

**APPENDIX 2:
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

SABR Asian Baseball Committee – Annual Summary
(Activities July 2013 to June 2014)

Members and friends of the SABR Asian Baseball Committee contributed to the following live events/papers, publications and digital media activities that enhanced our collective knowledge of Asian baseball in 2013-2014. Annual highlights include:

LIVE EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS & PAPERS

August 29, 2013

Arizona Parks & Recreation Association (APRA) Awards – Outstanding Multi-Cultural Program: Celebrating Japanese American Baseball in Arizona, with the Oakland Athletics. <http://youtu.be/sCxAocNQy-c>

November 15, 2013

Arizona JACL Senior Center – Presentation on Japanese American Baseball in Arizona.

January 16, 2014

Third Thursday at the Tempe History Museum – Baseball in Japanese-American Internment Camps.

March 7, 2014

Sibley Book Store – book signing, Bill Staples, Kenichi Zenimura Japanese American Baseball Pioneer

March to May 2014

Team Sponsorship, Chandler Girls Softball League, Zenimura.com (to promote the blog of Bill Staples)

May 15, 2014

AMA Spectrum Awards -- Outstanding Multi-Cultural Integrated Marketing Campaign: Celebrating Japanese American Baseball in Arizona, with the Oakland Athletics.

May 2014, Cooperstown Symposium, Cooperstown, NY

- Henry Wiggins Goes to Japan: Jim Brosnan and the 1958 St. Louis Cardinals Tour of Japan, Adam Berenbak (Center for Legislative Archives: Washington, District of Columbia)
- The Unknown World Travelers: The Reach All-American of 1908, Keith Spalding Robbins (Wake Forest, North Carolina)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites (JACS) Grant Program – With support from the Nisei Baseball Research Project and the SABR Asian Baseball Committee, the City of Chandler submitted a proposal and was awarded a grant for \$9,380 to construct the Nozomi Park History Kiosk. The City of Chandler will create and install a kiosk at Nozomi Park, a multi-use recreational park with baseball fields. Originally known as West Chandler, the

park was renamed Nozomi – Japanese for “hope” – in 2011 to honor the Japanese Americans who were detained in Arizona. The kiosk will provide an overview of the internment in Arizona, with a focus on daily life and the importance of baseball at the Gila River Internment Camp. The kiosk is scheduled to be installed in spring 2015.

Ichiro Career Hit 4,000 – The SABR Asian Baseball Committee drafted and distributed a news release saluting New York Yankee outfielder Ichiro Suzuki on achieving milestone hit 4,000 in his international professional baseball career. Link: <http://sabr.org/latest/sabr-asian-baseball-research-committee-salutes-ichiro-suzuki-4000th-career-hit>

Reporter Assistance – Members of the Asian Baseball Research Committee assisted reporters with research on the following projects:

- Daniel Engber, NY Times, article on Thundersticks, June 2014
- Eric Benson, ESPN/Grantland, article on Japanese interpreters, April 2014 (work-in-progress)
- Tracy Ringolsby, MLB.com, article Masanori Murakami's first spring training, March 2014 (story originally pitched to Barry Bloom, passed to Ringolsby)
- Koichi Ito, Kyodo News (Japan), numerous stories on Nisei baseball for Japanese press.

100th Anniversary of Seattle Asahi Goodwill Trip to Japan (1914-2014) – Submitted a proposal to the Seattle Mariners and the Seattle chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to honor the 100th anniversary of the first Nikkei tour to Japan in 1914 by the Seattle Asahi. Celebration included public-education opportunity, media coverage, and throw-back uniforms of the 1914 Seattle Asahi ball club worn by the Seattle Mariners. *Proposal rejected by the Seattle Mariners.*

MLB Honors Japanese American Baseball in Amateur Draft – Submitted a proposal to MLB requesting that they honor Japanese American ballplayers who played behind barbed wire during WWII by drafting one pioneer/player per MLB team, similar to 2008 MLB draft honoring Negro Leaguers (link: http://mlb.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20080605&content_id=2845552&fext=.jsp)
Proposal rejected by Major League Baseball.

MLB Civil Rights Game and Japanese Americans – Submitted a proposal to MLB requesting that the annual civil rights game be expanded to include others who were historically marginalized by the U.S. government and the game of baseball. The years 2013-2015 mark the 70th anniversary of baseball in the Japanese American Internment Camps. In 1980 President Reagan declared that the unjust incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII was one of the greatest violations of civil rights in our country. We asked MLB officials to recognize this as well and expand the Civil Rights game to honor the Japanese Americans interned in the US during WWII. *Proposal rejected by Major League Baseball.*

Buck O'Neil Award Nomination – The National Baseball Hall of Fame Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award honors an individual whose “extraordinary efforts enhanced baseball's positive impact on society, broadened the game's appeal, and whose character, integrity and dignity are comparable to the qualities exhibited by O'Neil.” In partnership with the Nisei Baseball Research Project, we supported the campaign to nominate Kenichi Zenimura (1900-1968), the Father of Japanese American Baseball, for the 2014 Buck O'Neil award. *Proposal rejected by the National Baseball Hall of Fame.*

PUBLICATIONS

The National Pastime: From Swampoodle to South Philly

Journal from the 2013 SABR Convention:

- Dropping the Pitch: Leona Kearns, Eddie Ainsmith and the Philadelphia Bobbies, By Barbara Gregorich
 - Leona Kearns was a young woman, a teenage pitcher during the Roaring Twenties. Eddie Ainsmith was once a major-league catcher. When their lives intersected during a tour of Japan in 1925, tragedy was the result.
 - Article inclusion in TNP coordinated by the SABR Asian Baseball Research Committee members.

