League All-Star Teams, 1922-1962: Rosters, Statistics, and Commentary* (McFarland).

Negro Leagues Committee

The Negro Leagues Committee, one of SABR's original Research Committees formed in 1971, had another successful year. We currently have 44 active members and the Negro Leagues Courier goes out to almost 700 readers.

Since last year's report eight former players have passed; Lee Mabon, Sonny Webb, Acie Griggs, Sammy C. Williams, Elmer Knox, Willie "Bojack" Curry, Armando Vazquez and Bill Nicholas. We also lost noted photographer Dr. Ernest C. Withers and Hall of Fame writer Larry Whiteside, and devoted Negro League researchers, Dick Thompson and Bill Kirwin. Meanwhile, Chicago anesthesiologist Jeremy Krock has located several unmarked graves, with headstones purchased for Lester Lockett, Franklin Mann and Johnny "Steel Arm" Taylor, while currently raising funds for Bill Gatewood, Bobby Robinson and Bill Francis.

The NLC celebrated many events during the previous period, among them. The 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference was held in Portsmouth, Virginia, at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum in celebration of barnstorming baseball. Thirteen former players in attendance were; Sam Allen, Ted Toles, Champie Drew, Pop Durham, Ken Free, Ed Hudson, (Rev.) Cliff Layton, Larry

LeGrande, Pete Venable, Joe Cherry, Charles "Tiny" Walke, Tom Burt and Elzie Todd.

Other notable events included:

- The Milwaukee Brewer's "Wall of Fame" inducted Jim Cobbins from the New York Black Yankees and Art Hamilton from the Indianapolis Clowns.
- The Kansas City Royals celebrated Buck O'Neil Day against the Chicago White Sox and presented Monarch caps with a "22 O'Neil" emblem stitched on the southpaw side.
- The Cleveland Indians recognized Larry Doby and retired his number 14.
- The Josh Gibson Foundation unveiled a new exhibit honoring Gibson. Meanwhile, the Pittsburgh City Council changed the name of Ammon Field on Bedford Avenue to Josh Gibson Field. Ammon Field was the home of the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the Homestead Grays.
- Willie Wells was inducted to the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame, along with Phil Garner, Cesar Cedeno, Don Baylor and Juan Gonzalez.
- Norman "Turkey" Stearnes was inducted to the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, along with Glen Rice, Ray Scott, Desmond Howard and others.
- Stearnes also had a plaque dedicated outside of Comerica Park in Detroit.
- Wilber "Bullet" Rogan was honored with a bust at the AT&T Bricktown Ballpark, home of the Oklahoma RedHawks, a Triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers.
- It is announced that John "Buck" O'Neil will have a permanent life-size bronze statue at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.
- The 12th annual Judy Johnson Night was held in Wilmington, Delaware at Frawley Stadium, as teams wore replica uniforms of the Kansas City Monarchs and Homestead Grays.
- Brian Carroll won a McFarland-SABR Research Award for his article about the black press and the integration of professional baseball, entitled "Early Twentieth Century Heroes: Coverage of Negro League Baseball in the *Pittsburgh Courier* and *Chicago De-*



fender”.

New books on the subject were:

When to Stop the Cheering? The Black Press, the Black Community and the Integration of Professional Baseball. (Brian Carroll)

Satchel Paige & Company: Essays on the Kansas City Monarchs (Dr. Leslie Heaphy)

Black Baseball Out of Season: Pay for Play Outside of the Negro Leagues (William McNeil)

Millito Navarro: Una Leyenda Centenaria (Daliana Muratti)

Willie Wells: ‘El Diablo’ of the Negro Leagues (Bob Luke)

Santurce Cangrejeros, 1954-55: La Maquinaria Perfect (Jorge Colon Delgado)

African American Pioneers of Baseball: Biographical Encyclopedia (Lew Freedman)

Heroes of the Negro Leagues (Mark Chiarello and Jack Morelli)

South of the Border (John Virtue)

We Are the Ship (Kadir Nelson)

Black Ball Tales (John Holway)

Few & Chosen: Defining Negro League Greatness (Monte Irvin)

We look forward to the 11th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference to be held in Willowbrook, Illinois.

Hopefully, the *Negro Leagues Encyclopedia* will also be closer to publication by this time next year.

Nineteenth Century

This year, (2008) the Nineteenth Century Committee is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a SABR committee. Founding Committee Member, John Thorn reminds us that the committee was established in 1983 with 28 members. The Nineteenth Century Committee now stands at just over 500 members with nearly as many other SABR members listed as “potential committee members.” Since the last SABR Convention (SABR 37, St. Louis, Summer 2007) the committee leadership was reorganized and now includes: Peter Mancuso, Chairman; Bob Bailey, Newsletter Editor and Paul Wendt, Vice-Chair and immediate past chair. Richard Hirschberg serves as the Committee’s representative to SABR’s Digitization Committee.

The Committee’s newsletter, “Nineteenth Century Notes,” under the editorship of Bob Bailey was published in October (Fall 2007, 6 pages), January (Winter 2008, 12 pages) and April (Spring 2008, 12 pages). The next planned issue of the now quarterly newsletter is planned for this mid-July (after SABR 38).

Negro Leagues Committee

Founded: 1971

Chair: Larry Lester
Dick Clark

Highlights

The Jerry Malloy Conference had an excellent meeting in Portsmouth, 2007 and was set to meet in Chicago in July 2008.

Nineteenth Century Committee

Founded: 1983
Chair: Peter Mancuso

In the Fall of 2007, the Nineteenth Century Committee conducted a survey of its entire membership including: demographic questions; prospects for a 19th-Century Base Ball Conference; Overlooked 19th-Century Players; Managers and Executives; Members Interests and Projects. The complete survey results (over 150 members responded) were published in the Winter and Spring issues of Nineteenth Century notes.

The Nineteenth Century Committee is currently actively supporting a new project headed by three of its most esteemed members; Peter Morris, John thorn and Richard Matalzky are heading up the Pioneer Project. This very worthy project is an effort to enlarge our knowledge of the early teams, players and other individuals who contributed to the development of the game during the pre-professional era. Peter Morris is the lead contact person for this project. The projects leaders envision the publication of a book at the project's culmination.

Oral History Committee

Founded: 1986
Chair: David Paulson
Highlights

Work continues on making the committee's interviews available online

Oral History Committee

The Committee has been very successful in obtaining just about all of the many oral histories we had loaned to the Baseball Hall of Fame in the 1990's. These oral histories have been returned thru the very generous help of Ben Harry of the H.O.F. These interviews are mainly in the form of CD's.

We now have over 550 interviews and over 70 transcripts. For a complete listing, go to the SABR website, click "research," scroll down to Oral History Committee and click "list of interviews"

Rod Nelson is maintaining a master spreadsheet which includes details such as interviewer's name, date and length of recording, file size, which are on audio cassette or CD, and which have been transcribed. We are hoping that the SABR Board will commit to making these interviews available online.

Special thanks go to Matt Doublestein and Tom Hetrick who have assisted mightily in his work, along with Rod.

Some of our recent oral histories include Jim Katt, Johnny Antonelli, Harmon Killebrew, Andy Pafko, Alvin Dark, Wes Westrum, Pumpsie Green, and Hank Bauer.

Origins Committee

Since SABR's 37th Convention last June, the Origins Committee has taken steps to establish a web site, launch a monthly newsletter, and put together a listing of Origins research resources.

The Committee's focus is on the origins of baseball and of the game's main constituent features (batting, running, out-making, etc). Research in this field has been fundamentally transformed by the digitization of early publications and by modern electronic search capacity. Large numbers of new finds are turning up, and it is now possible to re-evaluate some long-held conjectures about baseball's predecessor games, about its earliest days, and about its spread outward from New York City. The vitality of the field is reflected in a number of highly-regarded new books and by the appearance of a new journal, Base Ball, that regularly features new Origins research.

