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President's Report – Mark Armour

In the past year SABR has slowly begun to open its doors and step outside. The Board of Directors met in person in both November and April, while continuing to rely on virtual meetings—like the rest of you—to get most of our work done.

But as life continues (let us hope) to improve, it is important to remember just how smoothly SABR has functioned for the past 27 months, months of terrible uncertainty for everyone. Think of all the disruptions that we have all lived through in our lives, big and small, and contrast that with the day-to-day operations of SABR. Every Friday, “This Week in SABR” shows up in our inbox, and every Friday it is packed with more accomplishments than ever before. Much of the credit for this—for the trains not just staying on the tracks but keeping their schedules—goes to the SABR staff. CEO Scott Bush, along with Jacob Pomrenke, Scott Carter, and Jessica Smyth, have worked not just tirelessly but creatively, solving problems we could not have anticipated in February 2020.

The other people who deserve credit, of course, are the hundreds of member volunteers—people who allow our chapters, communities and committees to thrive whether it we can meet in person or not. The evidence suggests that SABR members are happy—our renewal rate is very high, and we recently achieved an all-time high in membership. A hearty thanks to all the volunteers who provide the experience that causes members to stay on board.

The primary role of the Board of Directors is to define SABR's goals and objectives, our priorities, where the ship is headed, so that Scott Bush and his staff can get us there. I believe we have built a strong trusting partnership, allowing Scott to advise us on direction, and we to help with execution as needed.

For many of us, the national convention is our annual reward for all the hard work, a chance to celebrate SABR, baseball, and friendship. As I write this, we have built up three years' worth of hard work and are overdue for some celebration. If you can make it to Baltimore, I hope to see you. If you cannot, I hope you can find other ways to celebrate, by going to the ballpark, reading about the Newark Eagles, or playing catch in the backyard.

It has been an honor to serve on SABR's board, and I thank you for all your help.

CEO's Report – Scott Bush

2021 was – hopefully – the final full year of uncertainty for both SABR as an organization and its members. As was the case in 2020, the period was marked by continued evolution and growth. I am thrilled to share details of the last year with the Board of Directors and membership as SABR continues to take steps toward its vision of becoming the essential community for the world of baseball. SABR's continued growth is a source of excitement for the future.

SABR Membership: SABR's membership has grown by 314 members since last year's Annual Report, to a total of 7,194. This figure represents an all-time high for the organization, besting 2007's figure of 7,187. Since 2019, SABR's ranks have grown by more than 1,800. Within these figures, we have seen growth across all membership types, but student membership leads the way. SABR has increased student members by 770% over that period! Additional membership data is available elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Development: SABR's generous donors continue to fund new initiatives and help make the organization less dependent on the success of events. There remains an opportunity for the organization to grow even further through corporate and foundation gifts – something that is an area of focus for the SABR staff and board of directors. Additional information about SABR's donors is available elsewhere in the Annual Report.

SABR Research Committees: SABR added another new research committee in 2021: the Baseball Landmarks Committee. This group is SABR's 34th distinct research domain spanning the breadth of baseball and committee members have been building an online map of baseball landmarks, set to launch in the summer of 2022. For a complete look at the accomplishments of SABR's committees, please see the Research Committee Reports section in the appendix.

SABR Chapters: SABR has added two chapters in the last year: the Sebring-Stovey Williamsport Chapter; Williamsport, PA and the Central Illinois Chapter; Bloomington, IL. These additions bring SABR's tally to 83 chapters worldwide. For a detailed look at the events that chapters put on and the speakers they hosted, please see the Chapter Reports section in the appendix.

SABR Chartered Communities: SABR's Chartered Communities – groups with no geographical boundaries – added a new group in 2022 with the addition of the Podcasters' Clubhouse. You can hear more about these groups and other communities in the Chartered Communities section of the appendix.

SABR Local Grants: In late 2021, SABR launched the SABR Local Grants Program. Designed as a way to provide additional funding to local chapters and research committees, the Local Grants Program awarded funds to seven programs in early 2022:

- Kelly Field Historical Marker – Central Florida Chapter
- Glovers Park Museum Display – Cliff Kachline Chapter
- Three Rivers Stadium Second Base Marker – Forbes Field Chapter
- Minnesota History Day Award – Halsey Hall Chapter
- Capturing and Visiting Cleveland's Baseball History – Jack Graney Chapter
- Rickwood Field Championship Wall Repainting – Rickwood Field Chapter
- Southern Michigan Baseball Passport – Southern Michigan Chapter

SABR Analytics Certification Program: SABR launched an Analytics Certification Program in January 2022. This curriculum is designed as a primer for baseball analytics knowledge. Members receive a discounted registration rate and registrants receive project feedback from writers at Baseball Prospectus. SABR will continue to add courses to this program in 2022 and beyond.

SABR's Publications Program: With the continued guidance of Cecilia Tan, SABR published fall and spring editions of the *Baseball Research Journal* and offered both a print version of *The National Pastime* and an expanded digital version that was available to all SABR members.

From last year's annual business meeting in June 2021 through May 2022, SABR members have received free copies of the following SABR e-books:

- *When the Monarchs Reigned: Kansas City's 1942 Negro League Champions*
- *One-Hit Wonders*
- *Baltimore Baseball*
- *Dominicans in the Major Leagues* (published in English and Spanish)
- *Metropolitan Stadium: Memorable Games at Minnesota's Diamond on the Prairie*
- *Not an Easy Tale to Tell: Jackie Robinson on the Page, Stage, and Screen*
- *The 1883 Philadelphia Athletics: American Association Champions*
- *The First Negro League Champion: The 1920 Chicago American Giants*

In addition to the above titles, SABR has continued to expand its digital publishing imprint. In June, we wrapped up our SABR 50 at 50 web series, with monthly features on the most interesting and insightful stories that have had a significant impact on baseball since SABR was founded in 1971. This project, which launched in September 2020, was published in conjunction with our anthology book, *SABR 50 at 50: The Society for American Baseball Research's Fifty Most Essential Contributions to the Game*, by the University of Nebraska Press.

