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President's Report – Vince Gennaro

It's been another outstanding year for SABR, as we advanced our mission to foster the study of baseball, maintain an accurate account of its historical record and to produce and disseminate a wide range of research. We've made progress in numerous areas.

SABR is a research community dedicated to deepening the public's understanding and appreciation of the great game of baseball. We recognize, support, and foster a wide range of baseball interests, ranging from the Deadball Era, to Latinos in baseball, science and baseball, and our scouts research committee. Our ability to fulfill our mission is directly related to the diversity of our research committees, as well as the quality of our research. Likewise, the more our work is seen and heard within and outside the SABR community, the better we fulfill our mission.

Over the last year the SABR leadership—the Board, our CEO, and our staff—continued our three major themes to forward the Society's mission:

- ▲ Support our members' research efforts by acquiring research assets and tools and providing an outlet for their work through publications
- ▲ Improve our connection to the baseball community—those who have the most to gain from our members' research
- ▲ Maintain SABR's financial stability through a sound operating model, so that we can ultimately invest in additional research tools and assets

We continue to make outstanding progress on all three fronts, including the digitization of The Sporting News (TSN) player cards. This important one-of-a-kind set of documents will be an important source of information for researchers for decades to come. We've recently perfected the scanning and digitization process, in recent months. The hope is that the entire set of more than 150,000 cards will be digitized by early 2018. On the publications front, it was a banner year. Since last year's convention, nine SABR e-books have been published, all of which are free to members.

Second, we continue to make excellent progress building our awareness and improving our connection to the broader baseball community. These relationships are critical to SABR's mission, namely the dissemination of baseball research and information. It ensures that the work of our dedicated SABR researchers has even greater meaning and impact by reaching the leaders and custodians of our national pastime. We continue to advance our alliances with MLB Advanced Media, and the Rawlings Gold Glove Awards. These alliances continue to deepen SABR's connections to organized baseball and create a conduit for our research to be seen and heard by those within the baseball community.

Finally, we had another solid year financially in 2016. While we did not have the benefit of a large donation from an estate, as we had in the previous year, we continued to invest in SABR's future. We added a full-time staff member at our headquarters in Phoenix, whose primary role is as a liaison with local chapters, to help members realize the full benefits of SABR membership. We believe that our financial momentum and our ability to invest in key initiatives is sustainable. This is the result of more balanced revenue streams resulting from a greater mix of revenues coming from licensing fees and event income, and a lesser reliance on membership dues to power SABR.

In the end, SABR is a community for those who share a passion for baseball. The goal of your SABR leadership is to support that passion by bringing you together as a community, providing you with the opportunities to collaborate and share in exciting research projects, and creating outlets for your work to be viewed, discussed and debated by others. As your SABR President, I look forward to another year of building on our successes and helping SABR members enlighten the baseball establishment and fans alike about the game we all cherish.

CEO's Report – Marc Appleman

It has been another exciting and successful year for SABR and its members. SABR continues to raise the bar when it comes to producing major events, publishing e-books, working with chapters and committees, and increasing its stature within the baseball community.

SABR Chapters: With the addition of Blane Ferguson, SABR has a full-time staff member devoted to working closely with the chapters. We welcomed a new international chapter in Nepal as our 71st chapter earlier this year. 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.

Some chapter highlights include:

- The Rogers Hornsby Chapter's BasebALZ program, in conjunction with Alzheimer's Texas, is working together to provide baseball-themed programs for Central Texas residents with early-stage Alzheimer's.
- The Sacramento chapter has been renamed the Dusty Baker Sacramento Chapter.
- The Arizona chapter was renamed the Hemond-Delhi Arizona Chapter to honor one of baseball's most influential executives, Roland Hemond, and the first Arizona-born Major League player, Flame Delhi.
- Dave Wallace, the former pitching coach for the Red Sox, Dodgers, Mets, Astros and Orioles, was the featured speaker at a Boston Chapter event in January. Red Sox team historian Gordon Edes was also featured at the event.
- Former Major Leaguer Jeff Huson, now of ROOT Sports, joined with Thomas Harding of MLB.com and Ed Henderson of KOA, to speak at Denver's SABR Day gathering.
- The Kekionga Chapter in Fort Wayne, Indiana, led an effort to place a historical marker at the site of the Kekionga Ball Grounds, which hosted the first National Association game in 1871.
- The Larry Dierker/Houston Chapter met 14 times over the past year and honored Astros broadcaster Bill Brown, who retired after 30 years. Astros President Reid Ryan also addressed a chapter meeting prior to a game at Minute Maid Park.
- The Quebec Chapter took a summer trip to Quebec City and attended a Québec Capitales game. The game took place during induction weekend at the Quebec Baseball Hall of Fame, which is housed at Quebec Stadium. Gus Dugas, who was born in Quebec and reached the Major Leagues with the Pirates and Senators, was inducted into the Hall of Fame. SABR member Robert Duval was instrumental in getting Gus elected after he submitted his name to the selection committee and wrote his bio for the SABR BioProject. Robert represented Gus Dugas' daughters on the field for the presentations.
- The Lefty O'Doul/Bay Area Chapter continues to partner with the San Francisco Public Library to host special speakers.
- The Luis Castro Chapter in Venezuela hosted a Sabermetrics and Coaching Workshop, which was attended by more than 100 people.
- Members of the Magnolia Chapter traveled to Greenville, South Carolina, where they toured the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum and visited Jackson's gravesite and statue in downtown Greenville. They also played catch on the same field that Jackson played on as a young man.
- The East Tennessee Chapter attended a vintage baseball game at the historic Ramsey House in Knoxville.