The Committee's program is guided by a steering committee comprising David Block, Skip McAfee, John Thorn, and Larry McCray [Committee Chair]. By the time of the upcoming SABR 38 Convention, the Committee will have [A] a website designed by Frances Pyne, [B] a monthly newsletter written by Bob Tholkes, and [C] a compilation of Origins research resources collected by Craig Waff. Other special projects are under initial assessment, but have not been launched — in part because we still need volunteers to work on their design. Such possible projects include an articulation of key research questions on origins, a guide for new origins researchers, and a data base on when the New York game was first played in communities across the United States . . . and beyond.

Until last year, SABR's Origins program was conducted by the SABR's doughty United Kingdom chapter, which had inventively scoured Britain for evidence on baseball-like games prior to 1840. The Origins Committee works closely with SABR's Nineteenth Century Committee, and many of its most active members regularly post messages on Origins on the 19CBB e-group.

Origins Committee

Founded: 1994
Chair: Larry McCray

Pictorial History Committee

The Player Image Index passed the 16,200-player mark. The



Pictorial History Committee

Founded: 1994

Chair: Bill Hickman

Highlights

The Library of Congress staff continues to make changes to the captions on its website, and gives credit to SABR in each and every baseball-related caption.

Manager Image Index is part of the SABR Encyclopedia and covers more than 95% of the big league managers. The Ballpark Photo Index has reached enough completion to be ready to go onto the SABR website. The Bain Collection project has given SABR visibility in every caption related to Bain baseball photos as displayed on the Library of Congress website.

The primary focus of the Pictorial History Committee is to develop the Player Image Index. The goal of this project is to catalogue at least one photo image of every man who has played in the major leagues. When we are able to catalogue an image, that means that we know where it has been published or in what collection it has been seen. We have been able to catalogue images for almost 96.5 percent of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of more than 30,500 records describing image sources for over 16,250 major league players.

At the end of May, 2002, there were approximately 2,650 major leaguers on our Missing Players List. During the year leading up to May 2003, we cut the size of the Missing Players List in half. As of mid-June, 2003, there were approximately 1,320 players who remained uncatalogued into the Player Image Index because we had not yet found sources of photo images for them. As of early May, 2004, there were about 1,000 players on our Missing Players List. As of mid-May, 2005, there were about 875 players on our Missing Players list. As of mid-May, 2006, only about 740 players remained missing. At the beginning of May, 2007, we were missing 684 players. As we approach the beginning of May, 2008, we stand at 647 missing players. The large majority of those missing players were 19th century major leaguers, and it will continue to be a significant challenge to locate images of them. At the same time as we have reduced the number of missing players, we have kept up with cataloguing images for all the new players who have recently debuted into the major leagues and we have added more pictorial entries to the records of many players who had already been represented by at least one image.

Mid-2003 to mid-2008 has been a period of broadening participation in the development of the Player Image Index. More than 129 different individuals are now credited with making contributions of at least one player image to this index. We are particularly appreciative of the numerous images submitted by Marc Okkonen, Richard Ulrich, Lefty Blasco, Marvin Scott, Ren Petrie, and Bob Richardson.

During 2006, the Player Image Index was placed into the SABR Encyclopedia portion of the SABR website. A user simply needs to visit a particular player's entry in the Encyclopedia and then click on "Pictures" to access descriptions of where images have been found for that player. We are appreciative of F. X. Flinn's help in incorporating the Player Image Index into the SABR Encyclopedia.

In early 2004, the committee launched a joint project with the Ballpark Committee. The aim of the project is to develop a Ballpark Photo Index. Paul Healey is leading the project and is hard at work building the data base. During the first phase of this project, we are concentrat-

"The input from the SABR Pictorial History Committee helped us correct or enhance 2,142 catalog records. Easily the most significant contribution from an external research organization that I've been involved with. Future researchers are indebted to your collective expertise."

--Phil Michel, Digital Conversion Coordinator, Prints & Photographs Division, Library of Congress

ing on photos of major league ballparks, both past and present. Paul Healey, the project manager, has continued to move the project forward over the past twelve months. The data base is ready for placement on the SABR website and is waiting in the queue with some other systems projects.

In early 2005, the committee launched a third project. The new project is the development of a Manager Image Index. Its objective is to catalogue at least one image of every man who has managed in the major leagues. Dave Davis is managing the project. Dave has brought the project to the point where we have been able to catalogue images for more than 95 percent of the big league managers. This cataloguing of manager images became part of the *SABR Encyclopedia* during the 2006-7 annual report period.

In the spring of 2006, we started another large project. We reached agreement with the staff of the Library of Congress that we would help them in making the captions of the baseball photos in the online Bain Collection more accurate. As an initial step, we reviewed all 41,000+ photos in the Bain Collection to develop an inventory of those related to baseball. We found 2,300+ photos which are linked to baseball in some way. All of these baseball photos were assigned to committee members for a second level of review and the confirmation of the player identities, uniforms worn, and approximate year the photo was taken. This project was completed and the results submitted to the Library of Congress staff before the end of the year 2006. The Library of Congress staff has made the changes to the captions on its website, and gives credit to SABR in each and every baseball-related caption. Those committee members who reviewed at least 200 Bain photos (most reviewed 300 or more) were Bill Carle, Joe Dittmar, Bill Hickman, Bill Loughman, Joe Murphy, Tom Shieber, and Mark Stang. Also very helpful were Mark Fimoff, Matt Fulling, Marc Okkonen, and Ron Selter, with whom we consulted on some specific Bain photos which were particularly tricky to identify. We continue to keep in contact with the Library of Congress and to submit further corrections to them when we find baseball captions which need improvement.

Other Committee activities over the past year included the pub-

lication of four newsletters and the response to numerous requests for leads on photo sources and photo identifications. Mark Fimoff joined the committee and has become an expert in identifying player photos taken during the Dead Ball Era.

Science & Baseball Committee

Founded: 2003
Chair: Alan Nathan

Science and Baseball Committee

The SABR Science and Baseball Committee has been relatively inactive over the past year. Our quarterly newsletter, *The Rising Fastball*, has not appeared since fall 2004. Alan Nathan, who took over as interim chair two years ago, still serves in that capacity. The committee's website, http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/SABR_Baseball_Science/, continues to attract new members as well as various messages throughout the year on issues related to the science of baseball. The principal hot topic over the past year has been the PITCHf/x tracking system.

We expect a lively and informative committee meeting at the upcoming SABR38 convention in Cleveland. The entire meeting will be devoted to short talks from a variety of people on the very interesting analyses being done with the PITCHf/x data. Earlier that day, Alan Nathan will give an oral presentation entitled "What are we learning from the PITCHf/x tracking system?" In that talk, the science and technology behind the tracking system will be discussed as well as some of analyses that have been done by SABR members.

Scouts Committee

Founded: 1994
Chair: Jim Sandoval
Rod Nelson

Scouts Committee

This year the SABR Scouts Committee will recognize the unique contributions to the scouting community by honoring Mike Veeck with the Roland Hemond Award. The ongoing work of the committee is primarily two projects which are maintained by the Co-Chairs; "The Who-Signed-Whom Database" developed and managed by Rod Nelson and "The Scouts Roster" developed and managed by Jim Sandoval.

"The Who-Signed-Whom Database" is integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia on the www.sabr.org web site with tech-



nical assistance provided by F.X. Flinn and Daniel Levine of the SABR Internet Committee. The information is accessed from the SCOUTING tab on each player page and can be cross-referenced by scout as well, showing his list of player signings. There is built-in functionality for readers to submit Additions and Corrections which are reviewed by the chairs on a same-day basis. In addition, data for players debuting in 2006-2007 as well as several hundred new “Who-Signed-Whoms” have been added to the master file along with the addition of details in regard to college and/or high school attended, bonus money, etc.

“The Scouts Roster” remains a work-in-progress and it will be integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia in the coming year. The dataset includes a listing of scouts by organization, by year with title and territory when known. The primary sources for this information are the annual Sporting News Guides and data originally compiled from early Baseball Bluebooks by SABR stalwart Frank Phelps. The committee also corresponds with current and former scouts to verify details of their professional scouting careers.