In August, SABR's Century Committee published our first comprehensive web-based project, a multimedia journey about baseball during the Jazz Age one hundred years ago in 1921, featuring stories, games, and highlights with contributions from more than 70 SABR members.

The project included essays, stories, stats, videos, and audio highlights focused on baseball's debut on radio, Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees, the all-New York City World Series, the Negro National League, the rise of the Lively Ball Era, and the Black Sox trial. This project led to another record-setting month of traffic, with over 200,000 unique visitors to SABR.org in the month of August.

SABRcast with Rob Neyer: *SABRcast with Rob Neyer* continues to create engagement opportunities for the organization while reflecting the values and mission of SABR. Neyer, a long-time SABR member, lends his expertise as the host of the show and brings in guests from throughout the world of baseball. The podcast delivers the SABR experience to a broader audience and is available on all streaming services.

SABR BioProject: The BioProject now boasts more than 6,000 published biographies. The Baseball Biography Project is an ongoing effort to research and write comprehensive biographical articles on people who played or managed in the Major Leagues, or otherwise made a significant contribution to the sport. Published biographies are a major driver of traffic to SABR.org and feature heavily in SABR books.

SABR Games Project: More than 3,500 accounts of games have been produced by the SABR Baseball Games Project, an initiative that was formed to research, write, and publish accounts of Major League regular season, postseason, and All-Star Games, along with other games of historical significance. Entries span the Negro Leagues, Minor Leagues, and international and exhibition contests in addition to Major League Baseball games.

Behind the Numbers: Baseball SABR Style: This weekly baseball analytics show completed its seventh year on SiriusXM. The one-hour show airs on MLB Network Radio and is available to subscribers nationwide on XM Channel 89, Sirius Channel 209 and on the SiriusXM Internet Radio app. The show is hosted

by former SABR Board President Vince Gennaro and focuses on examining and interpreting the statistical analysis that plays a critical role in baseball today. The show features guests from MLB teams, the media, and members of SABR.

SABR's partnership with Rawlings: This marked the ninth year the SABR Defensive Index (SDI) played a key role in the selection of the Rawlings Gold Glove Award winners. SDI along with the votes of players, managers, and coaches determine the Rawlings Gold Glove Award winners. These winners and the winners of the 2021 Rawlings Platinum Glove Awards presented by SABR were announced by ESPN in November. The Rawlings Platinum Glove Award is decided by a combination of fan votes and the SDI. The SDI considers a fielder's range, his arm and sure-handedness, along with his outstanding plays.

SABR's relationship with MLB: SABR continues to work closely with Major League Baseball, particularly on initiatives related to diversity. SABR hosted dozens of young professionals enrolled in MLB's Diversity Pipeline Program at the SABR Analytics Conference and assisted in their professional growth. Major League Baseball remains a great supporter of SABR and its mission.

SABR.org: SABR.org enjoyed another banner year in 2021, with 4.36 million pageviews and a record 2.95 million total visitors. In 2021, the SABR website saw an average of more than 172,000 unique visitors per month, a 5.5% increase over our monthly average in 2020 and a 15% jump from 2019.

We surpassed 200,000 monthly unique visitors for the first time ever in April 2021, then reached that milestone again two more times, setting all-time traffic highs for the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, October, and November.

BioProject-related pages made up just over 51% of our total pageviews (2.24 million), largely thanks to our referral partnership with Baseball-Reference.com, which includes links to all published SABR bios on its player pages. The Louis Sockalexis biography was particularly popular after the Cleveland Guardians name change announcement in July, and the Shoeless Joe Jackson biography also went viral during the Field of Dreams Game in August. We also made a major addition to the BioProject with the creation of more than 3,000 Negro League player pages in August, following a recommendation from SABR's Negro Leagues Task Force.

Games Project pages received more than 512,000 pageviews last year, which comprises about 11.7% of our overall traffic on SABR.org. The Games Project published a total of 723 articles in 2021 — a new annual high in its seventh year — including a number of original stories on Negro League and other major-league games 100 years ago for the 1921 Century Project.

A complete run of every SABR research journal from the past 50 years was made available online for the first time in 2021. Each issue of the *Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime*, and the annual convention journal can now be found in the Research Collection at SABR.org.

We added more than 250 old *BRJ* and *TNP* articles to the website in order to expand our searchable Research Collection, as well. Almost every article from our flagship publications between 1971-1989 is now available online, along with all journal articles from 2006 to 2021. We also added articles from all three volumes of our Winter Meetings book series, the *Road Trips* anthology, and our first Digital Library book on baseball scouts, *Can He Play?*

In September, we relaunched the expanded Oral History Collection at SABR.org, where links to more than 650 interviews can now be found by searching the Research Collection. In addition, links to all SABR oral histories were added to each player's page at the SABR BioProject.

Our Research Collection page was again one of the heaviest single-page drivers of traffic in 2021, with more than 33,000 views (ranking No. 4 among all SABR.org pages). Our archived articles on 4-HR games, dropped third strikes, triple plays, and MLB annual salary leaders all went viral on multiple occasions, resulting in significant traffic for each.

Nine of our top 25 single-day totals at SABR.org were recorded in 2021, led by a new all-time single-day high of 18,742 unique visitors on August 6, when our Sportsman's Park biography went viral thanks to a popular Reddit post. We also recorded more than 12,700 unique visitors on January 22 when Henry Aaron died and 11,100 visitors on August 12 during the Field of Dreams Game in Iowa.

Our share of mobile and tablet traffic surpassed 64%, continuing a longstanding upward trend seen over the previous decade. Desktop visitors made up a record-low of 35.95% of all traffic to SABR.org, with 60.54% coming from mobile devices and 3.51% on tablets.

Social media: On social media, we surpassed 69,000 followers on Twitter, 10,000 followers on Facebook, 1,200 subscribers on YouTube, and 3,300 followers on LinkedIn in 2021.

