

2017 SABR Annual Report Appendix 2: Committee Reports

ASIAN BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Members and friends of the SABR Asian Baseball Committee contributed to the following live events/papers, publications, special projects and digital media activities that enhanced our collective knowledge of Asian baseball in 2016-17. Annual highlights include:

LIVE EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS & PAPERS

SABR 46, Miami, FL, June 2016 (archive posted in July 2016), Robert Fitts, Baseball and the Yellow Peril: Waseda University's 1905 American Tour, Audio: [Click here to listen to the presentation from SABR 46](#) (MP3; 24:57)

City of Chandler (AZ) Nozomi Park History Kiosk Dedication, January 2017,
<http://billstaples.blogspot.com/2017/01/city-of-chandler-nozomi-park-kiosk.html>

Baseball Behind Barbed Wire: Celebrating the Legacy of Japanese American Baseball, Desert Art Museum, Tucson, AZ, Jan 2017

Journey for Justice: EO 9066 75th Anniversary, JACL, Phoenix, AZ, February 2017
<http://billstaples.blogspot.com/2017/04/journey-for-justice-commemorating-75th.html>

NINE Conference, Tempe, AZ, March 2017, John Harney, "Taiwanese Baseball and Colonial Mentalities"

Lobbying & Networking for Support of Permanent Exhibit in Cooperstown for Asians in the National Pastime, JACL OCA Leadership Summit, Washington, DC, April 2017

Legacy of Japanese American Baseball, JACL Annual Scholarship Luncheon, Phoenix, Arizona, April 2017

Mashi book signing, Rob Fitts and Masanori Murakami, Legends Sports Bar, Tokyo, Japan, May 30, 2017

US-Japanese Baseball History, Educatius Group, Foreign Exchange Student program, Japanese students in US, Arizona State University & Western Michigan University, June 2017

SPECIAL PROJECTS/EVENTS

Research & Exhibits

Contributed research and content to Meridian International Center in August 2016 for exhibit Pacific Pitch in Tokyo, Japan (opened in June 2017)

Collaborated with Hawaiian genealogist David Knight on locating the obituary of Barney Joy, obit previously stated as unavailable in SABR bio (<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/797ad4f7>). Obit now posted online at: <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=114502935>, May 2017

Collaborated with National Baseball Hall of Fame on addition of historic Zenimura home plate to exhibit in Cooperstown, May 2017, <http://baseballhall.org/discover/a-field-of-dreams-in-the-arizona-desert>

Conducted research for inquiry on "Manzanar Champions Trophy dated 1943, donated by F.K.

Kurahashi”, March 2017

1935 Tokyo Giants tour to U.S., Hideo Nakamura, freelance filmmaker in NYC for Japanese media working on the 1935 Barnstorming tour of Japanese All-star Baseball team with special focus on Eiji Sawamura and Victor Starfin, January 2017

Supported photo request from Negro Leagues Baseball Museum for ESPN article that featured the 1927 Philadelphia Royal Giants tour of Japan, October 2016

Contributed research in support of new exhibit: Japanese Immigrants / Japanese Americans Playing Baseball and Softball in Colorado Exhibit, Sept. 2016

“Diamond Diplomacy,” Documentary on Historic Baseball Relationship Between Japan and U.S., (projected completion 2018), special consultant SABR member, Rob Fitts, ongoing

Supported Max Gallner, Statistician/Historian, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Sharks Athletics with research inquiry on alumni competing in Japan, pitcher Miles Mikolas, with the Yomiuri Giants, August 2016. Advised that best source for western audiences researching Japanese baseball stats is YakyuDB.com. Example:

Team: http://yakyudb.com/view-teams/team_id/2/

Player: http://yakyudb.com/view-player/player_id/10124/

Play-by-play: <http://yakyudb.com/2016/07/31/tokyo-yakult-swallows-vs-yomiuri-giants-july-31-2016/>

For video footage, Yahoo Japan is a great source: <http://baseball.yahoo.co.jp/npb/video/?team=1&date=&videotype=>

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Lefty O'Doul: Baseball's Forgotten Ambassador (University of Nebraska Press, 2017) by Dennis Snelling

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1496201159>

From San Francisco to the Ginza in Tokyo, Lefty O'Doul relates the untold story of one of baseball's greatest hitters, most colorful characters, and the unofficial father of professional baseball in Japan.

Baseball Beyond Our Borders: An International Pastime (University of Nebraska Press, 2017) by George Gmelch, Daniel A. Nathan

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1496201035>

This collection of essays tells the story of America's national pastime as it has spread across the world and undergone instructive, entertaining, and sometimes quirky changes in the process.

A History of Badger Baseball: The Rise and Fall of America's Pastime at the University of Wisconsin (University of Wisconsin Press, 2017), by Steven D. Schmitt

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0299312704>

This history of University of Wisconsin baseball, including their tours of Japan in 1909 and 1910.

Articles/Blogs

When the St. Louis Cardinals played in Korea in 1958, Korea Times, August 30, 2016 (Patrick Bourgo)

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/08/662_213036.html

Identity of Olympia Seaman Who Spoilt End of Ichiko's 1896 Baseball Triumphal Run in Japan Revealed After 120 Years, September 14, 2016 (Mike Galbraith)

<http://galbraith.press/identity-of-olympia-seaman-who-spoilt-end-of-ichikos-1996-baseball-triumphal-run-in-japan-revealed-after-120-years/>

"Exchanging Baseball Diamonds for Sandlots: How Baseball 'Saved' Many Japanese Americans in The Internment Camps" by California student, winner of the "2016 National Contest Junior Individual Documentary" category. Submitted by SABR member, Brian Wood, Pacific Grove, CA, August 2016. https://nhd.org/awards-category-winners?field_year_tid=25 and <https://vimeo.com/157219129>

Book Research/Projects Forthcoming

The SABR Asian Baseball Research committee members are leading and/or providing assistance on the following writing projects:

The early history of Japanese-American baseball, by Rob Fitts (in-progress)

English translation of "Gentle Black Giants", by Kazuo Sayama (in-progress)

Baseball and Occupied Japan, by Takeshi Tanikawa (McFarland), manuscript reviewed by Bill Staples Jr. in Sept. 2016.