The co-chairs periodically respond to research requests from fellow SABR members and the baseball media. The committee also welcomes research requests from all SABR members and encourages contributions to the 20 to 80 newsletter.

A collaborative project to chronicle the lives of professional baseball scouts and the various functions they perform continues under the direction of Jim Sandoval and Bill Nowlin. They invite contributions from individual authors and are committed to provide research assistance and editorial support, while offering contact information for those professionals inside the game with the greatest insight – the Scouts.

The SABRscouts eGroup is an online discussion forum provided to members for interactive communication. Subscribers are also encouraged to post research requests and the URL’s, titles and/or brief summaries of “Baseball Scouts in the News” articles that they believe would be of interest to other committee members. To subscribe: SABRscouts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Spring Training Committee

The Spring Training Committee has enjoyed significant growth over the course of the last year. We currently stand at 180 members. At the moment, we are concentrating on one project in particular, that being our Spring Training Sites project. We do have a few other projects on the back burner.

Statistical Analysis Committee

One of SABR’s earliest research committees, the Statistical Analysis Committee was founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer to facilitate the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data. As SABR’s largest committee, the SAC counts 787 full

Spring Training Committee

Founded: 2002

Chair: Kevin Saldana

Statistical Analysis Committee

Founded: 1974
Chair: Neal Traven

members as of June 1, 2008. That number represents an 18 percent rise from the count on last year's roster.

Statistical Analysis Committee members build and test statistical models and evaluation techniques, with the goals of describing and analyzing the existing record of baseball data as well as developing models for investigating potential futures for the game. The SAC strongly values peer review as an essential component of high quality research. Under editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC's newsletter *By The Numbers* presents research studies and critical discussion. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in creating the major preseason annual analytic publications. The value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR, both within the baseball community and in the media.

Umpire & Rules Committee

Founded: 1998
Chair: Reid Duffy

The Statistical Analysis Yahoo Group, managed by Dan Levitt, is an email list open exclusively to committee members. While message traffic is rather variable, it is a valuable forum for SAC member discussions. The list's June 1 member-count of 246 is about 14 percent greater than a year ago. Between the email list, the committee's webspace at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com/>, and the numerous websites maintained by SAC members, the Statistical Analysis Committee's cyber-presence is strong and well-established.

The Statistical Analysis Committee contributes significantly to SABR's research profile and its reputation for important baseball analysis. We urge SAC members to communicate their research findings both through the Committee's own publication avenues and by submitting research manuscripts to the *Baseball Research Journal*. We also remind SAC members that financial support for research projects may be available through proposals submitted to the continuing Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant program.

Women in Baseball Committee

Founded: 1990
Chair: Leslie Heaphy

Umpires & Rules Committee

The primary achievement for the committee, at least in terms of reflective glory, was Mark Pankin's online posting of *The Sporting News* library index cards of major league umpire nutshell biographical information, detailing their minor and major league careers. Pankin has gath-

ered and edited the cards, with extensive help from Dave Vincent and Tom Ruane, with the results posted on the Retrosheet website, under <http://www.retrosheet.org/TSNUmpireCards/>.

Committee members assisted sports journalists on stories revolving around the final year of NL umpire Bruce Froemming's distinguished career, and Art Williams, the first African-American umpire in the National League.

Efforts will continue to revive the annotation of player and manager ejections in tandem with the Doug Pappas umpire-ejection data, and work with the Minor League Committee to compile a list of umpires who have served in the minor leagues. Andy McCue will talk with the U & R Committee at its scheduled meeting at the Cleveland SABR Convention about possible cooperative projects with the Baseball Index.

Women in Baseball Committee

At the annual meeting in 2007 our committee had an opportunity to continue to hear from those who presented in a panel session we hosted at the Annual convention. Jean Ardell moderated a panel representing women from all aspects of baseball—writers, wives, players, etc. We have expanded our contacts with current leagues and teams in an effort to better document their stories now. The committee continues to publish a newsletter 3 times a year and encourages members to send in materials for our archives. We also started a Yahoo group for members and continue to urge people to use this medium as a way to keep in touch, ask for research help etc. Materials are sent to the Hall of Fame for their records and a lot of time is spent answering questions and requests, mainly from high school and college students working on research projects of varying sorts.

The committee remains in touch with the AAGPBL Player's Association and other current baseball organizations to receive news about women's baseball events. Merrie Fidler is heading up a joint project with the AAGPBL and SABR to publish bios of all the players.



SABR Chapters

Most members of SABR are unable to attend the annual convention regularly and therefore miss out on the research presentations, talks by guest speakers, committee meetings and the chance to talk baseball with fellow members. SABR's regional chapters promote the Society's objectives by fostering increased contact among SABR members.

Regional chapters extend the rewards of SABR membership through regular meetings—which typically feature research presentations, guest speakers, and the opportunity to meet and chat informally with fellow SABRites—and through events like baseball-related community events, informal hot-stove meetings, projects involving assistance to local media with baseball-related projects, and working with local professional baseball clubs on ballpark events and FanFest activities. Regional chapters provide a forum for presenting research on topics of local interest, and facilitate efforts by out-of-town SABR members to find and tap unique local research resources including historical societies and families of former ballplayers.

Through their activities, regional chapters produce a stronger bond of membership in SABR and an opportunity for members to help achieve SABR's objectives.

The goals of SABR's regional chapters are

- a) to increase opportunities for SABR members to participate in SABR activities
- b) to provide means for SABR members to establish and foster friendships and to exchange research
- c) to promote interest in baseball and baseball research at the local level
- d) to make SABR's resources available to local community organizations and the media
- e) to foster the use of local resources in baseball research
- f) to enrich SABR by attracting into its membership people with a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

In the past twelve months, no fewer than three chapters participated in their local ballclub's FanFest, at least two chapters held regularly scheduled baseball book discussion groups, more than three had as chapter projects putting together a baseball book, and two chapters sponsored National History Day prizes on the state level.

Other ways that chapters interact with their local community include the placing of historical markers or grave markers. The Bob Broeg Chapter in St. Louis has been placing historical markers at all the sites of former ballparks in St. Louis. The Monarchs Chapter in Kansas City dedicated a gravesite marker for H.V. McKim, who brought professional baseball to Kansas City in 1884. The relatively new Hornsby Chapter in Texas is starting a project to place markers at all spring training sites in their part of Texas. And the Ted Williams Chapter in San Diego is working on placing a marker at the site of Westgate Park.

SABR Chapters

International

Bobby Thomson Chapter
Hanlan's Point Chapter
Orlando Cepeda
Quebec
Tokyo

London, UK (Great Britain)
Toronto, ON
San Juan, PR
Montreal, QU
Tokyo, (Japan)

East

Bob Davids Chapter
Boston Chapter
Casey Stengel Chapter
Connie Mack Chapter
Elysian Fields
Forbes Field Chapter
Ford-Harrelson Chapter
Gardner-Waterman Chapter
Lajoie-Start Chapter

Washington, DC
Boston, MA
New York, NY
Philadelphia, PA
West Orange, NJ
Pittsburgh, PA
New York, NY (The Island)
Burlington, VT
Providence, RI
(Southern New England)
Cooperstown, NY (Central NY)
Springfield, MA (Western Mass)
Hartford, CT

Midwest

Bob Broeg Chapter
Bresnahan-Mudhens Chapter
Dayton Chapter
Don Lund Chapter
Emil Rothe Chapter
Field of Dreams Chapter
Halsey Hall Chapter
Hoyt-Allen Chapter
Jack Graney Chapter
Ken Keltner Chapter
Lou Criger Chapter
Monarchs Chapter
Oscar Charleston Chapter
Pee Wee Reese Chapter
Wally Pipp Chapter

St. Louis, MO
Toledo, OH
Dayton, OH
Ann Arbor, MI
Chicago, IL
Des Moines, IA (Iowa)
Minneapolis, MN
Cincinnati, OH
Cleveland, OH
Milwaukee, WI (Wisconsin)
South Bend, IN
Kansas City, MO
Indianapolis, IN
Louisville, KY
Holland, MI (Western Michigan)