SABR's Data Program: Under the direction of Sean Lahman, who heads up SABR's data program, and the many volunteers who work with Sean, it was another strong year. Highlights from the past year include:

- Work with Business of Baseball committee on MLB front office employee database project
- Ongoing effort to integrate Negro Leagues players into the SABR data collections, including the BioProject
- Maintenance and updates to SABR's player register
- Improvements and updates to the Home Run Log, Triple Plays Database, and similar collections.
- Review and update of master SABR data archive
- Working with members and committees on digitizing datasets and source materials.

SABR Events

Virtual Events: SABR chapters and committees continued hosting many online virtual events throughout the year, with speakers from around the baseball world including broadcasters Bob Costas and Ken Rosenthal, ballpark design director Janet Marie Smith, new Hall of Famer Jim Kaat, and dozens of baseball authors and historians.

A total of 236 event recordings were uploaded to SABR's YouTube channel in 2021, including complete sessions from the Analytics Conference in March, the Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Conference in April, the Summer of SABR: Golden Celebration Series from June to August, the Women in Baseball Conference in September, and the Brooklyn 19th Century Symposium in November. We also created the Member Benefit Spotlight and New Member Experience video series, along with a monthly 19th Century Speaker Series, which were all recorded and posted online.

SABR Analytics Conference: The eleventh annual SABR Analytics Conference was held March 17-20, 2022 - fully virtually due to COVID-19. The conference brought together industry leaders to share insights into where the game is going and to discuss cutting edge research presentations. The virtual environment drew very well, with nearly 1,000 registered guests, including more than 500 students. The conference kicked off with a welcome from MLB Network's Brian Kenny and Sarah Langs and speakers included industry experts Will Carroll, Seth Daniels, and Karim Kassam, MLB's Sid Sethupathi, Ben Jedlovec, and Clay Nunnally, and MLB team employees Georgia Giblin, Maggie O'Hara, Ethan Stewart, Megan Stewart, and Nick Wan.

In addition, 16 research presentations were given over the three day conference with topics including biomechanics, injury risk, at-bat models, artificial intelligence, and much more. A total of 20 teams from high schools and universities competed in the Diamond Dollars Case Competition with team from Tufts University taking home the title.

SABR - IWBC Women in Baseball Conference: The third annual SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference, hosted by SABR and the International Women's Baseball Center, took place virtually on September 10-12, 2021.

The conference was highlighted by keynote speaker Dana Bookman, founder and CEO of Canadian Girls Baseball and the founding Vice President of American Girls Baseball; and a presentation about an upcoming documentary film, *Her Game is Hardball*, with director/producer Mark Durand and writer/producer Selena Roberts. Pioneering baseball writer Claire Smith was honored with the 2021 Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award. We also heard panel discussions on international umpires, with Lisa Turbitt, Sophiyah Liu, Eva Moo, and Perry Barber; researching women's baseball with Cecilia Tan and Kate Haines; and personal stories with Laura Hirai and Suzie Hunter; and more insightful research presentations.

Frederick-Ivor Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference: The 13th annual SABR Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference was held on April 29-30, 2022, at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

The 2022 conference was highlighted by a keynote address from author Thomas Gilbert, along with a panel discussion on owner Chris Von Der Ahe with Tom Hetrick, Dennis Thiessen, Paul Browne, and moderator Bill Ryczek; a special presentation by Jonathan Popovich on "A Game of Ball: Reconstructing The Elysian Fields, 1845-1865"; a Member Spotlight interview of Dixie Tourangeau by Bob Bailey; plus research presentations.

SABR Day: SABR Day is an annual event that brings together SABR members and friends on the same day, regardless of where they live. The 13th annual SABR Day was held on Saturday, February 5, 2022. More than 20 chapters across the country met for SABR Day meetings with guest speakers including current and former baseball players, managers, umpires, executives, scouts, writers and authors.

SABR also launched a new virtual event, Ballpark Figures, a monthly interview series hosted by Shakeia Taylor. The first live Zoom show — free for all baseball fans to attend — kicked off SABR Day festivities on Thursday, February 3. Ballpark Figures continues to welcome in guests from across baseball for all SABR members to enjoy.

SABR's events have included a lot of virtual programming over the last two years, which has led to increased member engagement and participation. It will be important to maintain these opportunities in some fashion moving forward.

Closing Thoughts: A review of SABR's annual reports from the last three years will reveal a pattern of growth in membership, member engagement, and overall programming. SABR is fortunate to have a plethora of leaders helping us grow. In some ways, the world is more uncertain now than it was in March 2020, but it is comforting to know how many people are invested in SABR's advancement. I cannot possibly thank everyone responsible for SABR's success, but I would like to thank our members who make this a tremendous organization, the Board of Directors, our consultants, our excellent interns, and of course, our terrific staff. Special thanks to Scott Carter (Executive Vice President), Jacob Pomrenke (Director of Editorial Content), and Jessica Smyth (Membership Services Manager).

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SABR Chapter Reports and Chapter Leaders, June 15, 2022

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by June 15, 2022, have been included.)

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SABR Committee Reports and Committee Chairs, June 15, 2022

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SABR Chartered Community Reports, June 15, 2022

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SABR's Annual Meeting

SABR considers the initial gathering of its founders on August 10, 1971, as its first Annual Meeting. All subsequent meetings/conventions have been numbered accordingly, until 2020 and 2021 when the annual meetings were held virtually. The SABR Annual Meeting has gone through many changes. In the early days, members sat around and gave presentations to the other attendees on topics of interest to them. There were no time limits, and certainly no blind review of appropriate topics and level of research. Today, members are asked to submit abstracts that enter a blind review process and the Annual Meetings now include informative and entertaining presentations that reflect the wide range of SABR members' research interests. In addition to the oral research presentations, SABR members also are invited to make poster presentations.

The SABR Annual Meeting is the place for members to get together and share their love of the game. It is truly an experience that makes you want to come back year after year. SABR 50 has been scheduled for August 17-21, 2022 in Baltimore, MD.