SABR Bio Projects Completed

Multiple bios about MLB players in Asia were published between July 2013 and June 2014. Highlights from the list include:

- Matty Alou, by Mark Armour
- Benny Ayala, by Rory Costello
- Lefty Gomez, by C. Paul Rogers III
- Frank Howard, by Mark Armour
- Lefty O'Doul, by Brian McKenna
- Roy White, by James Lincoln Ray

New Books

The following books related to Asian baseball were published between July 2013 and June 2014:

- Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural, Economic, and Political History Xiaojian Zhao and Edward J.W. Park, Editors, November 2013, ABC-CLIO/Greenwood (includes contributions from several SABR members)
- Diamond Gods Of the Morning Sun: The Vancouver Asahi Baseball Story, By Ron Hotchkiss, 2013
- Beyond the Final Score: The Politics of Sport in Asia, By Victor D. Cha, 2013
- A People and a Nation, Volume II: Since 1865, Brief Edition, By Mary Beth Norton, Jane Kamensky, Carol Sheriff, David W. Blight, Howard Chudacoff, 2014
- The transfer of Japanese baseball players to major league baseball: have Japanese ball players been internationalized? by Keiji Kawai and Matt Nichol, Internationalising Japan: Discourse and Practice, December 2013
- A Baseball Giant: Eiji Sawamura, by Nicolas Brasch, Shell Educational Publishing, Oct 1, 2013
- Baseball's New Frontier: A History of Expansion, 1961-1998, By Fran Zimniuch, 2013
- A People's History of Sports in the United States: 250 Years of Politics, By David Zirin, 2013
- Baseball in Hawai'i, By Jim Vitti, 2014
- Marilyn Monroe & Joe DiMaggio - Love In Japan, Korea & Beyond, By Jennifer Jean Miller, 2014
- Ichiro Suzuki (2nd Revised Edition), by Jeff Savage, 2014

Book Research/Projects Forthcoming

The SABR Asian Baseball Research committee members provided research assistance on the following projects:

- The Sukiyaki Song - The Unfulfilled Dreams of Masanori Murakami, by Rob Fitts, University of Nebraska Press
- Japanese American Baseball in California, by Kerry Yo Nakagawa
- Biography of Kenichi Zenimura (Japanese version), by Yoshi Kawakami
- Stockton Japanese at the 1935 National Baseball Congress Tournament, by Kazuo Sayama

Committee Communications: Newsletter(s) & Conferences

- Spring 2014
- Teleconference/Webinar on July 24, 2013 (SABR members from California, Indiana, Massachusetts, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Japan and Korea participated).

DIGITAL

Social media

- Asian Baseball Community, <https://www.facebook.com/asianbaseball>
- Nisei Baseball Research Project, <https://www.facebook.com/niseibaseball>

Blogs

- Gary Ashwill (Multi-ethnic Baseball) <http://agatetype.typepad.com/>
- Patrick Bourgo (Korean Baseball) <http://myso-calledresearch.blogspot.kr/>
- Gary Cieradkowski (Multi-ethnic baseball) <http://infinitecardset.blogspot.com/>
- Rob Fitts (Japanese & Nikkei Baseball) <http://blog.robfitss.com/>
- Daigo Fujiwara (Japanese Baseball) <http://blog.japaneseballplayers.com/>
- Patrick Gordon (Japanese Baseball) <http://blog.philadelphiabaseballreview.com/>
- Bill Staples, Jr. (Nikkei Baseball) <http://www.zenimura.com/>

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Report Submitted by:
Bill Staples, Jr., Chair
Daigo Fujiwara, Vice-Chair

**SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH
BASEBALL ARTS COMMITTEE
RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT, 2014**

What gods or heroes, whose brave deeds none can dispute,
Will you record, O Clio, on the harp or flute?
What lofty names shall sportive Echo grant a place
On Pindus' crown or Helicon's cool, shadowy space?¹

SABR's Baseball Arts occupies a unique place among SABR committees that research and celebrate baseball, for there's art in all aspects of the national pastime, be it history, literature, music, the knuckleball and the curveball, from photography to ballpark architecture, as it is found in stage dramas, cinema or novels, on the tee shirts and the ubiquitous ball cap, the souvenirs and memorabilia, the "cuisine" at the park, and even sabermetricians must accede some of their territory over to baseball artisans who can claim of piece of them all. The Arts Committee was once devoted exclusively to music and poetry, and then was re-dedicated with a larger mandate open to all the arts – and baseball is Art no matter how viewed, be it from the grandstand, the big screen or from pages in a book.