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.robfitts.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/>

CROSS-COMMITTEE COLLABORATION

SABR *No-Hitters* book – bio of Hideo Nomo (BioProject) and two no-hitters (Games project), February 2017 submission for May 2017 publication, by Bill Staples Jr.

SABR Arts Journal – Submission of baseball haikus, by Tetsuo Furukawa (Nisei baseball pitcher, b. 1927), April 2017

Games Project – Submitted proposal to Games Project committee (Greg Erion) suggesting that the criteria for games be expanded to include Japanese games and Negro League barnstorming games. Proposal accepted Feb. 2017

SABR Diversity and Inclusion Committee – offered to support new committee where needed, August 2016

— **Bill Staples Jr. and Daigo Fujiwara**

BALLPARKS COMMITTEE

Update on *Green Cathedrals V*:

- 592 MLB And/Or Negro L. Parks
- All MLB & Negro League Parks Complete
- 168 Ballparks with Photos
- Turned Over to SABR For E-Book Publication-September 2016-Revised February 2017

Update on *Minor Leagues Ballparks Database Project*:

- Project Leaders: Jim Watson and Chuck McGill
- Status: Database Scope and Formats In Work
- Scope: All Minors Ballparks by City
- Dimensions, Capacity, Location
- Teams & Leagues Using Each Park

— **Ron Selter**

BASEBALL AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Since the last convention in Miami, the Baseball and the Arts Committee has initiated a new project. With the help and encouragement from Cecilia Tan, we have begun the task of organizing material for a first edition of a SABR generated and oriented Arts Journal, that will present works of fiction, poetry and art related to baseball. Since this is a new project, we are working our way through the process to define what we want the journal to include. We have slowly but steadily received written and visual works from SABR members, and we also will include written and visual baseball offerings from the past as far back as the 19th century – and beyond it that is where baseball takes us.

We have 12 persons on the editorial staff: Ray Doswell, David Wilk, Michael Cuthbert, Bruce Enos, Brian Coffill, Joseph Thompson, Peter Bauck, Zachary Mann, Richard Puerzer, Ron Antonucci and Jay Hurd.

Jay has joined me in gathering the submissions, and we are nearly at the point of organizing them into a coherent — in not at least cohesive — collection. This has been an exciting and suspense-filled activity

and we are looking forward to the first edition of the SABR Arts Journal. Stay tuned.

Last November, the first Arts Committee Newsletter in a long time was published. Jeff Campbell has been working on the Spring 2017 edition.

The Baseball and the Arts Committee has been receiving inquiries and also sending out information about baseball and its impact on art in its many forms, from the written word, to the visual arts – be it cartoons research, fiction, non-fiction, memoirs or public art. The role of art in baseball is pervasive, constant and occupies every aspect of baseball, from the knuckleball right down to how each team expresses its history. As the Baseball and the Arts Committee continues to provide a venue to express art, we will continue to expand our role and encourage those who have an interest in art and baseball.

— **Joanne Hulbert and Jeff Campbell**

BASEBALL CARDS COMMITTEE

The Baseball Card Committee was restarted (after a short life a decade ago) in December 2016, so the upcoming convention will be our first annual meeting. The purpose of our committee is to encourage discussion and research on the history of baseball cards, and their evolving relationship to the game, the players, and the public.

To that end, we created a Facebook group (SABR Baseball Cards), a Twitter handle (@SABRbbcards), and a blog (<https://sabrbaseballcards.blog/>).

The blog is open to all committee members (with some moderation) – we have published 120 posts, from 27 different members. Hopefully more in the year ahead.

The committee looks forward to a productive 2nd year.

— **Mark Armour and Chris Dial**

THE BASEBALL INDEX COMMITTEE (TBI)

In the past year, the project has returned to relevance. New software has been provided which allow some limited searching of the database. In addition, the minimal administrative functions have been restored, allowing additions to be made to the online database.

From the enquiries I am getting, I know that researchers, especially from BioProject, are returning to the database (www.baseballindex.org) as a place to begin their research. I am hopeful that restoring the link from SABR's Research Assets page and publicizing the return will increase usage over the coming year.

While it is wonderful to have the page operating again, there is no doubt that the software is not as functional as the old program that was lost a year and a half ago. As the simplest example, it is no longer possible to design a search with more than one term in it. Search Cal Ripken, Jr. -- yes. Search Cal Ripken, Jr. and streaks -- no. The researcher can narrow his search through the spreadsheet produced by the new software, but that was a chore done by the software under the earlier system. I have discussed this and other issues with the board and they have agreed that control of the software will be returned to this project. I am embarking on an effort to find a programmer to improve the software and will probably be returning to SABR members for donations to fund the project. One suggestion: This past year, I designated my regular donation to SABR to be used only for

improvements to TBI. You might consider doing the same.

While much of the past year has been taken up with ironing out bugs in the software, we continue to add content. Last year at this meeting, I reported to you that we had 248,711 entries in the database. As of today, we have 251,472. I'd especially like to thank Joe Wanchos for all of his contributions, especially keeping track of SABR publications. All SABR publications through history are contained in the database.

We continue to need more Joe Wanchos. While we have a pretty good hold on baseball books, there are many areas of baseball magazines, journals and newspapers that need to be added. Our main targets for further entries are Sports Illustrated, Sport and Baseball Digest.

— **Andy McCue**

BASEBALL AND THE MEDIA COMMITTEE

We have just completed the fourth 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. John McMurray, as vice chair, serves primarily in an advisory and backup capacity.

The mission of the committee continues to be providing 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). We are currently at 218 members as of May 31, 2017, including 29 new members who have joined since this date last year.