Year	City	Attendees	Keynote
1971	Cooperstown NY	16	
1972	Washington DC	23	Chuck Hinton
1973	Chicago IL	26	B. Elson, D. Malarcher
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	Fred Lieb
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca
1977	Columbus OH	74	Johnny Bucha
1978	Paramus NJ	81	Tony Lupien
1979	Saint Louis MO	115	Mike Shannon
1980	Los Angeles CA	85	Roy Smalley Jr.
1981	Toronto ON	127	Panel Presentation
1982	Baltimore MD	227	Sparky Anderson
1983	Milwaukee WI	262	Hal Goodenough
1984	Providence RI	350	Lou Gorman
1985	Oakland CA	300	Roy Eisenhardt
1986	Chicago IL	479	Bill Gleason
1987	Washington DC	631	John Steadman
1988	Minneapolis MN	340	Andy MacPhail
1989	Albany NY	524	Bobby Brown
1990	Cleveland OH	481	Sam McDowell
1991	New York NY	405	Mel Allen
1992	Saint Louis MO	485	Bing Devine
1993	San Diego CA	350	Dick Williams
1994	Arlington TX	405	Robin Roberts
1995	Pittsburgh PA	451	Chuck Tanner
1996	Kansas City MO	431	Steve Fehr
1997	Louisville KY	440	Jim Bunning
1998	San Mateo CA	437	Bill Rigney
1999	Scottsdale AZ	400	Tom Henrich
2000	West Palm Beach FL	302	Elden Auker
2001	Milwaukee WI	574	Allan "Bud" Selig
2002	Boston MA	712	Ted Williams Panel
2003	Denver CO	494	Jim Evans
2004	Cincinnati OH	644	Marvin Miller
2005	Toronto ON	461	Paul Godfrey
2006	Seattle WA	539	Jim Bouton
2007	St. Louis MO	726	Joe Garagiola
2008	Cleveland, OH	632	Ron Shapiro
2009	Washington DC	664	Joshua Alkin
2010	Atlanta GA	435	John Schuerholz
2011	Long Beach CA	421	Scott Boras
2012	Minneapolis MN	448	John Thorn
2013	Philadelphia PA	709	Larry Bowa
2014	Houston TX	540	Larry Dierker
2015	Chicago IL	660	Phil Rogers
2016	Miami, FL	477	Ballpark Panel
2017	New York, NY	806	Ballpark Panel
2018	Pittsburgh, PA	620	Ballpark Panel
2019	San Diego, CA	418	Steve Garvey

SABR Awards

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

BOB DAVIDS AWARD

The Bob Davids Award, first awarded in 1985, honors a SABR member of long standing (excepting paid member employees of SABR) who reflects the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder of SABR and who makes a significant contribution to the Society in such areas as administrative responsibility, original research, information exchange, or other voluntary and cooperative efforts in the best interests of baseball. It is considered to be SABR's highest honor.

^ The 2021 Bob Davids Award recipient is Vince Gennaro.

HENRY CHADWICK AWARD

The Henry Chadwick Award was established in November 2009 to honor baseball's great researchers—historians, statisticians, annalists, and archivists—for their invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that links America's present with its past.

Apart from honoring individuals for the length and breadth of their contribution to the study and enjoyment of baseball, the Chadwick Award will educate the baseball community about sometimes little known but vastly important contributions from the game's past and thus encourage the next generation of researchers.

The contributions of nominees must have had public impact. This may be demonstrated by publication of research in any of a variety of formats: books, magazine articles, websites, etc. The compilation of a significant database or archive that has facilitated the published research of others will also be considered in the realm of public impact.

^ The 2022 recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: James E. Brunson III, Jane Leavy, and Dan Okrent.

DOUG PAPPAS RESEARCH AWARDS (first awarded 1993; as John Cox Award 1990-92)

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

The award winners at SABR 49 were:

- ^ Oral presentation: "Baseball's Most Confounding Rule." by Mark Pankin.
- ^ Poster presentation: "An Analysis of the Relationship Between Pitcher Size and UCL Tears." by Zachary Rewolinski.

SEYMOUR MEDAL (first awarded in 1996)

The Seymour Medal recognizes the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography first published during the preceding calendar year. The award was named in honor of baseball historians Harold Seymour and Dorothy Seymour Mills. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of

original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing. “History,” for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, is understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. “Biography” is the history of a person or persons. No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded.

^ The 2022 Seymour Medal is awarded to *Forty Years a Giant: The Life of Horace Stoneham*, by Steve Treder (University of Nebraska Press).

McFARLAND-SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (awarded 1987-2000 as the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award)

The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award honors the author(s) of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works will include magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers and written versions of oral presentations. Authors honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

The 2022 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winner is:

^ Bruce Allardice, *Runs, Runs, and More Runs: Pre-Professional Baseball, By the Numbers*, *SABR Baseball Research Journal*, Fall 2021

SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARDS (first awarded in 1995)

The SABR Baseball Research Award, formerly known as the *Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award, honors those individuals whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball. Eligible projects must be the product of original research or analysis and must significantly advance our knowledge of baseball. They must be characterized by factual accuracy and notable insight. Eligible projects will include, but not necessarily be limited to, research in statistics, statistical analysis and statistical compilation, and research in such diverse areas as advertising, architecture, bibliography, collectibles, economics, equipment, labor relations, sociology and technology. Research project may be of any length and, if published, may be published separately or as part of a larger work. Researchers honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

The 2022 SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Lawrence Baldassaro, *Tony Lazzeri: Yankees Legend and Baseball Pioneer* (University of Nebraska Press)
- ^ Josh Chetwynd, *Taking Your LUMPs: Major League Baseball's History of Pitchers Failing to Retiring a Single Batter in an Outing* (*NINE Journal*)
- ^ Lyle Spatz and Steve Steinberg, *Comeback Pitchers: The Remarkable Careers of Howard Ehmke and Jack Quinn* (University of Nebraska Press)

RON GABRIEL AWARD (FIRST AWARDED IN 2012)

The Ron Gabriel Award honors the author(s) of the best research, published or unpublished, on the subject of the Brooklyn Dodgers completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works include but are not limited to magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers, written versions of oral presentations, books, databases and websites. If the committee is unable to find a suitable award candidate, the prize money will be awarded to support the permanent exhibit on the Dodgers at the Brooklyn Historical Society. Ron Gabriel (1941-2009), a native of Brooklyn, New York, and longtime resident of Bethesda, Maryland, was a former Vice President of SABR and instrumental in establishing the Bob Davids Chapter, which serves the Washington-Baltimore region. He was founder and president of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club, and a charter elected member of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame. Gabriel, who earned his Ph.D. in Human Resource Management from American University, was a retired U.S. Government executive, having served with the Postal Service Management Institute, the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration.