Over the past year, committee members have exchanged research in many area, from unique historical finds, to getting the word out about new publications, and answering questions and solving mysteries that often consume the most stalwart of researchers. There is still devotion to its original interests in music and poetry. Questions regarding Jack Dempsey, requests for materials for including baseball history in school curriculums, the evolution of baseball cartoons, finding a obscure baseball quotes and references are what the Arts Committee has been involved in over the past year. The Arts Committee will continue to be a refuge for those who find art in baseball and know they can still find joy in Mudville.

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out to the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I NEVER get back . . .

You know the rest.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Hulbert
Jeff Campbell
Baseball Arts Committee

2014 Baseball and the Media Committee Annual Report
Chuck Hildebrandt, Chair (chuck.sabr@gmail.com)

We have just completed the first full year of existence for the Baseball and the Media Research Committee as of this past March 17. The committee continues to be chaired by Chuck Hildebrandt, with John McMurray serving as vice chair.

The mission of the committee is to provide research pertaining to the media's coverage of baseball as both news (i.e., the story of baseball journalism and its impact on the evolution of baseball as a cultural and commercial phenomenon) and as an event (i.e., the story of the in-game coverage of baseball games, from telegraph to radio to television to Internet).

The growth of the committee continues to be strong. We are currently at 163 members as of June 17, 2014, and increase of +46% since the release of last year's annual report and surpassing eight other already-existing committees. The committee boasts several high profile members who ply their trade in the baseball media, including MLB official historian John Thorn; ESPN baseball columnist Jayson Stark; MLB Network broadcaster Brian Kenny; and prominent baseball media author Curt Smith.

In the past year, we created four key databases:

- (1) MLB Broadcaster/Flagship, detailing all radio and TV flagship stations as well as broadcasters for each MLB team back to 1921.
- (2) Network TV Broadcasts, with details for every one of those back to 1947.
- (3) Radio Station Affiliates, for every MLB team starting with 2013
- (4) Sportswriters, focusing primarily on baseball and maintained by Bill Burgess with help from committee member Tony DeMarco.

We will identify needs for additional databases throughout the upcoming year.

We also launched a feature called 2013 Local Game Broadcast Reviews, in which we enlisted the help of committee members to listen to game broadcasts and write a review for publication by the Committee. The intention was to review all sixty English language broadcasts, encompassing radio and TV for each of the thirty teams. It was an ambitious project that unfortunately fell short of the goal, completing thirty-four of them, although all of them have been published. If we take up this project in future years, a post mortem will be conducted to determine how best to increase the chances of completing review of all sixty teams' broadcasts.

Earlier this year, we went live with our content website, SABRmedia.org, which was officially announced in our committee's newsletter released earlier this week. The website is currently one of the few launched by any SABR research committee that is a dedicated content hub for the committee's output. In addition to serving as a repository of feature articles written for the committee, it will also house the several databases (referred to above) that the committee will maintain, as well as serve as a source of news pertaining to baseball media as it happens.

In 2014 and 2015, we will continue to build on the content we have developed for the Committee so far and hope to identify other projects that will spur the interest and activity of not only those SABR members who have signed up for the Media committee, but also of other SABR members who have an interest in contributing to the building of a rich and substantial store of information, analysis, insight and reference material about baseball media. In particular, we hope to

interest members of other SABR research committees to undertake projects or feature stories that contemplate the baseball media angle to the committee of which they are already a member.

Baseball Index Project

The past year has been schizophrenic for The Baseball Index Project. We have continued to make steady progress expanding the content of the online database for baseball research. We have nearly 7,000 entries ready to be added to the database. We have had significant contributions during the year from Steve Milman on books, and Bill Lamb, Tom Mueller and myself on various periodicals, especially Baseball Digest.

Unfortunately, we have continued to make no progress on fixing the software problems with the database. A year ago, we reached agreement with a consultant to build us a new system. However, he flaked out on us after taking a few initial steps. I am actively looking for an individual or a company which is able and willing to do such work. Any help in this area would be deeply appreciated. The old system continues to work for researchers. However, we have not been able to add new material (such as those 7,000 entries) for several years. Nor have we been able to make several improvements in the database software which we have envisioned.

SABR records show us with 311 members, but less than a handful are active.

Andy McCue, Project Director

Biographical Research Committee Yearly Report 2014

The Biographical Committee has had an amazingly good year. More online resources, especially from the previously inaccessible state of Pennsylvania, have come online and this has helped us immensely. Several players had either been misidentified or had no first name at all and we were able to solve many of those mysteries.

The biggest find of the year was probably William White. White played in 1879 and is distinctive because his father was a plantation owner who had a child with one of his slaves, William White's mother. This means that White was the first player to play in the major leagues who would have been barred by the color line at a later date. Peter Morris looked for White for years and eventually found that he died in Chicago in 1937.