We continue to maintain four key databases:

- MLB Broadcaster/Flagship, detailing all radio and TV flagship stations as well as broadcasters for each MLB team back to 1921. This database has been updated through the 2017 season.
- Network TV Broadcasts, with details for every one of those back to 1947. This database is maintained independently by Committee member Tony Miller.
- Radio Station Affiliates, for every MLB team starting with 2013, and has been updated through 2017.
- Baseball Writers, a new database of beat writers, columnist and sports editors stretching back to 1909 that commenced late last summer, with the help of several volunteers, and which is roughly 90% completed. It will be posted online for public access in whatever state of completion it is within a few weeks of SABR 47. Once completed, the Baseball Writers database is expected to serve as the impetus for a book about the history of baseball writing in the various major league cities.

We continue to provide relevant baseball media content on an ongoing basis through our website, SABRmedia.org, and we continue to maintain our Twitter feed [@MediaSABR](https://twitter.com/MediaSABR), which is used primarily to inform followers of new content as well as tweet and retweet interesting items related to baseball and the media.

In the upcoming year, 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.

— **Chuck Hildebrandt**

BASEBALL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Baseball Records Committee was created in 1975 to help 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, Red Schoendienst holds the Major League record for most doubles in three consecutive games, with 6.

We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Baltimore's Scott McGregor allowed 34 home runs in 1985; or Jim Viox had 24 triples in his major league 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. Over the past few years the major source of these changes have come from the work done by the volunteers at Retrosheet. 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; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap. Our role as SABR's Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

In 2017 news: for a while after he stepped down as Chairman, Lyle Spatz graciously continued editing the Committee's newsletter. However, new Chairman Trent McCotter has recently taken over as editor and, after consulting with Lyle and several Records Committee members, the newsletter will be slightly revamped. It will continue to include interesting lists and newly uncovered research — such as batters with 11 or more consecutive base hits — but it will also now include slightly longer articles, as well. Herm Krabbenhoft kicked off the new format with an article giving interesting facts and over 15 tables about the American League's top-10 career home run leaders.

The 2017 Records Committee meeting at the annual SABR Convention should prove to be among the most interesting and well-attended in the Committee's history, as Official MLB Historian John Thorn is slated to interview David Neft, who has worked for decades to provide accurate historical statistics to the masses, as best shown by his work on the MacMillan encyclopedia ("Big Mac").

— **Trent McCotter**

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Biographical Research Committee had another good year in finding missing players. Despite being down to the very difficult ones, we always seem to find a missing one every couple of months. During the past year, we found a couple of players we didn't even know existed. One was John Donnelly. Donnelly played with Washington in 1873 and Philadelphia in 1874, and his record had been merged in with Peter Donnelly. Another one of these players was Frank Shaffer, whose real name was

Schiffhauer. Taylor Shafer had played with Altoona in 1884, and we assumed that he played all of the games listed as Shaffer that year. It turns out that some of those games credited to Taylor Shafer had actually been played by Frank Schiffhauer.

Other players we found include Zachary Taylor (the ballplayer, not the president), William Gallagher, Robert Stevens, Daniel Sheehan, the Dugan brothers, William and Edward, William Hunter, Robert Armstrong, William Butler, and Jacob Knodell.

We found that a player named Clyde Goodwin, who debuted in 1906 had been completely misidentified. For years, he had been listed as dying October 12, 1963 in Dayton, Ohio. That was the wrong man. The actual ballplayer died May 7, 1964 in Hammond, Indiana.

We finally found George Crable. Crable pitched with Brooklyn in 1910 and had baffled us for years. He had a long career in vaudeville, but vanished without a trace somewhere in the 1930s. We discovered that the reason we hadn't been able to find him was that he changed his name to Crandel and moved to Florida where he died in 1965.

We have quite a few players where we suspect that we know the death date; we just haven't been able to prove that the man who died was the ballplayer. Hopefully, some of these issues will get resolved in the coming years.

— **Bill Carle**

BIOPROJECT COMMITTEE

Leadership: Rory and Gregory accepted Mark Armour's request to head the committee at the end of 2016. The transition went quite smoothly, since Rory had been working as Chief Editor (a role he maintains) and Gregory had also been closely involved with the BioProject, especially with book projects.

Volume: The number of biographies remains impressive. As of this writing (June 16), there are 4,080 bios on the site, a considerable increase over last year. The base of authors has also widened.

The biography book projects – 10 published in 2016 and 2017 – have been instrumental in increasing both volume and authorship. Bill Nowlin deserves credit for his efforts. It's also notable that books with Latin American subjects are being translated into Spanish.

Editing: This process is generally working well. We have added a couple of new reviewers, though more would be desirable. Turnaround time is respectable and quality standards are good. Technical capability of certain authors in working with Word remains something of a soft spot. Rory has compiled "tip sheets" with instructions that have been posted to the BioProject website,

Fact-checking: This phase of the operation, which comes after the initial reviews, is also a smooth process thanks to Warren Corbett and his team. This stage is also helpful in identifying occasional quality lapses.

Committee newsletter: Stew Thornley, who has been compiling and editing the newsletter, asked in April if someone would be willing to take it over. We have identified a very suitable member in Andrea Long, who will be taking over with the next edition. Stew has been coordinating with her.

Social media: We've really worked hard to establish our presence in this area.

Follow the BioProject on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129878527118723/>

Kudos to J.G. Preston, who is serving as our resident Facebook guru. His daily posts highlighting

biographies have generated lots of interest and interaction among the group members, the majority of whom are not even SABR members. We encourage you to “like” and “share” the posts; and even more, we’d like to see members become active and post their own comments.

Follow the BioProject on Twitter, too: <https://twitter.com/SABRbioproject>

We kicked off the Twitter feed in mid-January and are closing in on 900 followers. Help us reach our goal of 5,000 followers by the end of the year.

Hyperlinking: All bios are being equipped with hyperlinks to players named, including those who have just “stub” BioProject pages as well as those with completed bios. Authors are encouraged to have the links present in drafts upon submission, and if they are not, this gets done before the fact-checking stage.