^ The 2022 winner of the Ron Gabriel Award is *Baseball's Greatest What If: The Story and Tragedy of Pistol Pete Reiser* by Dan Joseph (Sunbury Press, Inc.)

SABR ANALYTICS CONFERENCE AWARDS (FIRST AWARDED IN 2013)

The **SABR Analytics Conference Research Awards** recognize baseball researchers who have completed the best work of original analysis or commentary during the preceding calendar year in the following categories: Contemporary Baseball Analysis, Contemporary Baseball Commentary, and Historical Analysis/Commentary.

The 2022 winners of the SABR Analytics Conference Awards are:

- ^ Contemporary Baseball Analysis: Eno Sarris, *What is 'seam-shifted wake' and which pitchers benefit most from it?*, *The Athletic*
- ^ Contemporary Baseball Commentary: Brittany Ghiroli, *Cockroaches, car camping, poverty wages: Why are minor-leaguers living in squalor?*, *The Athletic*
- ^ Historical Analysis/Commentary: Emma Baccellieri, *Deadening the Baseball? MLB's Done it Before*, *Sports Illustrated*

JACK KAVANAGH MEMORIAL YOUTH BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (FIRST AWARDED IN 1999)

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

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

- ^ The 2021 winner of the Jack Kavanagh Award is *Equality Doesn't Win Ball Games: The Benefits of a Differentiated Practice Plan* by Connor Kubeisy

Membership Report

As of June 15, 2022, SABR's current membership stands at 7,194. This figure is an increase of about 4.5% year over year and is the third consecutive year that membership has grown. Much of the growth may be attributed to students and young professionals, as these groups now account for more than 1,000 members. New membership continues to be a strength: of current members, 1,633 have joined SABR in the last 12 months, which is around 40% higher than typical recent history. In addition, SABR has welcomed nearly 3,000 new members – who remain members – since July 1, 2019.

The SABR membership continues to be well educated and professionally diverse. Educators, lawyers, doctors, and accountants are well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. Twelve current members joined in the initial year of 1971 and the organization has members that joined in every year since its inception. SABR has an international presence with members in 29 countries. The membership in the United States is centered in the Northeast and Midwest, but the membership is spread out throughout the country and includes sizable numbers of members located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, and Washington state.

Current Members, by Membership Type	
Standard:	2,648
Senior:	1,482
Student:	766
Young Professional:	242
Three Year:	848
Three Year Senior:	791
Three Year Young Prof.:	52
Five Year:	116
Family:	25
Three Year Family:	2
Lifetime:	29
Monthly:	112
Monthly Young Prof.:	20
Monthly Senior:	43
Organization:	15

Current Members, by Country	
United States	6,826
Canada	233
Japan	32
United Kingdom	27
Australia	15
Germany	9
Taiwan	5
Mexico	5
Italy	5
Cuba	4
Sweden	3
Venezuela	3
South Korea	3
New Zealand	3
Dominican Rep.	2
Ireland	2
Israel	2
Netherlands	2
Switzerland	2
Czech Republic	1
France	1
Brazil	1
Latvia	1
Denmark	1
China	1
Argentina	1
Singapore	1
Spain	1
U.A.E.	1

Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory			
AK	2	MT	6
AL	56	NC	141
AR	38	ND	6
AZ	166	NE	34
CA	670	NH	41
CO	150	NJ	266
CT	111	NM	21
DC	41	NV	37
DE	33	NY	540
FL	270	OH	329
GA	144	OK	30
HI	11	OR	62
IA	62	PA	410
ID	15	PR	14
IL	341	RI	47
IN	109	SC	73
KS	49	SD	9
KY	84	TN	78
LA	30	TX	334
MA	262	UT	15
MD	251	VA	247
ME	34	VT	23
MI	163	WA	165
MN	143	WI	129
MO	127	WV	11
MS	25	WY	2

Treasurer's Report: 2021 Results and 2022 Forecast

Our organization remains financially healthy. Despite the pandemic, we increased our net assets in 2021, meaning our revenue exceeded our expenses. On the revenue side of the ledger, this is principally due to the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program, the continued generosity of our donors, and the successful membership growth initiatives implemented by CEO Scott Bush and the staff. On the expense side, we continue to actively manage the numerous costs budgeted for an organization of our size.

As noted in last year's treasurer's report, given the financial size of our society, in 2020 the board in elected to have its annual financial statements prepared and overseen by an outside accounting firm. There are three levels of examination and presentation (from the least to the most rigorous): compilation, review, and audit. For calendar year 2020 we had a compilation prepared, for 2021 the accountants reviewed our financial statements, and for 2022 we will have an audit. I have included the three standard financial tables for nonprofit accounting in this report: the statement of financial position, the statement of activities, and the statement of cash flows. Significant notes accompany these tables in the financial review and are necessary for communicating a full understanding and the assumptions behind their preparation; the complete review, including the notes, is available upon request.

I have also included the 2022 budget. Please note that the budget shows different values than the statement of activities in the financial statements. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles), whereas the budget is constructed on a modified cash basis, so we can more effectively track revenue and expenses on a monthly basis. Budgets going back several years are included for comparison purposes.