Two players who played in the 20th century had been misidentified and have now been found. We had a death date for Ben Froelich, but the player was actually Al Froelich, an entirely different man. We looked for 1911 Pittsburgh outfielder Jerry Dorsey for years with no success. Once we determined his real name was Jerry Darcy, he became very easy to find. We also had Ramon Romero, a pitcher from 1984-85, who had completely vanished. I had no idea he was missing, but Tom Hufford had been looking for him for 20 years. Tom was finally able to determine that he died in 1988.

Other players we found include William Stratton, Samuel Shaw, John McCarthy, Harry Scherer, Eugene Moriarty, Henry Morgan, William Hyndman, George Newell, Levin Jones, Harry Wilson, John Fischer, James Graham, Harry Ely, Tom Long, Charles Kelly, Henry Gilroy, Pearce Chiles, and William Moore.

Lots of players remain that need to be found and the committee can always use new members anxious to do research.

Bill Carle, Committee Chairman
June 17, 2014

BioProject Committee

2014 Annual Report

May 30, 2014

The 2014 convention will mark the 12th anniversary of the founding of the BioProject Committee. Our 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.

The project includes a large staff of people who help considerably. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our lists of assigned subjects and authors. Jan Finkel heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products. Bill Nowlin helps foster and advise team or regional projects. Warren Corbett heads a team of fact checkers. Emily Hawks leads an initiative to focus on younger writers and more recent subjects.

We continue to encourage and support “group” projects, and these efforts have led to the publication of five books since last year’s convention. This makes 24 books since the project began. There should be several more in the next year.

Early this year we began publishing articles from the Baseball Games Project, devoted to writing articles about individual games. The project is just getting going, and we hope to spin this off into its own entity soon.

As of today we have completed 2837 articles and hope to get close over 2900 by the convention at the end of July. We have about 800 biographies in progress, hopefully to be handed in at a later day.

The committee looks forward to a productive 13th year..

Mark Armour

Chair, BioProject Committee

Black Sox Scandal Committee 2013-14 Annual Report

It's been an exciting year for Black Sox researchers. The biggest discovery was the unveiling of a newsreel film featuring nearly five minutes of game action from the 1919 World Series. The newsreel was originally filmed by British Canadian Pathé News and preserved for decades in an old swimming pool-turned-hockey rink in the Yukon until it was re-discovered in the Canadian national archive in January 2014 by Chicago filmmaker Bill Morrison. It is not the first footage available of the 1919 World Series, but it is perhaps the highest quality video available of the games on the field.

The Pathé newsreel includes never-before-seen footage from the first and fourth innings of Game One of the 1919 World Series, plus an aerial flyover of Redland Field in Cincinnati and a panorama of the ballplayers in makeshift dugouts, and a shot of fans gathered in New York City to “watch” the game on a mechanical scoreboard.

In our June 2014 committee newsletter, SABR member Bruce Allardice also made several important discoveries that shed new light on Joseph "Sport" Sullivan, Nat Evans, and Abraham "Rachael" Brown, three of the gamblers involved in the fixing of the 1919 Series. Sullivan's life before and after the 1919 Series has long been a mystery, but Allardice tracked down a rarely published photograph of Sullivan, along with a Boston obituary that has somehow escaped notice for decades.

In our December 2013 committee newsletter, Bill Lamb clarified once and for all the myth of the "signed confessions" of Joe Jackson, Eddie Cicotte, and other Black Sox stars. A prominent auction house publicly offered a \$1 million reward for the documents last summer. Lamb explained why the artifacts do not exist, and how this commonly held misunderstanding has remained intact over the years.

At the SABR 43 convention in Philadelphia, the committee hosted a panel discussion on August 2, 2013, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Eight Men Out*, which was published by Eliot Asinof in 1963. The special guest speakers were Pat Anderson, niece and surrogate daughter of Buck Weaver; author Bill Lamb; and Chicago Baseball Museum president David Fletcher. Anderson told stories about growing up with her uncle Buck and aunt Helen, while Lamb, Fletcher and moderator Jacob Pomrenke discussed the legacy of *Eight Men Out*.

While in Philadelphia, committee members Jacob Pomrenke, Jim Hawking, and Bob Komoroski also engaged in a research trip to view the uncatalogued James T. Farrell papers at the University of Pennsylvania Library. They found a lengthy handwritten article by Farrell that went into detail about what it was like to sit in the left-field bleachers during the 1919 World Series, along with early drafts of Farrell's articles on Ray Schalk, the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the White Sox of the 1950s.

— Submitted by Jacob Pomrenke

Business of Baseball Committee Annual Report

The business of baseball committee activates and supports new baseball research through resources, including completed research, tools and data, and community-building opportunities.

Since the last annual report, the committee produced two new editions of Outside the Lines. Thanks to Don Frank, Kenneth Winter, Jerry Swenson, Allan Wood, and Mike Hauptert for their contributions to Outside the Lines. The latest edition also introduced a “Recently Published Research” section. All committee newsletter are available at <http://sabr.org/research/business-baseball-research-committee-newsletters>.

A finding aid was added to the digitized version of Federal League v. American League, National League, and National Commission case of 1915, located at <http://sabr.org/research/1915-Federal-League-case-files>. The History of the Winter Meetings book chapters continue to progress.