SABR Committees: The 31 SABR research committees continue to produce excellent research and this year many of them will be providing top speakers at their SABR 47 annual meetings. For a complete look at the accomplishments of SABR's committees, please see the Research Committee Reports section in the appendix.

Some highlights include:

- The Business of Baseball Committee produced Volume 1 of the "History of Winter Meetings" book as part of the SABR Digital Library program.
- The Baseball and the Arts Committee is planning to launch a new journal focused on baseball and the arts.
- The Women in Baseball Committee has created a \$500 scholarship for high school seniors and the Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement

Award.

- The Negro Leagues Committee awarded five high school scholarships and laid two headstones as part of the Negro Leagues Grave Marker Project.

SABR's Publications Program: Under the direction 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.

This year the SABR BioProject surpassed a milestone with 4,000 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. Since starting the Games Project in 2014, more than 800 accounts of games have been produced. The SABR Baseball Games Project is 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 such as in the Negro Leagues, Minor Leagues, or international or exhibition contests.

From last year's convention in late July through May 2017, SABR members have received free copies of the following SABR e-books:

- No-Hitters
- The SABR Book of Umpires and Umpiring
- Dome Sweet Dome
- Overcoming Adversity: Baseball's Tony Conigliaro Award
- The Winter Meetings: Volume 1 (1901-1957)
- When Pops Led The Family: The 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates
- Boston's First Nine: The 1871-75 Boston Red Stockings
- Cuban Baseball Legends
- El Universo Alternativo del beisbol: Leyendas del Beisbol Cubano

SABR's collaboration with Rawlings: The fourth year of this collaboration was very successful. The SABR Defensive Index (SDI) played a key role in the selection of a number of the Rawlings Gold Glove Award winners. The winners of the Rawlings Platinum Glove Awards presented by SABR were announced by SABR President Vince Gennaro at the Rawlings Gold Glove Award Banquet. The 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 partnership with MLBAM: SABR continues to work closely with MLB.com. We continue to provide member-produced content for MLB.com. SABR members played a key role in selecting the winners of the Esurance MLB Awards (formerly the GIBBYs). The votes from SABR members are equal to each of the other four categories: SABR members (20%), MLB.com (20%), front office personnel (20%), retired players (20%), media (20%). For the seventh straight year, SABR will present SABR-branded panels at the MLBAM stage at the All-Star Game FanFest.

SABR.org: SABR.org enjoyed another year of high traffic in 2016 and that has continued throughout the first part of 2017. In 2016, SABR.org dramatically increased its share of mobile and tablet visitors after a responsive redesign of the entire site was unveiled. For the first time, more than 40 percent of all visitors to SABR.org came via portable mobile devices, rather than desktop computers. Desktop visitors accounted for 57.53% of all web traffic in 2016, a massive drop compared to 64.7% in 2014 and 85.3% in 2012. More than 65 percent of our visitors were new to the site and we averaged just under 90,000 unique visitors per month.

We also set single-month record highs three times in 2016, with 111,291 unique visitors in April, 112,569 in May, and 112,989 in October. That mark was again surpassed in April 2017, when the start of a new baseball season and an update to a groundbreaking baseball demographics study saw 114,014 unique visitors at SABR.org.

Twelve of our top 25 single-day totals at SABR.org were also recorded in 2016, led by the 12,772 visitors we had on November 3 following a historic Game

Seven of the World Series. We also had 11,243 visitors — our second-highest daily total ever — on November 2, the day of Game Seven. On only one other occasion had we seen more than 10,000 visitors in a single day before then.

On social media, we surpassed 37,000 followers on Twitter in the spring of 2017 and our list of SABR members active on that platform has grown to more than 600. Our Facebook page includes more than 8,000 followers, up from about 6,500 at this time last year.