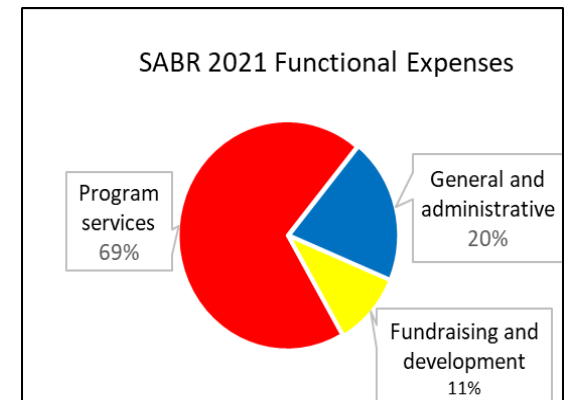
Another calculation associated with nonprofit financial statements is an allocation of functional expenses. As summarized in the chart to the right, 69% of SABR's 2021 expenses were used for program services.

As our cash position has grown, in late 2021 and 2022 we opened three conservative investment accounts with JP Morgan Chase to place some of our funds. Over the past several months we have begun moving some of our cash out of savings accounts into these investment accounts.

We have also taken other steps to safeguard our society. We reviewed and prepared a formal document summarizing SABR's internal accounting and management controls. In another, we reviewed our insurance coverages. We also exited our potentially uneconomic hotel contract for the 2022 and 2023 analytics conference, paying a penalty in order to do so.

I want to end this year's report by paying tribute to our previous treasurer F. X. Flinn. It's astonishing how much the organization matured financially in 20 years under F.X.'s financial leadership and organization. He almost single handedly revamped and professionalized our financial management and reporting. It is an honor to follow in his footsteps.

Daniel R. Levitt
Treasurer, Society for American Baseball Research
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2021

(See Independent Accountants' Review Report)

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 950,473
Investments	50,356
Inventory	28,419
Prepaid expenses	<u>5,708</u>
Total current assets	1,034,956
Property and equipment, net	24,084
Research collection	365,784
Endowment cash and cash equivalents	<u>103,515</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,528,339</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 18,391
Deferred revenue	<u>297,925</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>316,316</u>
Total liabilities	<u>316,316</u>
Commitments	
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions:	
Undesignated	863,681
Board designated	70,611
Invested in property and equipment	<u>24,084</u>
	958,376
With donor restrictions	<u>253,647</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,212,023</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,528,339</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
(See Independent Accountants' Review Report)

	<u>Without donor restrictions</u>	<u>With donor restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and support:			
Membership dues	\$ 328,673	\$ -	\$ 328,673
Annual conferences	144,159	-	144,159
Contributions	283,360	21,638	304,998
Donated facilities	42,000	-	42,000
Investment income, net	603	82	685
Other revenue	85,030	-	85,030
Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness	148,350	-	148,350
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>17,304</u>	<u>(17,304)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and support	<u>1,049,479</u>	<u>4,416</u>	<u>1,053,895</u>
Expenses:			
Program services	693,132	-	693,132
Fundraising and development	203,695	-	203,695
General and administrative	<u>103,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,745</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,000,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,572</u>
Change in net assets	48,907	4,416	53,323
Net assets, beginning as restated	<u>909,469</u>	<u>249,231</u>	<u>1,158,700</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$ 958,376</u>	<u>\$ 253,647</u>	<u>\$ 1,212,023</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
(See Independent Accountants' Review Report)

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	\$ 53,323
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	16,792
Net unrealized gain on investments	144
PPP loan forgiveness income	(148,350)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Inventory	(4,004)
Prepaid expenses	(5,706)
Other assets	9,000
Accounts payable	3,250
Deferred revenue	(8,764)
Net adjustments	<u>(137,638)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(84,315)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Purchases of investments	<u>(50,500)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(50,500)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Proceeds from PPP loan	<u>73,350</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>73,350</u>
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and endowment cash and cash equivalents	(61,465)
Cash, cash equivalents, and endowment cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>1,115,453</u>
Cash, cash equivalents, and endowment cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 1,053,988</u>
Summary of cash and cash equivalents:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 950,473
Endowment cash and cash equivalents	<u>103,515</u>
	<u>\$ 1,053,988</u>

Society for American Baseball Research 2022 Operating Budget						
2022 Budget and Five Years Prior Actuals						
	Budget 2022	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Executive Summary						
Revenues						
Administrative	\$ 578,135	\$ 880,934	\$ 594,198	\$ 623,090	\$ 381,356	\$ 385,106
Outreach	\$ 514,454	\$ 234,895	\$ 250,135	\$ 457,241	\$ 487,531	\$ 537,074
Total Revenue	\$ 1,092,589	\$ 1,115,829	\$ 844,333	\$ 1,080,331	\$ 868,887	\$ 922,180
Expenses						
Payroll	\$ 463,882	\$ 434,503	\$ 432,180	\$ 481,478	\$ 385,637	\$ 432,640
Administrative	\$ 174,860	\$ 118,496	\$ 101,807	\$ 123,299	\$ 111,512	\$ 107,429
Member	\$ 69,990	\$ 85,665	\$ 65,772	\$ 101,006	\$ 64,068	\$ 56,541
Outreach	\$ 377,332	\$ 286,633	\$ 190,312	\$ 327,194	\$ 267,138	\$ 335,367
Total Expenses	\$ 1,086,064	\$ 925,297	\$ 790,071	\$ 1,032,978	\$ 828,354	\$ 931,977
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 6,525	\$ 190,532	\$ 54,262	\$ 47,352	\$ 40,532	\$ (9,798)
Budget Detail						
Admin Revenues						
Membership Dues	\$ 342,535	\$ 328,673	\$ 310,063	\$ 284,486	\$ 289,077	\$ 294,787
Donation Income	\$ 235,000	\$ 403,740	\$ 283,413	\$ 336,918	\$ 91,801	\$ 89,862
Advertising Sales				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 600	\$ 148,521	\$ 722	\$ 1,686	\$ 479	\$ 456
Subtotal Admin Revenues	\$ 578,135	\$ 880,934	\$ 594,198	\$ 623,090	\$ 381,356	\$ 385,106
Outreach Revenues						
Licensing/Sale of Data/Material	\$ 94,970	\$ 47,808	\$ 7,790	\$ 46,346	\$ 68,499	\$ 67,717
Publication Sales	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,196	\$ 35,175	\$ 33,083	\$ 24,874	\$ 22,231
Misc				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65
Events Income	\$ 389,484	\$ 149,891	\$ 207,170	\$ 377,812	\$ 394,157	\$ 447,062
Subtotal Outreach Revenue	\$ 514,454	\$ 234,895	\$ 250,135	\$ 457,241	\$ 487,531	\$ 537,074
Revenues Total	\$ 1,092,589	\$ 1,115,829	\$ 844,332.81	\$ 1,080,331	\$ 868,887	\$ 922,180