All SABR members are welcome to join and participate in the committee. If you are interested in getting involved, or believe there is a cross-committee opportunity, please contact one or both of the committee chairs.

2013- 2014 ANNUAL REPORT COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

The Collegiate Baseball Committee held its Annual Meeting at SABR 43 with 30 in attendance.

The Fall Newsletter became available for distribution in January 2014.

The Spring Newsletter became available for distribution on June 11, 2014.

We published all collegians who attended either a Senior or Junior college making their Major League debuts in 2014.

We continued publishing a “necrology” of former collegiate baseball coaches who passed away.

Published a list of active college coaches with 1,000 or more career victories.

Corroborated Bill Nowlin’s suspicions that Bernie Friberg did not attend Colby College as many reference sources report.

Held a conversation with Mike Gustafson, Director of the College Baseball Hall of Fame about possible collaborations between the Collegiate Baseball Committee and the “Hall”. Gustafson will speak during our upcoming committee meeting in Houston.

The chair obtained an electronic copy of previous chair Rick Benner's coach and college data, the source of what currently exists in SABRpedia for college information.

Held informal discussions about creating a college baseball database. No decisions reached and a preliminary scope document outlines a large project.

Karl Green

Chair, Collegiate Committee

June 15, 2014

2014 Deadball Era Committee Annual Report
John McMurray, Chair (deadball@sabr.org)

Now in its fourteenth 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 remains one of the largest in SABR. More than 100 committee members contributed to *Deadball Stars of the National League* (published in 2007) and its companion, *Deadball Stars of the National League* (published in 2004).

The Committee is chaired by John McMurray with Trey Strecker as Vice Chair. The Committee publishes its newsletter, "The Inside Game," four times each year under the editorial direction of newsletter editor Bill Lamb and Assistant Editors Mark Dugo and Bob Harris. Newsletter issues typically are about thirty pages in length and often include original research. The newsletter is distinguished by the depth of its book reviews, which are overseen by Book Review Editor Dr. Gail Rowe, and critiques of the period.

Under the supervision of Gail Rowe, the Deadball Era Committee presents the Ritter Award annually to the best book focused primarily on the Deadball Era published during the year prior. This year, the ten-member Ritter Award subcommittee selected Mike Lackey's *Spitballing: The Baseball Days of Long Bob Ewing* (Orange Frazer Press) as the thirteenth winner of the Ritter Award.

The DEC continues work on a new project initiated in 2011, co-chaired by Steve Steinberg and DEC Chair Emeritus Tom Simon, to chronicle the World Series of the Deadball Era primarily through photographs. With Steinberg as photo editor and Simon as text editor, the project also has separate chapter editors in place for each different Deadball Era World Series.

In addition, Deadball Era Committee members have been devoted to writing biographies of contemporary players for SABR's BioProject, which are posted exclusively online. Dialogue on matters of interest to members occurs on the Committee's active online discussion group.

Committee members remain committed to fulfilling the mission of the Deadball Era Committee and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein which characterizes both our Committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

Educational Resources Committee

The SABR Educational Resources Committee held its annual meeting at the National Convention in Philadelphia amid much interest. Leslie Heaphy and colleagues at Kent State have developed a prototype database of resources for teachers and academics using baseball for teaching various academic subjects. We are in the process of finding the best practices and simplest model for maintaining and updating this starter database for best use by SABR members.

The Latino baseball committee (2014)

submitted by Anthony Salazar, chair (salazar8017@yahoo.com)

Description

The Latino Baseball Committee seeks to educate the public of the rich and illustrious history of the Latin contribution to the game of baseball. The committee provides interesting research on many nuances in baseball's history. From Latinos in the Negro Leagues and professional baseball in the Caribbean, to the ever-growing number of Latinos in baseball today, there is much work to be done as we continue to explore new stories to tell.

Status

The committee has undergone a leadership change over the past year, but has not gained traction this past half year. A renewed dedication will re-launch the committee's publication, beginning summer 2014, with news, stories and features, edited by Anthony Salazar, the committee's chair.

Goals

The committee will look to further outreach to SABR's research committee's where interests intersect, from Asians in baseball to Pictorial History, to Baseball and the Media. The committee chair will work with SABR's technical director to launch the committee's website, to further the committee's goals, and provide a robust and dynamic resource for those studying the Latino story in baseball. By increasing these efforts, the committee chair hopes to grow the committee substantially, further increasing awareness and advocacy.

Thanks

The Latino baseball committee thanks SABR's leadership and staff for their dedication to preserving baseball history and the research enterprise.

The Negro Leagues Committee Report

The Negro Leagues Committee had another successful year. Their quarterly newspaper *The Courier* goes out to roughly 700 members. Since our last convention, we have lost the following 13 Negro League veterans: Willie Sheelor, Roberto Vargas, Birmingham Sam Brison, Bill Blair, Gene Johnson, Tommy Turner, Warren O'Neil, Marvin Price, Otha Bailey, Cliff DuBose, Clarence Turner, Mickey Stubblefield, and John "Mule" Miles.