South

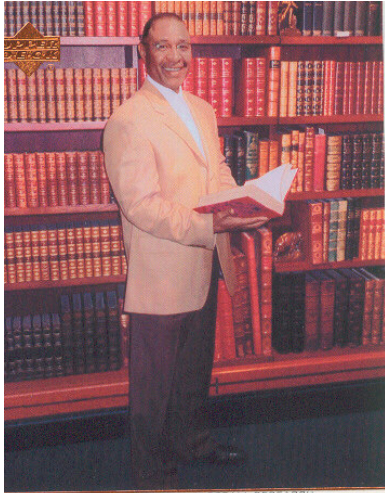
Auker-Seminick Chapter
Carolina Chapter
Rice- Russell Tennessee Chapter
Hall-Ruggles Chapter
Larry Dierker Chapter
Magnolia Chapter
Robinson-Kell Chapter
Rogers Hornsby Chapter
Schott-Pelican Chapter
Seymour-Mills Chapter
South Carolina Chapter
South Florida
Wade Boggs Chapter
West Texas

Orlando, FL (Central Florida)
Durham, NC
Nashville, TN
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX
Houston, TX
Atlanta, GA
Little Rock, AR
Austin, TX
New Orleans, LA
Naples, FL
Charleston, SC
Miami, FL
Tampa, FL
Abilene, TX

West

Allan Roth Chapter
Flame Delhi Chapter
Lefty O'Doul Chapter
Northwest SABR
Rocky Mtn SABR
Sacramento
Ted Williams Chapter

Los Angeles, CA
Phoenix, AZ
San Francisco, CA
Seattle, WA (Pacific Northwest)
Denver, CO
Sacramento, CA
San Diego, CA



Ozzie Smith, former Padre and the first education ambassador of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

San Diego-SABR Baseball Research Center

The San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center identifies, organizes, preserves and promotes the research and study of baseball through a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and the San Diego Ted Williams chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR).

The primary objectives of the Center include

- Promoting interest in the history of baseball in San Diego
- Organizing, enlarging and preserving a baseball research collection available to the general public
- Creating and preserving a unique collection of baseball research materials specifically related to the history of baseball in San Diego
- Creating a working and ongoing research relationship between SABR and the Library

Areas of local interest include

- San Diego Padres (Pacific Coast and National Leagues)
- San Diego Surf Dawgs
- collegiate baseball in San Diego
- Ted Williams baseball achievements in San Diego
- professional baseball players born and raised in San Diego and their local achievements

In the past twelve months, the Ted Williams Chapter continued to help identify books and other materials for acquisition by the library.

For more information on the San Diego Baseball Research Center, see

<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/pdf/sabrbrochurecolor.pdf>

http://sandiego.sabr.org/sdpl_baseball_pathfinder.htm

SABR's Annual Meeting

SABR considers the meeting on August 10, 1971, as the first annual meeting of SABR, so all the conventions today are numbered reflecting that. In 2008, SABR 38 was held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The SABR Annual Meeting has gone through many changes. In the early days, members sat around and gave presentations to the others there on topics of interest to them. There were no time limits, and certainly no blind review of appropriate topics and level of research. Today, members are asked to submit abstracts that enter a blind review process. With usually about 30 to 40 spots of 20 minutes (plus 5 minutes for questions and answers), the annual meetings now have plenty of research content of many types.

In addition to the oral research presentations, SABR members also are invited to make poster presentations.

Also at the Annual Meeting are panel presentations. One tradition is to get together several of the alumni of the local team. Other topics of panels might be umpires or players born in the area.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting is the Awards Luncheon where the winners of various SABR Awards (see pages 24 to 26) are recognized. The luncheon also normally is the venue for the featured speaker of the meeting. In Seattle, it was Jim Bouton who entertained a capacity crowd.

Another change in the SABR Annual Meeting is that while the local volunteers still are a mainstay and hugely important part of a successful convention, more parts of running the show have been professionalized by bringing functions back to the staff. This has allowed for better hotels and promotion, increasing attendance and helping to make things run more smoothly and profitably. The SABR annual meeting does raise somewhere between 5 and 8% of SABR's revenues, with its registration fees, advertising and vendor sales, and sponsorship income.

The SABR Annual Meeting is the place for members to get together and share their love of the game. It is truly an experience that makes you want to come back year after year.



Dozens of members vie for the crown of Trivia champion at the annual SABR convention.



Curt Smith with Indians broadcaster Tom Hamilton during a special broadcaster session at SABR 38 in Cleveland (photo by Austin MacDonald).

<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Keynote Address</u>
1971	Cooperstown NY	16	
1972	Washington DC	23	
1973	Chicago IL	26	
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca
1977	Columbus OH	74	(no banquet)
1978	Paramus NJ	81	Tony Lupien
1979	Saint Louis MO	115	Mike Shannon
1980	Los Angeles CA	85	Roy Smalley, Jr.
1981	Toronto ON	127	Panel Presentation
1982	Baltimore MD	227	Sparky Anderson
1983	Milwaukee WI	262	Hal Goodenough
1984	Providence RI	350	Lou Gorman
1985	Oakland CA	300	Roy Eisenhardt
1986	Chicago IL	479	Bill Gleason
1987	Washington DC	631	John Steadman
1988	Minneapolis MN	340	Andy MacPhail
1989	Albany NY	524	Bobby Brown
1990	Cleveland OH	481	Sam McDowell
1991	New York NY	405	Mel Allen
1992	Saint Louis MO	485	Bing Devine
1993	San Diego CA	350	Dick Williams
1994	Arlington TX	405	Robin Roberts
1995	Pittsburgh PA	451	Chuck Tanner
1996	Kansas City MO	431	Steve Fehr
1997	Louisville KY	440	Jim Bunning
1998	San Mateo CA	437	Bill Rigney
1999	Scottsdale AZ	400	Tom Heinrich
2000	West Palm Beach FL	302	Elden Auker
2001	Milwaukee WI	574	Allan "Bud" Selig
2002	Boston MA	712	Panel Presentation
2003	Denver CO	494	Jim Evans
2004	Cincinnati OH	644	Marvin Miller
2005	Toronto ON	461	Paul Godfrey
2006	Seattle WA	539	Jim Bouton
2007	St. Louis MO	726	Joe Garagiola
2008	Cleveland	632	Ron Shapiro
2009	Washington DC		
2010	Atlanta GA		



Awards

SABR respects and values the contributions of individuals who have added to the historical record of the game. Every year, baseball writers and researchers add to our knowledge and understanding of baseball with quality scholarship in the form of books, articles, and a wide variety of other media. SABR presents four annual awards for specific research accomplishments among its six annual awards and two discretionary awards. The individuals and projects that follow are an example for current and future baseball researchers to follow as they expand our knowledge of baseball and achieve their own recognition for baseball scholarship.



Mark Armour was awarded the Bob Davids Winner on June 28, 2008, at the convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Andy McCue was named the Bob Davids Award winner in July 2007 at the convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Bob Davids Award (*first awarded 1985*)

The Bob Davids Award honors a SABR member of long standing (excepting current Executive Board members and paid member employees of SABR) who reflects the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder of SABR, and who makes a significant contribution to the Society in such areas as administrative responsibility, original research, information exchange, or other voluntary and cooperative efforts in the best interests of baseball.

The Seymour Medal (*first awarded in 1996*)

The Seymour Medal recognizes the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography first published during the preceding calendar year.

To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing.

“History,” for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, shall be understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. Among the kinds of works that do not meet the criteria are encyclopedias, novels, short story collections, statistical compilations, collections of documents, personal reminiscence, interviews, simple chronicles of events, edited works, and works by multiple authors (as distinguished from works by co-authors). “Biography” is the history of a person or persons. (November, 2001)

Single volumes of multi-volume works are eligible. Multi-volume works as a whole are also eligible if at least one of the volumes was published during the preceding calendar year and if the author has not received a medal for any of the works separately.

No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded.