We have put together a group of volunteers who are retroactively inserting hyperlinks into all previously published bios on the BioProject website. Many thanks to the volunteers whose work helps readers navigate the site and move seamlessly from one bio to the next. It is also a way for readers to determine if a bio has been assigned.

— **Rory Costello and Gregory Wolf**

BLACK SOX SCANDAL COMMITTEE

Since our last annual report, the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee has published two newsletters with a number of interesting articles that help enhance our understanding of “baseball's darkest hour.”

In the December 2016 newsletter, Jacob Pomrenke explored Shoeless Joe Jackson's induction to the Cleveland Indians' team Hall of Fame — the first of its kind in major-league history. Bruce Allardice contributed articles on the identity of an investigative reporter, Frank O. Klein of *Collyer's Eye*, whose background has remained a mystery for nearly a century; and uncovered a series of 1946 articles from a pseudonymous *Collyer's Eye* writer with behind-the-scenes insight on the paper's groundbreaking coverage of the Black Sox Scandal. Allardice also wrote about the possibility of the Black Sox being prosecuted under tax-evasion laws (a la Al Capone) and Shea Stadium's connection to the Black Sox Scandal. Other articles included Charles Comiskey's personal scrapbooks up for sale, Edd Roush's oral history interview at the Baseball Hall of Fame, and an excerpt from a SABR book on the history of the 1918 Winter Meetings.

The upcoming June 2017 newsletter will feature an article on Eddie Cicotte's surprise invitation to the 1938 Opening Day ceremonies at Briggs Stadium in Detroit (and another invitation by the White Sox to Comiskey Park in 1967), Bruce Allardice on Abe Attell's gambler roommates during the fall of 1919 and why the White Sox's poor offensive performance in the 1919 World Series wasn't a cause for concern at the time, plus Dwight Eisenhower's lessons learned from the Black Sox and a history of other baseball teams called the Black Sox.

We are beginning to make plans for the 100th anniversary commemoration of the 1919 World Series in the fall of 2019. That topic will be discussed at the committee's annual meeting at the SABR 47 convention in New York City on Saturday, July 1, 2017.

— **Jacob Pomrenke**

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL COMMITTEE

The Business of Baseball Committee activates and supports new baseball research through resources, including publications.

Since the last annual report, the committee produced two new editions of *Outside the Lines*. Thanks to Bill Lamb, Andy McCue, Aaron Thorn, Rich Bogovich, Shane A. Piesik, and the inimitable Mike Hauptert for their contributions to a continuing shared research stream via *Outside the Lines*.

The first volume of the *History of the Winter Meetings* book was published in December 2016 — make sure you have obtained your copy of this unique work on an under-explored topic. A number of you deserve appreciation for making the book a reality. Special thanks go out to Bill Nowlin, Marshall Adesman, and Len Levin. Look for Volume 2 to be published in 2017.

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 the committee chairs.

— **Steve Weingarden and Michael Hauptert**

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

The Collegiate Baseball Committee held its Annual Meeting at SABR 46 with approximately 15 attending. Much of the meeting revolved around reviewing survey results concerning the membership's opinions as to the best means of making its data available to the public at-large.

At this point, the Committee is investigating whether use of Baseball-Reference's Bullpen section can serve as an appropriate, and controlled site.

The Fall Newsletter became available for distribution in March 2017.

The Spring Newsletter will be available for distribution around June 15, 2017.

The Fall newsletter published all collegians who attended either a Senior or Junior college making their Major League debuts in 2016. (An unofficial decision was rendered concerning Dustin Molleken who attended Lethbridge Junior College (AB) and played for a 'club' team — that played in an Canadian collegiate conference — when drafted to treat him as a collegiate player.)

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

No change in the status of committee records before 2010 with previous chair Rick Benner (and no longer a member) storing the Committee files.

Submitted two sets of corrections on collegiate alumni information to Baseball-Reference. The first involved changes to the 2016 debut information (additions and subtractions). The second set included previously unknown collegiate connections, primarily for minor league players.

— **Karl Green**

DEADBALL ERA COMMITTEE

Now in its seventeenth 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.

The Committee is chaired by John McMurray. It publishes a 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 Dan Levitt, and critiques of the period.

Under the supervision of Doug Skipper, 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 seven-member Ritter Award subcommittee selected Glenn Stout's *The Selling of the Babe: The Deal That Changed Baseball and Created a Legend* (St. Martin's Press) as the sixteenth winner of the Ritter Award.

The DEC anticipates publication this year of a coffee-table book chronicling the World Series of the Deadball Era primarily through photographs. This effort was begun in 2011 by Steve Steinberg and DEC Chair Emeritus Tom Simon.

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.

— **John McMurray**

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Educational Resources is continuing to seek its mission and niche among SABR Committees. The Committee Meeting in 2016 at the Miami SABR Convention drew only a dozen attendees, about half of whom were students. A discussion was held about the direction of the committee with no clear resolution.

We do have a listserv now for Committee discussions. I have used the listserv to solicit syllabi and other resources for courses that deal with aspects of baseball or use baseball as examples in broader courses. Tom Mueller, the Co-chair of the Committee, resigned his post at the beginning of the year. He was soliciting syllabi.

My intention is to develop a web page where syllabi, YouTube links and other materials useful for teachers and professors can be downloaded. The limited number of syllabi that we have does not justify the effort to develop that website at this point. I will continue to solicit syllabi.

I would welcome feedback on the direction of the committee. Many Committees (Statistics, Women in Baseball, Latino, Negro Leagues and Science of Baseball Committees spring to mind as a start) play important roles in providing information that can be used by educators. In some ways, the Educational Resources Committee overlaps with the activities of those Committees listed.

— **Herb Wilson**

GAMES PROJECT COMMITTEE

It's a privilege to present this first-ever annual report by the SABR Games Project Committee to bring all Project participants up to date on what we've accomplished and where we hope to go.