SABR.org has played a key role in increasing the exposure of the organization's initiatives, including the SABR Analytics Conference and the SABR Digital Library publishing program. In addition, online multimedia coverage from the SABR Analytics Conference, the SABR Convention, and other major events, along with increased daily visibility on multiple social media platforms, and our BioProject referral partnership with Baseball-Reference.com, have driven our web traffic to record-breaking numbers.

SABR events:

- **SABR 46:** For the second time in SABR's history, the SABR National Convention was held in Florida. The convention featured a special ballpark session at Marlins Park with Barry Bonds, Don Mattingly, Hall of Famer Andre Dawson, and the father-son team of Hall of Famer Tony Perez and Eduardo Perez, followed by a game between the Marlins and the St. Louis Cardinals. SABR 46 also featured a welcome address by Michael Hill, the Marlins' President of Baseball Operations, and a series of special panels: Latino Baseball Authors, *Perspectivas del Beisbol: Covering Baseball for Hispanic Fans* on ESPN Deportes, Media Panel, Cuban Players Panel, and a look back at the 2003 Marlins championship team. The 2003 Marlins Panel featured manager Jack McKeon, former players Jeff Conine and Juan Pierre, and moderator Dave Van Horne, a Ford C. Frick Award-winning broadcaster.

The convention featured a strong lineup of 32 research presentations, 25 committee meetings (some with special guest speakers), the annual meetings for committee leaders and chapter leaders, a "How To Do Baseball Research" workshop, the screening of the documentary *Fastball*, the SABR Trivia Contest, the Ross Adell Welcome Reception, the Awards Luncheon, the Donor Breakfast, and the Annual Business Meeting. The Anthony Y. Yoseloff Foundation Inc. Research Scholarship awards were given to four students.

- **SABR Analytics Conference:** The sixth annual SABR Analytics Conference – held during Spring Training in Phoenix—attracted more than 450 attendees, including representatives from 26 Major League teams. It was once again a major success for SABR members, potential SABR members, industry insiders and the many college students who participated in the Diamond Dollars Case Competition. The Anthony Y. Yoseloff Foundation Inc. Research Scholarship awards were given to four students.

The conference featured 10 innovative research presentations and top speakers and moderators. They included Hall of Famer Randy Johnson, postseason legend Luis Gonzalez, Bill James, Cubs GM Jed Hoyer, Scott Harris of the Cubs, Mariners' GM Jerry Dipoto, Diamondbacks' GM Mike Hazen, Brian Kenny of MLB Network, Jessica Mendoza from ESPN, Eno Sarris of FanGraphs, Mike Ferrin from MLB Network Radio and the Diamondbacks, Jon Sciambi of ESPN, Cubs broadcaster Jim Deshaies, Eric Brynes of MLB Network, C. Trent Rosecrans of the Cincinnati Enquirer, Dan Migala of PCG/SportsDesk Media, Tom Tango, Daren Willman and Mike Petriello of MLB Advanced Media, Tyrone Brooks and Renee Tirado from MLB, Sarah Gelles from the Orioles, Jordan Muraskin of deCervo, Daniel M. Laby of the State University of New York College of Optometry, Brian Murphy of STRIVR Labs, Brett Kurland from ASU, and Vince Gennaro of SABR.

- **Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference:** The 19th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, presented by the Negro Leagues Committee of SABR, was held in Kansas City on July 7-9, 2016. "The Biggest and Best Black Baseball Conference in America" featured innovative research presentations, a talk by host Larry Lester on *Why Black Baseball Matters* and the opportunity to hear from former Negro Leaguer and Major Leaguer George Altman. The conference will be remembered for a very special panel presentation featuring the children of Lahoma and Leroy Paige. The Paige children — Pamela, Bob, Rita and Carolyn — made a rare public appearance in a panel moderated by noted author and historian Donald Spivey. The conference also included a visit to

the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and the American Jazz Museum, and the game between the Royals and Mariners at Kauffman Stadium.