There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

The winner of the Seymour Medal for books published in 2007 (chosen in 2008) is:

Branch Ricky: *Baseball's Ferocious Gentleman* by Lee Lowenfish (University of Nebraska Press)

Previous winners:

A Game of Inches by Peter Morris (Ivan R. Dee)

Baseball Before We Knew It: A Search for the Roots of the Game by David Block (U of Nebraska Press)

Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution by Neil Lanctot (U of Pennsylvania Press)

Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan by Peter Morris (University of Michigan Press)

Breaking the Slump: Baseball in the Depression Era by Charles C. Alexander (Columbia University Press)

Early Baseball and the Rise of the National League by Tom Melville (McFarland)

Past Time: Baseball as History by Jules Tygiel, (Oxford University Press)

Baseball's Pivotal Era: 1945-1951 by William Marshall (University Press of Kentucky)

Baseball's Last Dynasty: Charlie Finley's Oakland A's by Bruce Markusen (Masters Press)

The Detroit Tigers: Club and Community, 1945-95 by Patrick Harrigan (University of Toronto Press)

Honus Wagner, the Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman" by Arthur D. Hittner (McFarland)

Fleet Walker's Divided Heart, by David Zang (U of Nebraska Press).

On June 29, 2008 the following receives a Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award:

Paul DeBono, ***The Chicago American Giants*** (McFarland)

Bill Felber, ***A Game of Brawl: The Orioles, the Beaneaters, and the Battle for the 1897 Pennant*** (U of Nebraska)

William F. McNeil, ***Black Baseball Out of Season: Pay for Play Outside the Negro Leagues*** (McFarland)

On July 28, 2007, the following received Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

John Dewan, *The Fielding Bible* (ACTA Sports)

Edward Koszarek, *The Players League: History, Clubs, Ballplayers and Statistics* (McFarland)

Jeff Sackmann,
www.minorleaguesplits.com

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On June 28, 2008 the following were presented a McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award:

Henry D. Fetter, *Revising the Revisionists: Walter O'Malley, Robert Moses, and the Death of the Brooklyn Dodgers*

Frederick Ivor-Campbell, *Knickerbocker Base Ball: The Birth and Infancy of the Modern Game*, a slightly revised version was published in *Base Ball* (McFarland, Fall 2007)

Dick Thompson, *Cannonball Bill Jackman*, originally published in *The National Pastime* No. 27 (SABR).

In 2007 the following received a McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award:

Brian Carroll, *Early Twentieth Century Heroes: Coverage of Negro League Baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Defender*;

Mitchell Nathanson, *The Irrelevance of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review*

Steve Steinberg, "Matty and the Browns: A Window Onto the AL-NL War."

Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award (first awarded in 1995)

The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award honors those individuals whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball.

Eligible projects must be the product of original research or analysis and must significantly advance our knowledge of baseball. They must be characterized by factual accuracy and notable insight.

Eligible projects will include, but not necessarily be limited to, research in statistics, statistical analysis and statistical compilation, and research in such diverse areas as advertising, architecture, bibliography, collectibles, economics, equipment, labor relations, sociology and technology.

Research project may be of any length and, if published, may be published separately or as part of a larger work. Researchers honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award (awarded 1987-2000 as the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award)

The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award honors the author(s) of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year.

Eligible works will include magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers and written versions of oral presentations. Authors honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

The Doug Pappas Research Award, Presented by USA Today-Sports Weekly Award (first awarded in 1993; awarded 1990-92 as the John Cox Award)

The Doug Pappas Award, presented by *USA Today-Sports Weekly* honors the best research presentation at the annual National Convention with a cash prize and a matching amount donated to SABR. One winner will be selected at each convention, and finalists will be named at the discretion of the award committee. It was renamed the Doug Pappas Award in 2004 after the tragic death of the 2000 winner, Doug Pappas.

At the conclusion of the 2007 SABR convention in St. Louis, it was announced that **Cait Murphy** won the Doug Pappas Research Award for "Cover-Up: Gambling, Corruption, and the Wild Finish of the 1908 Season." **Patrick Kilgo** won its sister prize for his poster presentation, "Historically Atypical Performance: Quantifying the Unusualness of Players' Seasons."

In 2006 at Seattle, **Sean Forman** won the Doug Pappas Research Award for his "Blocking Pitches: Assessing a Catcher's Ability to Save Runs with Bruises." **Allison Binns** won its sister prize for her poster presentation, "The Short Term Effect of Salary Arbitration on Performance."

SABR Special Achievement Award (first awarded 1994)

The SABR Special Achievement Award honors extraordinary work that has facilitated the dissemination of baseball research and has fostered the study of baseball.

SABR-Lee Allen Award (first awarded in 1996; named in honor of Lee Allen in 1997)

The SABR-Lee Allen Award, named in honor of the late baseball historian, Lee Allen, honors the best baseball research project at the National History Day competition.



Winners of the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award include:

- **2008** *Jackie Robinson Keeps His Cool* by **Zach Frampton** of Laie, Hawaii.
- **2007** *Play Ball! A Triumph for Women Begins Amidst the Tragedy of World War II* by **Alayne Klco** of Whitehall, Michigan.
- **2006** *End the Unjust Monopoly: Curt Flood's Stance Against Baseball's Reserve Clause* by **Colin Bender** of Edmond, Oklahoma.
- **2005** *Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby Break the Color Barrier* by **Fleetwood Fleming** of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.
- **2004** *Girls of Summer: Paving the Way for Women in All Seasons* by **Corissa Westergard, Shelby Johnson and Mackenzie Heyl** of Davenport, Iowa.
- **2003** *Jackie Robinson: The Man Responsible for the Integration of Baseball*, **Alexander Hearn** of Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **2002** *Free Agency Revolutionizes the Business of Baseball*, **Steve Mason and Kevin Rowe** of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- **2001** Exhibit of *Jackie Robinson Integrates Baseball*, **Philip Beck**, Wisconsin.
- **2000** *Turning Points in Baseball History: Branch Rickey Hires Jackie Robinson*, **James McMahon** of Windsor, Connecticut.
- **1999** no award given.
- **1998** *Baseball's Migration to Latin America*, **Nicholas Condon** of Stamford, Connecticut.
- **1997** *Baseball's Hidden Half*, **Carl Leivers** and **Marcus Kret** of Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- **1996** *Curt Flood: Man Against the System*, **Alex Giannini, Ethan Schwart, Lane DeSimone** and **Brian Krost** from Stamford, Connecticut.

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award (first awarded 2000)

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award was established in 1999 by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) in recognition of Kavanagh's writing and research achievements and his contributions to SABR. The Award is supported with funding from Diamond Communications and was presented for the first time at the SABR National Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida in June, 2000.

The Kavanagh Award may be presented each year for either a research presentation given at the SABR National Convention (papers must accompany any oral presentation), or for a research paper that is submitted to the awards committee between the end of one SABR Convention and no later than June 1 of the following year by a researcher in grades 6-8 (middle school category), grades 9-12 (high school category), or undergraduates 22 and under (College Category).

The awards committee will consist of members appointed each year by the education committee chair. The winner will receive a plaque honoring their achievement and the following, according to his/her category:

- College (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership)
- High School (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership)
- Middle School (\$100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

Additionally, the winning entry shall be published on the SABR Web site and may be published in either *The National Pastime* or the *Baseball Research Journal*. All Finalists (3) shall receive one-year SABR memberships.

Most Recent Winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award:

College Division:

Trent McCotter, University of North Carolina, "Hitting Streaks Don't Obey Your Rules"

High School Division:

Victor Wang, Thomas Jefferson High School (Bloomington MN), "How Much is a Top Prospect Worth?"