Not too long ago, Mark Armour and Bill Nowlin of the Biography Project came up with the idea for web-published essays focusing on baseball games rather than players. The BioProject has been successfully pursuing that facet since 2004. The Games Project thus began in early 2014 as a BioProject subsidiary. But last year, the SABR Board of Directors conferred status as an independent research committee on the Games Project.

The early Games Project leadership consisted of Chip Greene as chief editor and overall coordinator, James Forr as assignments editor, Len Levin as production editor, and Greg Erion as contact person for SABR membership.

Greg's role grew exponentially in the middle of last year as he took on the interim chief editor position. Early on, the personnel changes that required an interim chief editor contributed to a delay in processing individual Games accounts from initial submission to publication on the SABR website. To those who were affected by this development last summer, please accept our apologies. Since late last year, the flow of accounts through our system has been much more prompt.

There are now approximately 800 Games articles published either in various SABR publications or at the Games Project website. Individual submissions, which were once the only Games Project content, continue to be welcomed and published. But as various SABR book projects containing Games accounts mature, allowing release of the content to the website, these valuable additions to recorded baseball history are making up a significant portion of the Project's archive.

The transition of one of these, SABR's 2015 book on Braves Field, was completed just this past spring. For the remainder of 2017, content from books on games at Sportsman's Park and during the 1950 Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kids" pennant race are scheduled for release to the Games Project website.

In 2018, more game accounts will be transitioned to the site from SABR books on Crosley Field, the 50 greatest Mets games, the first 25 years of the Colorado Rockies franchise, and the 1972 Texas Rangers.

While seeing accounts through a rigorous editing and fact-checking process, those involved with this endeavor have undertaken to enhance each web publication. This includes attaching links to box scores and play-by-plays from Baseball-Reference and Retrosheet. Images connected with Games accounts are now regularly included with each posting. Jacob Pomrenke of the SABR office has been especially helpful in initially undertaking these aspects, then training us to take them on as part of the finishing process.

Recently at the initiative of several authors, most notably Steve Rice, one of our most enthusiastic and prolific writers, we are now hyperlinking all player and baseball executive names appearing in Games accounts to SABR player biographies. An effort is also underway to perform the same function for those game accounts contained in SABR books which have not yet been released to the SABR Games Project site. The Braves Field book was the first to have its accounts enhanced in this manner.

The scope of the Games Project has been expanded to accept accounts of international games ranging from Japan to the Caribbean and South America. We welcome pieces that demonstrate the global appeal of baseball.

The Games Project is a fun way for SABR members to learn more about baseball and to pass that knowledge onto others. The articles are, in general, shorter than the SABR bios and less research and time to complete. SABR members interested in taking part in this project can choose from a long and

rich source of possible stories. How many great games, for instance, did Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Warren Spahn enjoy? Some members focus on writing about a specific team or type of game (no-hitters, for instance).

It is important for all SABR members to learn more about the Games Project. With that in mind, here are a few ideas to gain more attention to the project:

1. Send an e-mail explaining the project to the heads off all SABR chapters. The letter would include a request to pass along this information to chapter members at a future meeting.
2. Establish a twitter site focused on the Game project. The feed would include links to articles as well as a comment forum.
3. Include more content on the SABR Games Facebook site (only four posts so far this year). Besides posting game stories, questions about writing and research also can be posted. We can also post questions for readers (“Do you recall the first game you attended?”) and pieces of game-related trivia (Who has the record for most RBIs in one game?)
4. Produce an online newsletter similar to newsletters produced by some other SABR groups.

Everything we do and will undertake as the Games Project matures is aimed at ensuring that those who visit the Games Project website will find it easier and rewarding to navigate through the memorable and more routine games that make up baseball history. Our objective is to continue to provide well-written and edited, factually accurate, informative, and entertaining accounts for fellow SABR members and all who visit the Games website.

The Games Project will move ahead under the leadership of Glen Sparks, who recently assumed the position of chief editor. Len Levin is responsible for the initial line and style-editing of all submissions. Bruce Slutsky handles the assignments editor position, which involves tracking the progress of all game accounts from approval of availability and assignment through final web publication. Greg Erion is currently our coordinating fact checker, assisted by Stew Thornley, Jack Zerby, and Kevin Larkin. Jacob Pomrenke at SABR inputs the final versions of the games accounts you see on the website and provides invaluable support for all we do.

— **Glen Sparks, Len Levin, Bruce Slutsky, and Greg Erion**

LATINO BASEBALL COMMITTEE

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.

This past year, the Latino baseball committee created a Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/SABRLatinobaseball/>] which met with great success. The committee's page allowed for greater sharing of news and information, and also created collaborations with other SABR committees and organizations.

The Latino Baseball Committee also joined forces with the Negro Leagues and Women in Baseball committees to work with SABR's Diversity Committee to create initiatives that will generate greater attention to the organization's diversity efforts and programs, and increase membership among underrepresented communities.

— **Anthony Salazar**

MINOR LEAGUES COMMITTEE

The Minor League Committee has put out two newsletters a year for the past three. Chuck McGill, our editor, is the driving force behind this effort.

Bill McMahon is still working on his "Pre-1930 Farm Development" Project.

We are planning to honor Dick Beverage this year with some sort of plaque for his recent induction into the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame.

I have been going through the player cards that F.X. Flinn sent to us on Saturday. He gave me a closeup view last year in Miami, and I am thrilled to see that they are going to be ready for use in short order.

I am also working on an idea that I want to run by Chuck Hildebrandt. I thought it might be a good idea to get a short (5-6) questionnaire together and send it to different media types involved with the minor leagues. I would start with those who are already SABR members and see how it goes. I think it would be interesting to read different responses with regards to covering the minor leagues. And of course it gives us fodder for a newsletter. And it crosses over to the Baseball and Media Committee.

The Minor Leagues Committee (and guests) is planning to take a journey to Brooklyn to catch a Cyclones game during the SABR 47 convention. Only five tickets remain as of this writing.