Society for American Baseball Research 2022 Operating Budget						
2022 Budget and Five Years Prior Actuals						
	Budget 2022	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Expenses, Payroll						
Wages	\$ 372,200	\$ 351,262	\$ 343,906	\$ 379,954	\$ 297,945	\$ 342,263
Benefits	\$ 64,810	\$ 56,605	\$ 62,043	\$ 71,469	\$ 62,817	\$ 65,087
Payroll Taxes	\$ 25,872	\$ 26,636	\$ 26,231	\$ 29,537	\$ 24,323	\$ 24,630
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000		\$ -	\$ 518	\$ 552	\$ 659
Subtotal, Payroll Expenses	\$ 463,882	\$ 434,503	\$ 432,180	\$ 481,478	\$ 385,637	\$ 432,640
Expenses, Administrative						
Occupancy	\$ 4,980	\$ 5,610	\$ 4,712	\$ 7,328	\$ 4,470	\$ 5,223
Travel & Ent	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,474	\$ 1,902	\$ 28,411	\$ 12,569	\$ 26,448
Postage and Delivery	\$ 2,000	\$ 372	\$ 1,565	\$ 957	\$ 464	\$ 762
Telephone	\$ 4,080	\$ 458	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,766	\$ 2,455
Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,315	\$ 2,082	\$ 4,483	\$ 3,579	\$ 2,796
Equipment Rental	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Purchased	\$ 1,500	\$ 743	\$ 3,322	\$ 2,978	\$ 1,107	\$ 1,321
Award Related Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,389	\$ 465	\$ 2,283	\$ 2,703
Miscellaneous	\$ -			\$ 14	\$ 10,051	\$ 70
Board Meetings	\$ 28,380	\$ 7,928	\$ 8,725	\$ 22,095	\$ 33,143	\$ 20,283
Bank Service Charges	\$ 28,000	\$ 23,955	\$ 23,334	\$ 24,158	\$ 23,292	\$ 24,468
Professional Fees	\$ 60,120	\$ 54,826	\$ 33,233	\$ 18,134	\$ 6,882	\$ 8,885
Insurance	\$ 12,300	\$ 11,144	\$ 15,010	\$ 11,906	\$ 11,798	\$ 11,951
Marketing (incl. printing)	\$ 12,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 3,711	\$ 816	\$ 107	\$ 62
Operating Expenses	\$ 174,860	\$ 118,496	\$ 101,807	\$ 123,299	\$ 111,512	\$ 107,429
Expenses, Member Services						
Research Tools/Subscriptions	\$ 9,600	\$ 3,222	\$ 5,057	\$ 5,815	\$ 6,048	\$ 5,909
Research Committees	\$ 1,000	\$ 850	\$ -	\$ 283	\$ 709	\$ 960
Regionals/Chapters	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,198	\$ 1,766	\$ 2,645	\$ 3,277	\$ 3,248
IT Expenses	\$ 53,390	\$ 72,395	\$ 58,949	\$ 92,263	\$ 54,033	\$ 46,425
Member Services Expense	\$ 69,990	\$ 85,665	\$ 65,772	\$ 101,006	\$ 64,068	\$ 56,541
Expenses, Outreach						
Content Development and Distribution	\$ 113,900	\$ 109,217	\$ 93,402	\$ 100,446	\$ 80,403	\$ 88,025
Restricted Fund Expenses	\$ 29,750	\$ 14,718	\$ 9,739	\$ 22,223	\$ 14,289	\$ 28,192
Events Expenses	\$ 178,057	\$ 138,546	\$ 76,315	\$ 197,889	\$ 172,446	\$ 219,151
Development Expenses	\$ 31,000	\$ 24,152	\$ 10,855	\$ 6,636	\$ -	\$ -
Licensing Expenses	\$ 24,625		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Outreach Expenses	\$ 377,332	\$ 286,633	\$ 190,312	\$ 327,194	\$ 267,138	\$ 335,367
Expenses Total	\$ 1,086,064	\$ 925,297	\$ 790,071	\$ 1,032,978	\$ 828,354	\$ 931,977
Surplus/(deficit)	\$ 6,525	\$ 190,532	\$ 54,262	\$ 47,352	\$ 40,532	\$ (9,798)

Philanthropy

SABR began an annual campaign to solicit donations from members during the 1993-1994 renewal drive. That first campaign raised just over \$5,000. Every subsequent year has seen members and friends continue to support SABR through their time and donations. From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, SABR donations eclipsed \$300,000 for the first time in organizational history. It is the 14th consecutive \$50,000+ year, and the second straight year of \$250,000+.

In 2004, SABR adopted a more formal process to recognize its donors, revamping its gift levels and seeking more appropriate ways to recognize those who contribute money beyond annual dues. In 2019, SABR created its first development staff position to lead the organization's philanthropic efforts. In doing so, the Friends of SABR platform and Friends of SABR Committee were launched, creating a culture of philanthropy within the organization, rooted in gratitude and inclusivity. The SABR staff has worked to identify, cultivate, and solicit expanded funding sources, and build an infrastructure and strategy for SABR's continued development efforts.

Having weathered the first year of the COVID-19 global pandemic in 2020, SABR celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2021, a milestone that propelled record-breaking philanthropic efforts. In mid-April SABR launched the "Future 50" campaign, the first of two major donor initiatives in the calendar year. Commemorating the organization's 50-year history while focusing on the shared vision for SABR's next half century, the "Future 50" campaign raised over \$47,000.