Middle School Division:

Kyle Taylor, Lancaster Middle School (Lancaster NY), "Jackie Robinson"

Past winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award include:

- 2007:** College Division: Trent McCotter, "Babe Ruth's Game Logs and Splits"
High School Division (tie): Victor Wang, "The OPS Dilemma" and Scott Powers, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Bill James' Win Shares"
Middle School Division: Max Robbins, "Determined Win -- Percentage; A New Tool for Evaluating Pitcher Performance"
- 2006:** College Division: Trent McCotter, *Ty Cobb Splits*
High School Division: Scott Powers, *The Rise of Baseball in Japan*
Middle School Division: Alex Paolo, *Jackie Roosevelt Robinson*
- 2005:** College Division: Nathan Hicks, *Ted Williams, the .400 Hitter Ever?*
High School Division: Trent McCotter, *The .400 Club* and Scott Powers, *The St. Louis Cardinals of the Sixties and Their Effect on Black/White Relations in St. Louis*
- 2004:** Not Awarded
- 2003:** Wes Gapp, Clinton, New York; *Hank Greenberg and the 1938 Season*
- 2002:** Aaron Feldman, East Brunswick, New Jersey
Baseball's Transition to Professionalism
- 2001:** Christopher Devine, Norwalk, Connecticut
Harry Wright: Was He the Most Important Baseball Figure of the 19th Century?
The Hall of Fame Induction Speech Harry Wright Never Gave
- 2000:** Barrie Ribbet, Flossmoor, Illinois.
The Baseball War, 1900-1915: The Cubs, White Sox and their Fight for Survival and Supremacy

Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants

In 2005, Tony Yoseloff of the Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation approached SABR with the idea to help fund baseball research, especially for those just starting out. After several discussions, guidelines were drawn up and the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants were established, with August 20, 2005 set as the first deadline for proposal submissions. More than 2 dozen proposals were reviewed by a five-person panel made up of SABR researchers.

Today, the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants program has distributed over \$10,000 in monies to help baseball researchers pay for the things they need to conduct their research. The Yoseloff Foundation's commitment to supporting these grants runs through 2008.

As a result of the grants, SABR published in its *Baseball Research Journal* the results of Gene Carney's deeper research into the Black Sox Scandal and the cover-up, "New Light on an Old Scandal," and Thomas Aiello's research into black baseball in Monroe, Louisiana, "The Composition of Kings."

In April 2008, SABR finished the fourth round of funding. The recipients of the 2008 funding cycle were:

Rick Benner
Gene Carney
Ken Fenster
David Laliberte
John Lewis
Justin Murphy



Barbara Thompson, widow of the late Dick Thompson, and Dorothy Seymour Mills at the Awards Breakfast at SABR 38 (photo by Austin MacDonald).

The recipients of the 2007 funding cycle were:

Gerilyn Strecker, "Oscar Charleston"
Michael Hauptert, "Segregation, Integration and Compensation: Wages and Performance of Black and White Major Leaguers"
Brian Carroll, "Wichita 1925: Monroviens vs. the KKK"
Kevin McCann, "1903-1924 Kitty League Player League Index"

Michael Bowman, "Working, Learning, and Playing 'in the Field': Organized Baseball as Intercultural Education in the Yakima Valley, 1930-1940"

Martha Ackmann, "Curveball: Toni Stone's Challenge to Baseball and America"

The recipients of the 2006 funding cycle were:

Thomas Aiello, "The Composition of Kings: The Monroe, Louisiana Monarchs, 1932"

Rex Hamann, "Minneapolis Millers: 1910-1912"

Michael Hauptert, "Black Ball, Red Ink, a Financial Analysis of the Negro Leagues"

Craig Lammers, "Minor League Baseball in Ohio during the Deadball Era"

Byron Motley, "The Autobiography of Bob Motley"

Todd Peterson, "1909 St. Paul Gophers"

The first recipients of Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research grants were:

Greg Bond, "1895 in Michigan"

Gene Carney, "Jackson Trial of 1924"

Jerry Jackson, "Minor League Managers"

Jim Kaplan, "Warren Spahn Bio"

Trent McCotter, "AL Anomalies 1920-30"

Roberta Newman, "Baseball, Advertising and Race"

Marc Okkonen, "Minor League Player names 1900-10"

SABR sincerely thanks all the award and grant sponsors for their investment in acknowledging and supporting baseball research excellence.

2007 Members, By Year Joined

1971	35	1990	128
1972	19	1991	169
1973	23	1992	296
1974	27	1993	202
1975	27	1994	275
1976	38	1995	206
1977	41	1996	200
1978	43	1997	242
1979	61	1998	265
1980	101	1999	180
1981	86	2000	235
1982	172	2001	261
1983	257	2002	238
1984	179	2003	248
1985	317	2004	297
1986	196	2005	351
1987	192	2006	470
1988	127	2007	681
1989	103		

Members, By Country

USA	6,602
Canada	191
Japan	39
Great Britain/UK	23
Australia	6
Germany	3
Italy	3
Mexico	3
France	2
Hong Kong	2
Sweden	2
China	1
Czech Republic	1
Dominican Rep	1
Greece	1
Switzerland	1
South Africa	1
Taiwan	1
Venezuela	1

Membership Report

SABR ended its 2006 Membership Year with 7,181 members worldwide, setting a new all-time membership high (7,155 in 1998). The largest membership ever represented a 3.03 percent increase from the previous year (6,970). There were 974 new members in 2006, up from 841 the year before.

SABR members are on average middle-aged men, college-educated, and electronically connected. The average age of a SABR member on June 14, 2007 was 55.23. The average age of a member who joined in 2007 was 43.71. On that date, over 87.43 percent of members had e-mail addresses on file. About 96 percent of members are male.

About 20 to 25 percent of the SABR membership participates in a research committee.



SABR members at Progressive Field during SABR 38 (photo by Rick Schabowski)



Bob DiBiasio with Benita and Burton Boxerman at SABR 38 (photo by Rick Schabowski)

2008 Members, By State

State	6/20/2008	6/20/2007	6/1/2006
New York	700	726	713
California	651	699	693
Ohio	457	433	450
Pennsylvania	392	398	400
Massachusetts	347	362	366
Illinois	330	331	319
New Jersey	299	294	292
Texas	285	298	281
Virginia	274	262	257
Maryland	229	237	238
Florida	213	209	216
Michigan	188	184	183
Connecticut	164	162	155
Washington	157	163	150
Missouri	148	138	123
Minnesota	141	140	140
Wisconsin	127	123	126
Colorado	121	119	107
Georgia	111	106	104
Arizona	120	100	96
North Carolina	105	104	108
Indiana	96	105	109
Oregon	68	73	73
Rhode Island	67	70	73
Iowa	57	55	47
Kentucky	54	48	51
Tennessee	50	65	54
Kansas	49	49	65
Maine	47	50	49
New Hampshire	47	47	55
Washington, DC	41	44	40
Alabama	36	34	36
Vermont	34	50	34
South Carolina	33	41	37
Nebraska	33	35	32
Louisiana	28	31	39
Delaware	27	22	27
Nevada	25	21	26
Oklahoma	25	25	17
Arkansas	22	22	20
New Mexico	22	22	22
Hawaii	13	13	11
Utah	13	12	10
West Virginia	12	14	16
Montana	12	14	12
South Dakota	11	11	10
Idaho	11	10	6
Mississippi	9	6	7
Puerto Rico	8	8	5
North Dakota	6	4	3
Alaska	4	4	4
Wyoming	2	3	4