The Negro League Committee continues to raise funds to purchase headstones for unmarked graves of former players and executives. Starting in September of 2004, these efforts, led by Dr. Jeremy Krock, have resulted in 30 headstones being placed. The most recent dedication was for Hall of Famer Sol White, who died in 1955, in New York, and is buried in Frederick Douglas Memorial Park. View this webpage for more information: <http://www.larrylester42.com/sol-white-dedication.html>

Upcoming headstone dedications include William Henry Binga (died in 1950), and Grant "Home Run" Johnson (died in 1963). More information can be found at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/grave-markers.html>

This year's \$2500 Thomas R. Garrett Memorial Scholarship winners are: Tiffany Bowman from Troy High School in California, and a National Merit finalist Abraham Griesbauer was homeschooled in Troy, Missouri. Their winning essays were based on the topic "Who is Rube Foster and why is he significant to Negro League history?"

The winners of our \$1,000 Library Grants were awarded to: East Point Elementary School of El Paso, Texas, and the J. Garfield Jackson Academy in East Orange, New Jersey.

The cash winners of our 2013 National Art Competition were: Kat Flyn for her "Time to Turn the Page" (Professional Category), John Everett for "CAG, 1917" (Amateur), and Amy Steverson for "Josh Gibson, DH" (Youth). More information can be found at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/art-competition.html>

Noteworthy publications include:

- *Black Baseball, Black Business* by Robert J. Newman and Joel Nathan Rosen
- *Outsider Baseball: The Weird World of hardball on the Fringe, 1876-1950* by Scott Simkus
- *My Baseball Journey from the Negro Leagues to the Majors and Beyond* by George Altman with Lew Freedman
- *The Forgotten History of African American Baseball* by Lawrence D. Hogan
- *Jackie & Campy: The Untold Story of Their Rocky Relationship and the Breaking of Baseball's Color Line* by William C. Kashatus
- *Color Blind: The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball's Color Line* by Tom Dunkel
- *The Coal Barons Played Cuban Giants* by Paul Browne
- *Bud Fowler: Baseball's First Black Professional* by Jeffrey Michael Laing

Other notable events include:

In August, immediately following last year's convention, several former players and widows joined President Barack Obama for a Meet & Greet in the Blue Room of the White House. The group included Mrs. Leon Day, Mrs. Bert Simmons, Mrs. Mamie Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Forbes, Carl Long, Larry LeGrande, James "Red" Moore, Cliff Layton, Minnie Minoso, Bob Scott, Jim Robinson and Ron Teasley.

The Jerry Malloy Conference in Newark, NJ, was "Unforgettable." The theme was: Pop, Max, Effa and Blackball in the Garden State." The Yogi Berra Museum hosted our "Meet & Greet" and the Bowser Elementary School stole the show with their "Negro Leagues Wax Museum" performance. Awesome.

More information can be found at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/newark---2013.html>

The University of Maryland announced the creation of an annual award in honor of the sports journalist or broadcaster who has made "significant contributions to racial and gender equality in sports." The **Sam Lacy-Wendell Smith Award** will be chosen by an eight-person panel.

Minnie Minoso received the **Roberto Clemente Award** for Sports Excellence by the National Council of La Raza.

Elwood "Bingo" DeMoss is inducted into the **Shawnee County Baseball Hall of Fame** in Topeka, Kansas.

Ernie Banks received the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**, the nation's highest civilian honor.

The "**Bud Fowler Way**" street was dedicated in Cooperstown, NY.

2013-2014 Nineteenth Century Committee Annual Report

Since our last annual business meeting during SABR 43 in Philadelphia last summer (2013) our Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends Project had a successful transition of leadership with Adam Darowski taking over the reins of the project committee from founding Chairman Joe Williams who remains on that committee. Darowski successfully guided the committee through its 6th election cycle and the second cycle of the new Committee-wide Primary elections in January and the new SABR-wide final elections in June.

Nineteenth Century Committee Vice-Chair, Bob Bailey again serving as Editor-in-Chief of our quarterly newsletter, *Nineteenth Century Notes* published four issues in a timely fashion. In all, nearly a dozen articles for the year, across approximately fifty printed pages.

The Committee also hosted the sixth annual Fredrick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference on April 11-12 at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. In all, over sixty persons attended the conference and/or its luncheon, welcoming dinner or post conference gathering. This year the conference was increased in duration slightly to add a seventh research presentation, and included a panel discussion lead by John Thorn on "Outsider Baseball", a member interview (Alma Ivor-Campbell), a keynote address (Dorothy Seymour Mills), a Special Presentation (Bob Mayer) and the usual good fellowship of all who attended.

This year in a project led by committee member, Bill Lamb, members of the committee selected a 19th Century All-Star team that will compete in a simulated All-Star Game against Dead Ball Era All-Stars during SABR 44 in Houston under the auspices of SABR's Games and Simulations Committee.