— **Joseph Wancho**

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE

The Negro Leagues Committee (NLC) had another banner year. Its quarterly newsletter, *The Courier*, goes out to roughly 600 members. Since our last convention in Miami, we have lost seven Negro League veterans: Clyde "The Duke" Parris, Vann "Pop" Durham, Clarence "Choo Choo" Coleman, James "Zipper" Zapp, Art "Superman" Pennington, Melvin Duncan, and Leroy Breedlove.

The NLC continues to raise funds to purchase headstones for unmarked graves of former players and executives. Recent marker purchases and installations from the past 12 months have been for: **Welday Wilberforce Walker** (Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH), and **William Henry "Billy" Francis** (Lincoln Cemetery, Blue Island, IL). Efforts are underway to recognize the burial site of the National Baseball Hall of Fame's *J. G. Taylor Spink Award* winner **Sam Lacy**, who is buried in a family plot in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland.

The Grave Marker Project is led by Dr. Jeremy Krock of Peoria, Illinois. Donations can be made to the SABR office. More information about this project can be found at:
<http://www.larrylester42.com/grave-markers.html>.

Last year, the **Thomas R. Garrett Memorial Scholarship** essay winners were: **Kevin Crosby** from Maryland, who wrote on author Robert Peterson; **Jansen Rouillard** from Wichita Falls, Texas, who wrote about historian Tweed Webb, and **Grant Heindselman** from Dallas, Texas, for his writings about the league president and team owner Rube Foster. **Josephine Riedell** of Iowa, and **Grace Rootes** from Indiana were the winners of the inaugural **Jimmie Crutchfield Scholarships**, created by Dr. Charles Crutchfield from Eagan, Minnesota.

The winner of the Trivia/Significa Contest was **John Graf**, of Janesville, WI, at the Malloy Conference

that celebrated Satchel Paige's 110th birthday in Kansas City, MO.

Noteworthy publications this year included:

- *Greatness in the Shadows: Larry Doby and the Integration of the American League* by Douglas M. Branson
- *They Played for the Love of the Game: Untold Stories of Black Baseball in Minnesota* by Frank M. White
- *Legacy: The Enduring Impact of the Negro Leagues on Modern Baseball and American Society* by Todd Fertig
- *Integrating the Orioles: Baseball and Race in Baltimore* by Bob Luke
- *Ted Strong, Jr.: The Untold Story of an Original Harlem Globetrotter and Negro League All-Star* by Sherman L. Jenkins

Currently we know of five accredited classes at colleges and universities. They are:

- *Negro League History*, at Kent State (Stark campus) by Dr. Leslie Heaphy
- *Segregation in America: Baseball's Negro Leagues* at Middlebury College by Dr. Karl Lindholm
- *Baseball and American Culture*, at Iowa Western Community College by Dr. John Shorey
- *Baseball and the Negro Leagues*, at Cabrini University by Dr. Courtney Smith
- *History 377 - History of Sport: The Black Athlete* at University of Miami by Dr. Donald Spivey

Other notable events included:

- The NLC hosted its 19th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. We celebrated Satchel Paige's 110th birthday with several members of the Paige family in attendance. We had a record attendance at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.
- U.S. Senators introduce bill to award Larry Doby with the Congressional Gold Medal.
- "Gentleman" Dave Malarcher goes into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.
- The John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil Memorial Bridge is dedicated in Kansas City, MO.
- Release of the DVD entitled *They Said We Couldn't Play: An Oral History of the Philadelphia Stars*, narrated by Phillies star Ryan Howard.
- Leon Day is nominated for the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Wild Bill Wright is inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.
- John Donaldson is inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.
- Hamtramck Stadium in Detroit gets \$50K grant from the National Park Service to refurbishment.

— Larry Lester

NINETEENTH CENTURY COMMITTEE

Our Nineteenth Century Committee held its last annual business meeting during SABR 46 in Miami in July of 2016 and will formally meet during SABR 47 in New York City on July 1, 2017.

Our Research Committee has continued to publish its regular quarterly newsletter, "Nineteenth Century Notes" (which is never fewer than 12 pages) in a timely manner thanks to our Vice-Chair, Bob Bailey.

Since last summer the Committee has organized and hosted our ninth annual Frederick Ivor-Campbell

19th Century Base Ball Conference, a.k.a. “The Fred” which took place on April 21 & 22, 2017 at its usual venue, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY. “The Fred” sold out to its’ maximum capacity of 59 person within three-weeks of announcing its’ registration had begun (67 persons registered counting attendees’ guests who attended all or some of the meal functions). “The Fred” will take place again next April 21-22, 2018. We are currently working with the Hall of Fame in hopes to increase “The Fred’s” capacity next April as renovations to the Grandstand Theater in the HOF are nearing completion.

On November 12, 2016 we conducted our second bi-annual, city-specific, symposium, the Philadelphia 19th Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium, in Center City, Philadelphia. The Symposium featured a Welcoming Address by MLB Official Historian / SABR Member, John Thorn. Our Interdisciplinary Presenters were Co-authors Daniel Biddle (Pulitzer Prize) and Murray Dubin, both veteran *Philadelphia Inquirer* reporters and editors who gave a lively and fascinating back story to their collaboration on their award winning book, “Tasting Freedom: Octavius Catto and the Battle for Equality in Civil War America.” Although Catto was the Captain of the famed African-American Pythian Base Ball Club, this weighty volume devotes only one chapter to baseball but gives a detailed look at Catto’s life as well as the role he and his Pythian teammates played in their mid 19th-century struggle for African-American equality. Connie Mack Chapter Vice-Chair, Dick Rosen moderated a panel discussion on 19th-century Philadelphia baseball with four other research presentations rounding out the program.

Our committee is in the preliminary planning stages for its third bi-annual city-specific symposium, which will likely be scheduled for November 2018 in another Major League Baseball city, the location we hope to announce by late summer 2017. We will be keeping to the strategy of bringing a few non-baseball historians in as presenters to this symposium series to expand our knowledge of baseball’s 19th-century environments.