Financial Statements, December 31, 2007

Society for American Baseball Research Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2007 and Previous Three Years					Society for American Baseball Research Statement of Activities, Unrestricted Only December 31, 2007 and Previous Three Years				
ASSETS					Revenues				
Current Assets	2007	2006	2005	2004		2007	2006	2005	2004
Cash and Temporary Investments	584,001	475,823	507,668	461,294	Membership Dues	385,313	381,291	369,430	318,319
Investments	116,354	106,239	87,255	52,256	SABR Publication Sales	21,973	18,919	15,109	9,472
Accounts Receivable	4,154	11,075	3,018	1,670	Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	11,403	10,062	15,766	18,980
Publications Inventory	4,658	2,272	2,380	2,353	Convention Revenue	109,041	91,762	64,562	80,762
Prepaid Expenses	8,503	8,600	12,182	11,076	Donations and Royalties	82,209	83,085	43,952	46,552
Total Current Assets	\$717,670	\$604,009	\$612,503	\$528,649	Other Income	3,907	2,308	1,154	1,836
					Investment Income	18,240	22,854	9,539	5,193
					Net Assets Released from restriction	2,435	18,288	858	4,102
					Total Revenue and Support	634,521	628,569	520,370	485,216
Property and Equipment -- AT COST					Expenditures				
Equipment	44,259	41,803	41,803	30,558	Publications	158,102	192,765	208,321	137,987
Website	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523	Internet Expense	35,119	26,742	10,586	16,735
Net Property and Equipment	73,782	71,326	71,326	60,081	Payroll Expense	162,760	149,495	105,548	96,104
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(62,732)	(59,677)	(53,829)	(47,398)	Payroll taxes	17,478	11,801	8,426	7,726
	\$ 11,050	\$ 11,649	\$ 17,497	\$ 12,683	Employee Benefits	21,306	17,863	15,034	14,583
					Convention Expense	70,594	59,630	40,939	34,708
Other Assets					Administrative Expense	24,814	26,524	13,395	29,826
Research Collections	26,939	26,939	26,939	26,799	Membership Development	17,252	27,313	31,653	29,091
Trademark	1,227	1,460	1,693	1,927	Rent	18,101	16,275	15,343	15,171
Deposits	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824	Travel, conferences, and meetings	20,716	17,028	20,085	16,422
Total Other Assets	29,990	30,223	30,456	30,550	Professional Fees	15,913	6,757	6,388	8,123
	\$758,710	\$645,881	\$660,456	\$571,882	Postage and Delivery	12,425	9,623	9,359	10,488
					Insurance Expense	7,124	9,673	9,615	9,392
					Equipment Rental	4,628	4,911	4,708	4,233
					Utilities	2,858	2,644	2,657	1,989
LIABILITIES					Bad Debt				1,060
Current Liabilities					Depreciation and amortization	3,288	6,081	6,665	8,769
Accounts Payable	\$ 36,408	\$ 100,365	\$ 94,532	\$ 21,346	Total Administrative Expenses	592,478	585,125	508,722	442,407
Deferred Membership Dues -- current portion	238,088	153,217	221,473	228,088	Excess of Revenue & Support from Operations	42,043	43,444	11,648	42,809
	\$274,496	\$253,582	\$316,005	\$249,434	GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	3,692	(204)	258	(153)
					INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	45,735	43,240	11,906	42,656
DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES	66,528	51,860	65,766	67,315	Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	286,221	242,981	231,075	188,419
	\$341,024	\$305,442	\$381,771	\$316,749	Net Assets -- END OF YEAR	331,956	286,221	242,981	231,075
NET ASSETS									
UNRESTRICTED	331,956	286,221	242,981	231,075					
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	70,252	41,298	25,866	14,529					
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	15,478	12,920	9,838	9,529					
	\$417,686	\$340,439	\$278,685	\$255,133					
	\$758,710	\$645,881	\$660,456	\$571,882					

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Formation and Operations

The Society for American Baseball Research, Inc. (the Society) is a not-for-profit membership organization exempt from income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. The Society was formed to cultivate, promote, and disseminate baseball research.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION — Financial statement presentation follows the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS 117, the Society is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS — The Society considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK — The Society places its cash with high quality financial institutions. Balances with the financial institutions may exceed insured limits.

PUBLICATIONS INVENTORY — Publications are valued at the lower of cost or market.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION — Depreciation and amortization of equipment and the web site are provided by the use of the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives: Computer equipment and software: 3-10 years; Web site: 3 years.

RESEARCH COLLECTION — The Society has capitalized its collection since inception. If purchased, items approved into the collection are capitalized at cost, and if donated, they are capitalized at their appraised or fair value on the accession date.

BASIS OF REVENUE RECOGNITION — Membership dues are billed in the last quarter of the year for the following year. These dues are recorded as deferred revenue and then recognized as income in the appropriate year. Publications revenues and advertising and mailing list revenues are recorded at time of sale. Donations and convention revenues are recorded at time of receipt.

USE OF ESTIMATES — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Complete financial statements are available upon request from the SABR office,
812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.*

The 2006 Year End compilation report was prepared by Skoda, Minotti, & Company.

Treasurer's 2008 Mid-Year Report

	2008 Forecast	2008 Budget	Variance		2007 Actual, Unrestricted	2006 Actual, Unrestricted	2005 Actual, Unrestricted	2004 Actual, Unrestricted
Revenues								
Membership Dues	\$ 373,824	\$ 388,000	\$ (14,176)		\$ 385,313	\$ 381,291	\$ 369,430	\$ 318,319
SABR Publication Sales	\$ 7,325	\$ 8,000	\$ (675)		\$ 21,973	\$ 18,919	\$ 15,109	\$ 9,472
Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	\$ 14,064	\$ 14,000	\$ 64		\$ 11,403	\$ 10,062	\$ 15,766	\$ 18,980
Convention Revenue	\$ 99,134	\$ 35,000	\$ 64,134		\$ 109,041	\$ 91,762	\$ 64,562	\$ 80,762
Donations and Royalties	\$ 80,360	\$ 71,000	\$ 9,360		\$ 82,209	\$ 83,085	\$ 43,952	\$ 46,552
Other Income	\$ 17,898	\$ 19,900	\$ (2,002)		\$ 3,907	\$ 2,308	\$ 1,154	\$ 1,836
Investment Income	\$ 16,488	\$ 19,000	\$ (2,512)		\$ 18,240	\$ 22,854	\$ 9,539	\$ 5,193
Net Assets Released from restriction					\$ 2,435	\$ 18,288	\$ 858	\$ 4,102
	\$ 609,093	\$ 554,900	\$ 54,193		\$ 634,521	\$ 628,569	\$ 520,370	\$ 485,216
Expenditures								
Administrative Expense	\$ 27,851	\$ 21,500	\$ 6,351		\$ 24,814	\$ 26,524	\$ 13,395	\$ 29,826
Convention Expense	\$ 64,097		\$ 64,097		\$ 70,594	\$ 59,630	\$ 40,939	\$ 34,708
Employee Benefits	\$ 19,432	\$ 34,600	\$ (15,168)		\$ 21,306	\$ 17,863	\$ 15,034	\$ 14,583
Equipment Rental	\$ 24,683	\$ 11,000	\$ 13,683		\$ 4,628	\$ 4,911	\$ 4,708	\$ 4,233
Insurance Expense	\$ 9,956	\$ 10,900	\$ (944)		\$ 7,124	\$ 9,673	\$ 9,615	\$ 9,392
Internet Expense	\$ 52,366	\$ 35,000	\$ 17,366		\$ 35,119	\$ 26,742	\$ 10,586	\$ 16,735
Membership Development	\$ 16,523	\$ 17,600	\$ (1,077)		\$ 17,252	\$ 27,313	\$ 31,653	\$ 29,091
Payroll Expense	\$ 186,158	\$ 217,604	\$ (31,446)		\$ 162,760	\$ 149,495	\$ 105,548	\$ 96,104
Payroll taxes	\$ 19,298	\$ 16,646	\$ 2,652		\$ 17,478	\$ 11,801	\$ 8,426	\$ 7,726
Postage and Delivery	\$ 10,451	\$ 12,000	\$ (1,549)		\$ 12,425	\$ 9,623	\$ 9,359	\$ 10,488
Professional Fees	\$ 7,890	\$ 7,500	\$ 390		\$ 15,913	\$ 6,757	\$ 6,388	\$ 8,123
Rent	\$ 20,236	\$ 20,000	\$ 236		\$ 18,101	\$ 16,275	\$ 15,343	\$ 15,171
Travel, conferences, and meetings	\$ 24,611	\$ 26,900	\$ (2,289)		\$ 20,716	\$ 17,028	\$ 20,085	\$ 16,422
Utilities	\$ 2,534	\$ 3,000	\$ (466)		\$ 2,858	\$ 2,644	\$ 2,657	\$ 1,989
Publications	\$ 115,983	\$ 120,200	\$ (4,217)		\$ 158,102	\$ 192,765	\$ 208,321	\$ 137,987
Bad Debt			\$ -					\$ 1,060
Depreciation and amortization			\$ -		\$ 3,288	\$ 6,081	\$ 6,665	\$ 8,769
					\$ 592,478	\$ 585,125	\$ 508,722	\$ 442,407
Excess of Revenue and Support from Operatio	\$ 7,024	\$ 450	\$ 6,574		\$ 42,043	\$ 43,444	\$ 11,648	\$ 42,809
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS					\$ 3,692	\$ (204)	\$ 258	\$ (153)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 7,024	\$ 450			\$ 45,735	\$ 43,240	\$ 11,906	\$ 42,656
Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	\$ 331,956	\$ 331,956			\$ 286,221	\$ 242,981	\$ 231,075	\$ 188,419
Net Assets -- END OF YEAR	\$ 338,980	\$ 332,406			\$ 331,956	\$ 286,221	\$ 242,981	\$ 231,075