Finally, the Nineteenth Century Committee in collaboration with SABR's Origins Committee will present a first time city-specific 19th century baseball interdisciplinary symposium. This NYC based event will be held all day Saturday, November 15, 2014 at John Jay College in Manhattan. The program has been designed to allow SABR 19th-century baseball experts to interface with local historians, academicians, curators and other experts to gain additional understanding of the social, economic, technological, political and other 19th century forces in NYC that shaped baseball there and to provide these same local experts with

insights into how baseball was impacting 19th-century NYC. The larger vision behind this NYC symposium is the development of similar future symposia in other cities. NYC Historian, Dr. Steven H. Jaffe will be the symposium's luncheon keynote speaker.

Peter Mancuso, Chairman
Nineteenth Century Committee
June, 2014

SABR Oral History committee newsletter, 2013-14

Justin Murphy and Paul Ringel, co-chairs

We had three goals for the year:

- 1) *Determine the extent and condition of existing Oral History materials and attempt to catalog them.* We made little progress in this task, partly as a result of temporary disarray at the Hall of Fame and partly because neither of us has easy access to Cooperstown or Phoenix.
- 2) *Compile a list of elderly baseball players who might be good targets for an interview.* We went through a list of living players, by age, and identified those who have not been interviewed. We then found addresses and determined which SABR chapter each ex-player lived closest to. An Excel file is attached.
- 3) *Find other materials online that might be collected as oral histories – for example, recorded interviews done by BioProject authors.* We notified the chairman of the BioProject committee about this idea, but otherwise made no progress.

Pictorial History Committee

Part I

Here's our core activity since the last convention:

23 players found

1 manager found

24 umpires found

17 misidentified players corrected

3 misidentified players returned to the missing player list

In addition we worked with Baseball-Reference.com to correct 66 player ID errors on player pages.

The current missing lists stand at:

519 missing players
15 missing managers
521 missing umpires

The Committee is also working on a Negro League player index, but is not ready to release a missing list at this time.

Part II – Awards

The first ever George Michael SABR Pictorial History Committee Award was given to Marc Okkonen.

Part II – newsletters

We have issued three newsletters:

July 2013: Featured a frequently misidentified photo of Benny Bowcock that first appeared in a Spalding Guide and ultimately resulted in a misidentified baseball card, and a previously unknown photo of the 1887 Washington NL club. We also showed that a cdv of the 1865 Brooklyn Atlantics recently auctioned was actually a previously unknown matching stereo half of a well-known image of that team.

November 2011: We featured a well-known 1900's Polo Grounds photo that had been, at different times, claimed by its owner to depict both the 9-22-1908 Merkle Game and the 10-8-1908 Merkle Game replay (clearly it couldn't be both). It had been published multiple times with both claims. We proved that it could not possibly be a depiction of either game, and that it was very likely taken in 1907. This issue had a circulation of over 1000 (highest of any committee newsletter in 2013).

April 2014: Featured the announcement of our committee award bestowed upon Marc Okkonen. It also featured some amazing newly found Polo Grounds photos that really do depict the Merkle Game replay.

T. Scott Brandon, Mark Fimoff, Cary Smith

Statistical Analysis Committee

As of June, 2014, the SABR Statistical Analysis Committee is comprised of some 1,134 members who share an interest in Sabermetrics.

In 2013-14, we published three issues of "By the Numbers," (BTN) the committee newsletter. BTN is more a journal than a newsletter; we feature original research studies, and committee communications and announcements are handled through the SABR website rather than the newsletter. This has allowed us to promote BTN to the wider research community, and we have many regular readers outside of SABR's virtual walls.

Our 2013-14 publication schedule was a significant increase from our typical output, equal to the total of the previous three years. We are at the mercy of researchers inside and outside SABR who may or may not provide enough submissions for regular publication. Sabermetrics is probably the most popular area of study in the baseball research community, and analysts have a wide range of outlets for publishing their work. Many have expressed a preference for publishing on the web, rather than through SABR: the turnaround is faster, and the interactive nature of the web provides them faster feedback and recognition.

I am encouraged by the increased interest we have seen this year, and hope it continues. However, I suspect we will not soon return to the early days of BTN, such as 1999, when we had more than enough submissions for our quarterly schedule, and of very high quality.

In that light, the Statistical Analysis Committee has, in practice, a different function from some of SABR's other committees. It's just one of many, many places that sabmetricians can pursue their research in a peer-to-peer setting, rather than, as other committees are, the primary community for those interested in a certain area of baseball research.

Further, committee members have noted that much of the statistical analysis with which SABR is credited takes place in other forums than the Statistical Analysis Committee. For instance, we were not involved in SABR's participation in the Rawlings Gold Glove Award, and sabermetric submissions to the "Baseball Research Journal" are peer-reviewed separate from BTN. Some members have commented on this at our annual meeting, and I suspect the topic will come up again, on how we can participate more actively in SABR's other statistically-oriented endeavors.

Our research discussion group on Yahoo!, "Statistical Analysis" (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/StatisticalAnalysis/info>), has 271 subscribers, and reasonably active community discussions. Every sabermetrics site on the web has a slightly different emphasis and tone; in my view, ours has a SABR "flavor" of the kind you find on SABR-L, as well as the advantage of SABR members' warm collegiality.

Houston will be my first convention as chair of the committee, and I hope, at this year's meeting, our members will suggest further ways in which the SAC can enhance and serve their interest in statistical analysis of baseball, for our active researchers, and also for the majority who enthusiastically receive their work.