Thanks to the efforts of Adam Darowski and our Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends Project Committee that committee completed its seventh annual Overlooked Legends selection — Jack Glasscock (2016) which was announced at SABR 46. They are now conducting our eighth annual Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends selection which has included a committee-wide primary election with a slate of 25 candidates in January/February 2017 and the (soon to be launched at this writing) SABR-wide final election in late May/ early June. The 2017 Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend election results will be announced at our annual business meeting during SABR 47 in NYC.

Our Nineteenth Century Committee’s Baseball Grave Marker Project Committee is chaired by Ralph Carhart. This specific project was recommended by Nineteenth Century Committee co-founder and co-chair emeritus and MLB’s Official Historian, John Thorn at the 2015 “Fred.” The Project’s original Chairman, Bob Gregory had to sadly relinquish his chairmanship due to a fatal illness, passing in September 2016. This project committee is currently in its final planning phases for its second and third marker placements and dedications, Hall of Famer, Pud Galvin, Pittsburgh area and, Cincinnati and Boston Red Stockings outfielder, Andy Leonard, Boston area. In addition to SABR members’ donations, the project has strong support from MLB and its Commissioner’s Office and has received a sustaining grant from MLB.

Another project committee, a book project committee (started in 2015) is currently working on what was to be a two volume set, “Baseball’s 19th Century ‘Winter’ Meetings”. The first volume’s (1857-1875) Editor-in-Chief, Jeremy Hodges has recently announced completion of the entire manuscript for his share of the overall project (which will now be a single volume but in two parts (Part 1 is now completed). The second volume, now Part 2 (1876-1900) under Editor-in-Chief is Susan Lantz is unfortunately proceeding at a slower pace. We have our fingers crossed that Part 2 will be complete in

time for the entire two part book to make SABR's 2018 publishing calendar (pushed back from late spring, 2017). Approximately 40 Nineteenth Century Committee members are engaged in this book project as writers, associate and copy editors and fact checkers.

Finally, our annual 2016 Nineteenth Century Committee "Chairman's Awards" was announced at last summer's annual business meeting in Miami. The 2016 recipient for service to our Committee was Bob Gregory (deceased Sept. 2016) a charter and core member of our Overlooked Legends Committee and our first Chairman of our 19th Century Grave Marker Project Committee. The 2017 Chairman's Award will be announced at SABR 47 in NYC.

— **Peter Mancuso**

OFFICIAL SCORING COMMITTEE

The Official Scoring Committee has 108 members. It met at the 2016 SABR convention in Miami and discussed goals and activities.

The committee is working with the SABR Oral History Committee to encourage members to conduct interviews and oral histories as well as articles about official scorers. Since last year, these have been done for Ben Trittioe, Ed Munson, Bob Rosenberg, and Chuck Dybdal. Other interviews/articles about Susan Fornoff, Mike Shalin, and Chaz Scoggins are in the committee files, which are online.

The committee put out two newsletters (<http://sabr.org/research/official-scoring-research-committee-newsletters>) since the convention and will have another newsletter a few weeks before the 2017 convention.

Meanwhile, the committee updates and adds files relating to all aspects of official scoring, including the history of scoring and scorers. Two members have collaborated on an article for the *Baseball Research Journal* about the evolution of official scoring.

— **Stew Thornley**

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

The mission of SABR's Oral History Committee is to collect, preserve, and make available recordings which provide insight into the people and events in baseball. As Jonathan Mahler noted in *The New York Times* in 2008, "Bart Giamatti, the former commissioner of baseball, was fond of saying that the history of the game was oral." Given our focus on interviewing former major league players, the Oral History Committee serves a role central to SABR's mission.

John McMurray has served as Chair of the Oral History Committee since 2014. The Committee is involved with multiple endeavors. In March, it released a committee newsletter which placed an emphasis on how to conduct oral histories with former players, including pieces by baseball reporters Anna McDonald and Tim Healey. The newsletter also offers reviews of books focused on baseball oral history.

Mark Pattison, a Vice-Chair of the Committee with Paul Ringel and Paul Rogers, is working in conjunction with the SABR office to assist with the release of existing interview content online via our website. An updated primer to assist interviewers as well as a release form which outlines rights

retained by interviewers are also both posted on the committee website, as is a list of completed interviews. Interviews conducted by members of the Oral History Committee are increasingly being posted online.

Another initiative which the Committee has undertaken in the past year is in conjunction with SABR's newly-formed Official Scoring Committee. It is an effort to interview current and former official scorers, and several interviews have been completed.

The mission of the committee is to interview anyone with connections to Major League Baseball. That includes, for instance, journalists. One example is Barry Bloom, a longtime baseball reporter now with MLB.com, who was interviewed for the Oral History Committee by John McMurray at SABR 46 in Miami.

The Committee is especially grateful to John Thorn, Official Historian of Major League Baseball, who spoke at the Oral History Committee meeting in Miami of working with Lawrence S. Ritter and of Ritter's renowned oral history book, *The Glory of Their Times*. A summary of Thorn's remarks is included in the Committee's recent newsletter.

The Oral History Committee also serves as a resource for interviewers. The scope and depth of the Oral History Committee's work invites the participation of both new and veteran interviewers, as we aim to augment and preserve baseball's historical record.

— **John McMurray**

PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

Part I – Photo Index

The current “found” status of the image index is:

18,586 of 19,009 Major League Players (97.775%) – 248 found this year

692 of 699 Major League managers (98.999%) – 2 found this year

1,559 of 1,559 Major League coaches (100%) – 22 found this year

1,209 of 1,539 Major League umpires (78.558%) – 4 found this year

A Negro Leagues image index is in progress under Bill Hickman.