Philanthropy

SABR began an annual campaign to solicit donations from members during the 1993-1994 renewal drive. That first campaign raised just over \$5,000. Every year since then SABR members and friends have increased their giving, with the most recent drive securing nearly \$100,000 from September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with about \$66,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the fourth consecutive \$50,000+ year, and with over 900 individual donors to date, this year's campaign marks the highest participation rate in SABR history.

Five years ago, SABR adopted a more formal process to recognize its donors, revamping its gift levels and seeking more appropriate ways to recognize those who contribute money beyond annual dues. These initiatives have been very successful, increasing both overall annual giving and giving at all levels above \$100.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and others listed here who have made leadership contributions in the period between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2007-2008. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the year they joined SABR. The investment each and every donor has made to SABR helps to ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

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Giving Time – Just as Important as Cash

SABR members do more than support SABR with their money; they also support the organization with an equally precious resource – their time.

Volunteer leaders reported that in the 2007 calendar year they logged just shy of 15,000 hours in helping SABR in a variety of ways. At an estimated value of \$19.51* per hour, SABR volunteers contributed more than \$290,000 in time. * [*Independent Sector*, “Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour, 2007.”]

Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle

In November 2006, SABR received its distribution from the Estate of William James of Sacramento, California. At just under \$30,000, this bequest represents the single largest (and unrestricted) gift in SABR's history.

In February 2007 the SABR Board of Directors created a Legacy Circle to recognize those members and friends of SABR who have already included SABR in their estate planning and to encourage future bequests and planned gifts. Members of the Legacy Circle currently include:

Steve Breen *	Jim Karn *
William Hickman	William James *
Chuck Hilty	Neal Traven
Douglas Jacobs	John Zajc
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Angus MacFarlane
Joseph Mancuso
Virgil Nipper
Brett Smith
John Stahl
Joseph Zureick

2003

Norm Babcock
Larry Boes
William Briggs
Brian Cooper
Leonard Drew
Lorin Duckman
Mark Dugo
Robert Fenili
Bryant Galbaugh
Bob Gladhill
Gerry Hamilton
Michael Hartnagel
Wayne Hebden
David Kimball
Anthony Lehman
David Lilley
Robert Luke
Iain MacGregor
Mel Marmer
Herbert Maxwell
Edward Merz
Thomas Mullen
Alan Nathan
Patrick O'Kelley

Dwight Oxley
Camilo Pascual
Ronald Peterson
Robert Pfuhrer
Patrick Ray
Leonard Sisitzky
Jack Swartz
Mark Watson
Dave Williams
Larry Wolfe

2004

Eric Abner
Michael Cleary
Robert Crotty
Michael Doyle
Dennis Duquette
Ed Edmonds
Carmen Finestra
Simon Fischer
Richard Fitzgerald
Matthew Goehlert
Robert Gold
John Green
Charles Hanlon
Jim Healey
Jeremy Krock
Michael Levine
George McKay
Michael Stahl
Todd Stanley
Jim Szantor
Robert Tiefenbacher
Everett Wiggins
Ken Willey

2005

Richard Barbieri
John Beal
Brian Borawski
Shayne Bradley
Don Casper
Timothy Connaughton
John Costello
Bonnie Crosby
Michael Curtin

Juanita Erickson
John Galm
Michael Garvey
Larry Gifford
Richard Gordon
Russ Grove
Robert Harmon
Ken Jacobsen
Charles Marciano
Thomas McDade
Ed Mickelson
Mary Mickelson
Lawrence Oberman
Carolyn Pappas
Todd Peterson
Catherine Petroski
Stephen Rittenberg
Greg Rosenbaum
Robert Sawyer
Todd Stephenson
George Thompson
Marlene Vogelsang
Bob Weidel
Matthew Willis
Daniel Yfrach

2006

Sam Allen
Malcolm Allen
Steve Ames
Denis Boyle
Peter Carlton
Robert Chrush
Angel Colon
Ira Cooperman
Sidney Davis
James Dayboch
Elena Elms
Verona Elms
Rick Fizdale
Michelle Francis
Homer Goehrs
John Paul Hill
Justice Hill
Frank Kearney
Phil Keren
David Keren

Vic Koenig
Walter Lipka
Richard Moss
Chris Najork
Ren Petrie
Peter Pierce
Layton Revel
Carl Rinder
Corianne Rogalsky
Dick Rosen
Wayne Sheehan
Larry Slagle
Andrew Susedik
Ronald Taterka
Bob Thomas
Wayne Vitty
Fred Whitaker
Richard Zacks

2007

Dudley Baker
Parker Bena
Thomas Boone
Ken Breen
Richard Buxton
John Carvalho
Arnold Cohen
Joseph Cowan
Tom Crisp
Michael Daponde
Merial Eichhorn
John Ferreira
David Fitt
Bill Grimes
Daisuke Hoshikawa
Steven Leffew
Ira Levine
Dennis Link
Loris Magnani
Mariann Maris
Blake Meyer
John Milner
John O'Gara
Mark O'Hara
Richard Oller
Paul O'Rourke
Roberto Ortiz

Richard Perez
Wayne Phillips
Steve Pulkkinen
Leonard Rowe
Marilyn Schouweiler
Joe Sebes
William Shea
David Shpigler
Donald Spivey
Peter Stewart
Dennis Strobel
Katherine Surman
Alex Tepperman
Don Torizzo
Raymond Wellspeak
Steve Wilson
Ronald York

2008

Albert Anderson
Nathaniel Berger
Kenneth Callahan
John Cappello
Mick Hickok
Karen Hunter
Dwayne Isgrig
Matthew Martins
Tom Murphy
Yusuke Okada
Patrick Park
Michael Schneider
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History

The Society for American Baseball Research has come a long way since 16 individuals met around two tables at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York, on August 10, 1971. SABR has grown to over 6,800 members and added research committees, regional groups, and a variety of other membership services.

Once “SABR Who?” was a familiar question. Today, nearly all baseball publications make some reference to SABR or SABR members. Professional baseball executives and media are well aware of the collective expertise and talents of SABR members. Slowly, but surely, more and more general baseball fans are learning about SABR.

SABR is the brainchild of L. Robert “Bob” Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed free-lance articles to *The Sporting News*. When *The Sporting News* discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, “Baseball Briefs.” The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 “statisticians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group.

The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society’s objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information.

In addition to Davids (who passed away in February of 2002), the original members included Dan Dischley, Paul Frisz (deceased), Dan Ginsburg, Raymond Gonzalez, William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Tom Hufford, Cliff Kachline, Bob McConnell, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemec, John Pardon, Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic, and Keith Sutton (deceased).



Participants at SABR’s first meeting on August 10, 1971 at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York. Back row (left to right): Neil Campbell, Bill Haber, Keith Sutton, Dan Dischley, Dan Ginsburg, Tom Hufford, Ray Nemec. Front row (left to right): Cliff Kachline, Ray Gonzalez, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, Bob Davids. Campbell, almost hidden behind Kachline, was a visitor at the meeting. Pat McDonough is the only founding SABR member not pictured.