Phil Birnbaum

SABR Women in Baseball Committee – Annual Summary (Activities July 2013 to June 2014)

Members and friends of the SABR Women in Baseball Committee contributed to the following live events/papers, publications and digital media activities that enhanced our collective knowledge of women in baseball in 2013-2014. Annual highlights include:

Presentation/Panels

SABR 43, Phila., PA (July 2013)

- **Women in Baseball: A Diverse Perspective**
Women have played our national pastime as children and adults probably as long as their male counterparts. The development of softball has largely obscured the rich history and current involvement of women in the hardball world. This discussion will bring into focus the role of women in baseball, past and present, through the real life, and varied experiences of our panel members. Speakers include **Perry Barber**, a professional umpire for more than three decades; **Kristin Mills Caldwell**, a three-time member of the U.S. National Women's Baseball Team; **Susan Ingersoll Papaneri**, Director of Baseball Administration, Philadelphia Phillies; and **Sarah Sands Ferguson**, an alumna of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Moderator: **Robin Wallace**, a National Women's Baseball Hall of Famer.
- **Miss Arlington Twirls for the Coal Heavers: Lizzie Stride (playing as “Lizzie Arlington”) Was the First Woman to Pitch in a Regulation Game in “Organized Baseball”**
Brian Engelhardt

- **Take Her Out to the Ballgame: Ladies at the Ballpark – Past and Present**
Ed Mayo

2013 Fan Fest—July 2013, NYC

- The SABR Women in Baseball panel discussion was held at the MLB All-Star FanFest in July 2013, NYC. The panel consisted of historian and author Leslie Heaphy as moderator; Amy Venuto—Ripken Baseball and Team Services, Alexa Maldonado-USA National Team Member, Perry Barber-Umpire and Wendy Shotsky-Fantasy Camp player. Panel organized by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR.org).

Individual/Group Presentations

- David Block, Jean Ardell, Dorothy Mills, Leslie Heaphy and Monica Nucciarone as they discuss the history of women in baseball. Related exhibition: [*Linedrives and Lipstick: The Untold Story of Women's Baseball*](#), Main Library, Jewett Gallery, January 25 – March 16, 2014.

Cooperstown Symposium, Cooperstown, NY (May 2014)

- **Keynote Address:** Janet Marie Smith (Los Angeles Dodgers: Los Angeles, California)
Back to the Future: Building a Ballpark, Not a Stadium
- **Skirting the Issue V: Women in Baseball (Learning Center)**
Moderator: Ira Cooperman (Chautauqua Institution: Chautauqua, New York)
Mrs. Jack – Art Collector, Muse, Mentor, and Mascot: Isabella Stewart Gardner and the Boston Red Sox
Jay Hurd (Concord Museum: Concord, Massachusetts)
The Only Girl: Athletic and Emotional Challenges for Girls Who Play Baseball on Boy's Teams in Adolescence
Jennifer Ring (University of Nevada: Reno, Nevada)
Women in the Negro Leagues
Leslie Heaphy (Kent State University-Stark: Canton, Ohio)

PUBLICATIONS

SABR Bio Projects Completed

- “The Brush Family Women”-Bill Lamb
- “Gloria Cordes Elliott”-Trish Vignola
- “Jackie Matson Baumgart” –Jim Nitz
- “Jean Faut” –Jim Sargent
- “Jean Havlish” –Anne Aronson
- “Sophie Kurys” –Jim Sargent
- “Ruth Kramer Hartman” – Brian Engelhardt
- “Jean Yawkey” –Joan Thomas

- “Eleanor Gehrig” – Tara Krieger
- <http://sabr.org/category/ongoing-group-projects/all-american-girls-professional-baseball-league>

Articles

- “Is Softball Sexist?” Emma Span, *NYT* Editorial, 6 June 2014.

Books

- *Joyce Westerman: Baseball Hero.*
- *We were the All American Girls.*

Newsletter(s)

- 3 issues sent out

Exhibit

“Line Drives and Lipstick” Exhibit—

- 6/16/2013 - 8/11/2013
Santa Fe Trail Center
Larned, KS
- 9/1/2013 - 10/20/2013
Arlington Museum of Art
Arlington, TX
- 11/10/2013 - 1/7/2014
Mesquite Arts Council
Mesquite , TX
- 1/28/2014 - 3/16/2014
San Francisco Public Library
San Francisco, CA
- 4/6/2014 - 5/25/2014
Bush Art Center, St. Norbert College Art Galleries
De Pere, WI

- 6/16/2014 - 8/11/2014
Joliet Area Historical Museum
Joliet, IL

DIGITAL

Social media

- <http://www.dorothyjanemills.com/sports-history/our-mothers-game>
- http://www.bsu.edu/eft/dirtonskirts/p_library/lib_aagpbl/libaagpbl.html
- <http://ablogoftheirown.wordpress.com/2013/05/11/five-awesome-baseball-women-who-ought-to-be-way-more-famous/>
- <http://girlsplaybaseball.wordpress.com/>

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