Part II – Awards

The fourth George Michael SABR Pictorial History Committee Award to be issued at time of next newsletter

Part III – Newsletters

We have issued two newsletters:

July 2016: This included the announcement of the 2016 George Michael SABR PHC Award winner, Tom Shieber. We featured the recent large find of missing player images by Justin Mckinney and the ID of an unknown 1903 New York Highlander after years of searching. The issue also featured analyses of 19th century tintypes falsely claimed to depict major league players

June 2017: The lead article showed that the very small blurry pitcher depicted in a Fenway Park game action view on a real-photo-postcard had to be Babe Ruth in his second major league appearance in

1914. We highlighted the discovery of unknown tintypes depicting Joe Battin and Tim Murnane. New and not so new Cubs World Series twinning team photos were discussed.

— **Mark Fimoff, Cary Smith, and T. Scott Brandon**

SCIENCE AND BASEBALL COMMITTEE

I first chaired a meeting of the long-inactive Science and Baseball committee seven years ago, at SABR 40 in Atlanta. After missing the next two SABR conferences, I was again present in Philadelphia in. At those two meetings, we brainstormed an extremely attractive future agenda for the committee.

Unfortunately, my personal situation has made it impossible for me to make that agenda a reality. However, I am reluctant to yield the Chair and, along with it, direction of that vision for the committee. I don't see the situation easing over the next year, and perhaps for a year or two afterwards. The practical solution will be to find one or two committee members who can serve as *de facto* acting chairs by taking the lead on one or both of the two less-ambitious projects we envisioned in Philadelphia (the two more ambitious ones go back to Atlanta). This will be the focus of our meeting this year.

Here is the agenda we hope to (eventually!) implement, in increasing order of ambition.

1. The construction of a definitive bibliography of literature on science and baseball, including physics, biomechanics, material science, and psychology.
2. A thorough analysis of possible changes to the game in order to compensate for the continuing increase in pitch velocity and hence strikeouts, informed by both physics and material science. This was the topic of a lively discussion at our committee meeting at SABR 45 in Chicago; proposals included increasing the pitching distance, making the baseball heavier but more resilient, raising or lowering the seams of the baseball, and legislating changes to the bat to promote contact hitting. I will have a summary of that discussion as part of the agenda for this year's meeting.
3. The construction of a complete classification system for pitches based on pitch/fx data, correlating the results with grip and release. The goal is to achieve a complete understanding of how the biomechanics of grip and release produce the baseball spin, and how the physics of spin produce the observed break.
4. A long-term research project, to be conducted in cooperation with the Scouts Committee, on the psychological nature of "makeup," which is increasingly valued by MLB scouting departments (something I saw firsthand as a baseball operations consultant for the Red Sox). The project would begin with interviews with scouts (and ideally, former front office personnel), after which we would construct a custom psychological test instrument informed by committee expertise in personality and sports psychology (the former is my expertise). The study would then could continue with interviews and personality testing of former professional players, with an emphasis on those who underachieved or overachieved their talent. The aim would be to produce both one or more research papers, and a popular book reporting the research and illustrated by the best stories and insights from scouts and players.

— **Eric M. Van**

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

As of May 2017, the SABR Statistical Analysis Committee is comprised of some 1,076 members who share an interest in Sabermetrics.

Our last issue of "By the Numbers," (BTN) the committee newsletter, was released in December 2016. We expect another issue out in June or July 2017.

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.

As for our publishing schedule ... 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.

This move away from physical publishing has accelerated in recent years, and BTN now tends to appeal more to researchers who value a permanent, bibliographical reference for their 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.

And, perhaps most significantly, SABR now runs an annual statistical analysis convention, in which our committee is not involved.

In that light, the purpose and function of the Statistical Analysis Committee is more a collegial "club" in which members can chat and discuss research, than, say, an important source of actual research itself.

We continue to seek ideas for a committee project, and will probably put the idea forward again this year at our meeting in New York City. We will also seek feedback for ideas as to what role we can fulfill in SABR, given that the main face of statistical analysis outside of SABR is the annual Arizona convention.

For now, our main outlets are BTN, and our continuing research discussion group on Yahoo!, "Statistical Analysis" (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/StatisticalAnalysis/info>).

— **Phil Birnbaum**

WOMEN IN BASEBALL COMMITTEE

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 and their participation in 2015-2016. Annual highlights include:

New Projects:

- \$500 scholarship for a high school senior writing about women in baseball will be awarded for fall 2017.
- Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award voted on and criteria created. Will begin accepting applications for selection in Fall 2017.
- Second year of Women on the Diamond Art Competition in cooperation with the International Women's Baseball Center.

Presentations/Panels:

- A Walk through Women's History in Baseball—Presentation and Pitching Clinic—Joliet Area Historical Museum, March 11, 2017. John Kovach
- Equal to the Game: Women and Baseball Symposium, Baseball Reliquary and Whittier College, March 29, 2017. Deb Shattuck, Ila Borders, Jean Ardell, Kat Williams, Shirley Burkovich and Maybelle Blair
- "Breaking Down Barriers: Women in Baseball." Lee Road Library, Cleveland Heights, OH, March 23, 2017. Leslie Heaphy

Publications:

Articles

- "Amanda Clement" Leslie Heaphy, *The SABR Book of Umpires and Umpiring* (2017).
- "Women Umpires" Leslie Heaphy, *The SABR Book of Umpires and Umpiring* (2017).
- "The Stained Glass Window" Perry Barber, *The SABR Book of Umpires and Umpiring* (2017).

Books

- Ardell, Jean Hastings and Ila Borders. *Making my Pitch: A Woman's Baseball Odyssey*. University of Nebraska Press, 2017.
- Shattuck, Deb. *Bloomer Girls: Women Baseball Pioneers*. University of Illinois Press, 2017.
- Williams, Kat. *The All-American Girls after the AAGPBL: How Playing Pro Ball Shaped Their Lives*. McFarland Publishing, 2017.

Newsletter(s)

- 3 issues sent out

Other:

Variety of articles and radio broadcasts featuring members and friends discussing their research, historical information, Jackie Mitchell, and the 25th anniversary of the movie *A League of their Own*.
— **Leslie Heaphy**