The annual End of Year Campaign encouraged members to join SABR's "Bring it Home" effort in a final send off for the organization's 50th season. Like the "Future 50" campaign preceding it, the "Bring it Home" campaign was immensely effective. Garnering over \$133,000 in contributions during the three-month effort, it was the most successful End of Year Campaign in SABR history – topping the 2021 effort which held the previous high-water mark for an individual giving campaign.

Overall, SABR achieved new heights with its philanthropic efforts in 2021, including over \$305,000 in annual giving – a new organizational record. 645 unique donors contributed to SABR in the calendar year, with the median gift being \$100 and members making 51 gifts of \$1,000 or more (an all-time high).

In November of 2021, SABR also announced a new awards grant initiative. The SABR Local Grants program gave regional chapters, research committees, and chartered communities the opportunity to apply for funding for their own mission-focused projects under the organization's Four Pillars: Research, Scholarship, Preservation, and Future of the Game. More than \$10,000 would be awarded to grant applicants who would receive funding in early 2022.

SABR Giving Circles

SABR's mission is to foster the study, discussion, and understanding of all aspects of baseball. To fulfill this mission, we rely not only on member dues but also gifts from our generous supporters.

Through their membership in a SABR Giving Circle, these supporters expand our capacity to engage in the pillars of SABR's work: research, preservation, scholarship, and the future of the game. They help us realize our vision of becoming the essential community for the world of baseball.

You can become a Friend of SABR donor by giving as little as \$10 per month or by making a one-time gift of \$100 or more. When you do so, you will be inducted into a community of passionate baseball fans dedicated to supporting SABR's work.

Friends of SABR donors are recognized in *This Week in SABR*, SABR.org, and the SABR Annual Report. They will also receive access to exclusive donor experiences like the Friends of SABR Annual Convention VIP donor event.

SABR On-Deck Circle

Support SABR's mission to foster the study, discussion, and understanding of all aspects of baseball. Get in the SABR On-Deck Circle by committing to a monthly donation and help SABR become the essential community for the world of baseball. Your support will build capacity around all things SABR, including publications, website content, event development, and community growth. A monthly gift is deducted from your bank account or charged to a credit card until you tell us to stop.

Research Circle

Baseball research and recognition of the research is the pillar upon which SABR was founded more than 50 years ago. Our 34 research committees represent a diverse spectrum of interests, including the BioProject Committee, Baseball and the Arts Research Committee, Statistical Analysis Research Committee, and many more. Research Circle donors contributed at least \$1,000 in 2021.

Preservation Circle

A core function of SABR is to preserve baseball history and baseball research materials for future generations. SABR's work in preserving baseball history is reflected in our grave marker projects, led by committees that locate 19th Century and Negro League player gravesites and adorn them with headstones, as well as the Minor League Player Database, Major League Baseball Home Run Log, and much more. Preservation Circle donors contributed at least \$2,500 in 2021.

Scholar Circle

Ernie Harwell, the late Detroit Tigers broadcaster, said: "SABR is the Phi Beta Kappa of baseball, providing scholarship which the sport has long needed...An excellent way for all of us to add to our enjoyment of the greatest game." SABR promotes the understanding of the game of baseball through the *Baseball Research Journal*, events like the SABR Analytics Conference, and the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, and through groups such as the Negro Leagues Research Committee, Women in Baseball Research Committee, and the Educational Resources Committee. Scholar Circle donors contributed at least \$5,000 in 2021.

Future of the Game Circle

Future of the Game Circle members play a special role in ensuring the future of SABR by providing support for membership growth and student scholarships. Your participation in the Future of the Game Circle will help SABR develop networking opportunities for students aspiring to work in baseball. Future of the Game Circle donors contributed at least \$10,000 in 2021.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations, and others listed here who have made contributions in the period between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021. SABR thanks all its donors for their loyal support in 2021, as they made the organization's 50th anniversary one to remember. Their names appear alphabetically on the following pages. The investment each donor has made to SABR helps ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle

The Legacy Circle members support the long-term sustainability of SABR and its' mission to foster the study, discussion, and understanding of all aspects of baseball. The exploration and preservation of baseball history is cultivated through support from the Legacy Circle. This group of donors is comprised of those who are seeking to leave a legacy by remembering SABR in their estate planning. Currently, the Legacy Circle includes:

Lowell Blaisdell*
Steven G. Breen*
Joe Favano*
Ron Gabriel*
John Hancock
William Hickman
George W. Hilton*
Chuck Hilty*

Brenda Himrich
John Infanger*
Douglas Jacobs
William B. James*
Jim Karn*
Bob McConnell*
John Pardon*
Anthony Salazar

Elizabeth Schlappi
Stew Thornley
Neal Traven
Marlene Vogelsang
John Zajc
*Deceased

If you have included SABR in your own estate plans, please let us know. We want to make sure your gift is used in the way you intend — and of course we want to recognize you for your generosity. In addition, if you are interested in learning how to include SABR in your estate plans, we are here to assist you.

You are Important to Us

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this annual report, we realize that errors may have occurred. If your name has been omitted, misspelled, incorrectly listed, or you do not want your name published on our online version, please accept our sincere apologies, and notify us of the discrepancy so that we may correct our records. Contact Scott Carter at (602) 496-1466 or scarter@sabr.org.

**Future of
the Game Circle Donors**

Lowell Blaisdell Estate

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Preservation Circle Donors

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History

The Society for American Baseball Research has come a long way since 16 individuals met around two tables at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York, on August 10, 1971. SABR has grown to nearly 6,000 members and added research committees, regional groups, and a variety of other membership services. Once “SABR Who?” was a familiar question. Today, nearly all baseball publications make some reference to SABR or SABR members. Professional baseball executives and media are well aware of the collective expertise and talents of SABR members. Slowly, but surely, more and more general baseball fans are learning about SABR.

SABR was the brainchild of L. Robert “Bob” Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed freelance articles to *The Sporting News*. When *The Sporting News* discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, “Baseball Briefs.” The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 “statisticians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group. The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society’s objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information.



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

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