- **SABR Arizona Fall League Experience:** The event, which was held November 3-5 in the Phoenix area, featured three AFL games at three different ballparks. Attendees were treated to a ballpark dinner and Arizona Major League Alumni auction at Scottsdale Stadium, a welcome address from AFL President Steve Cobb and a talk from former Chicago Cubs outfielder Byron Browne. The local chapter's regional fall meeting featured a panel on baseball broadcasting with Oakland A's voice Vince Cotroneo, his son Dominic Cotroneo of ASU, Marty Lurie of KNBR in San Francisco, and moderator Tony DeMarco. Denise Stillman spoke about plans to develop land near the "Field of Dreams" movie site in Dyersville, Iowa, while Chuck Johnson gave a presentation on the Arizona Rookie League. Former scout Bernie Pleskoff gave his recommendations on who to watch in the Fall Stars Game and MLB.com columnist Barry Bloom and former MLB pitcher John D'Acquisto talked about the Cubs winning the World Series.
- **Frederick-Ivor Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference:** The ninth annual conference was held April 21-22, 2017, at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Highlights of the conference included a keynote address from baseball historian Bill Lamb, a panel discussion on SABR's Overlooked 19th Century Base Ball Legends Project with Adam Darowski, Michael Hauptert, Joe Williams, and moderator John Thorn; a special presentation of the documentary film "Town Teams: Bigger Than Baseball" by Dorothy Seymour Mills and Mark Honer; a Member Spotlight interview of Joanne Hulbert by Tom Simon, and a slate of research presentations.
- For the sixth year in a row, SABR presented the SABR Seymour Medal Award prior to NINE's banquet at the NINE Conference. The recipients of the award were Robert C. Trumbour and Kenneth Womack for *The Eighth Wonder of the World: The Life of Houston's Iconic Astrodome*. Mr. Trumbour accepted the award at the banquet.
- **SABR Day** on January 28, 2017 featured 47 events around the country and the world. SABR Day is held on the Saturday between the NFL championship games and the Super Bowl.

Behind the Numbers: Baseball SABR Style: This weekly baseball analytics show completed its second 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 SABR 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 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:

- Maintenance and updates to SABR's player register
- Updates and additions to Minor Leagues Database for post-WWII leagues
- Development of improved systems for necrology tracking and reporting
- New workflow for updating biographical data at the BioProject site
- Maintenance and updates of the Home Run Log
- Digitizing and sharing "less-thans" and other source materials
- Improvements to SABR Triple Plays Database
- Work on conversion of College Baseball content to database format
- Support for relaunch of The Baseball Index at baseballindex.org

SABR's Youth Initiative: Awareness of SABR among younger fans continues to grow through SABR.org, the SABR Analytics Conference, and the SABR Student Group Affiliate Membership Program (program offers institutional memberships to college, high school and middle school groups).

The success of SABR would not be possible without our members that make this a tremendous organization, the Board of Directors, our volunteers and consultants, and of course, our terrific staff in Phoenix. Special thanks to Jeff Schatzki (Director of Operations), Jacob Pomrenke (Director of Editorial Content), Deb Jayne (Membership and Events Director) and our newest staff member Blane Ferguson (Manager of Chapter/Partner Relations).

Sincerely,
Marc Appleman

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SABR Chapter Reports and Chapter Leaders, June 1, 2017

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by June 1, 2017, have been included.)

- See Appendix 1

SABR Committee Reports and Committee Chairs, June 1, 2017

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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. In 2016, SABR 46 was held in Miami, Florida. The SABR Annual Meeting has gone through many changes. In the early days, members sat around and gave presentations to the others there on topics of interest to them. There were no time limits, and certainly no blind review of appropriate topics and level of research. Today, members are asked to submit abstracts that enter a blind review process 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.

Highlights of SABR46 included an afternoon at Marlins Park. Featured speakers, including all-time home run leader Barry Bonds, and Hall of Famers Andre Dawson and Tony Perez, addressed the members. The Awards Luncheon was another highlight where the winners of various SABR Awards were recognized.

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.

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

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 2016 Bob Davids Award recipient is Stew Thornley.

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 2017 recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: Peter Bjarkman, Dan Levitt, Larry McCray, Lyle Spatz.

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 46 were:

- ▲ Oral presentation: "The Myth of the Closer," by David W. Smith.
- ▲ Poster presentation: "The Line Drive that Changed Baseball History!" by Francis Kinlaw.

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 2017 Seymour Medal is awarded to "*The Eighth Wonder of the World: the Life of Houston's Iconic Astrodome*", by Robert C. Trumbour and Kenneth Womack (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 2017 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Jack Bales, "*The Show Girl and the Shortstop: The Strange Saga of Violet Popovich and her shooting of Cub Billy Jurges*", BRJ – Fall 2016 (SABR).
- ^ Dan Barry, "*The Big League Prospect who became a Mob Hit Man*", (New York Times, October 30, 2016).

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 2017 SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Brian Kenny, "*Ahead of the Curve*" (Simon & Schuster)
- ^ Louis Schiff and Robert Jarvis, "*Baseball and the Law*" (Carolina Academic Press)
- ^ Krister Swanson, "*Baseball's Power Shift*" (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 2017 winner of the Ron Gabriel Award is “*Prologue in ‘Long Before the Miracle: The Making of the New York Mets’*” by Bill Sullivan (CreateSpace).

THE JACK KAVANAGH MEMORIAL YOUTH BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (first awarded 2000)

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award was established in 1999 by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) in recognition of Kavanagh’s writing and research achievements and his contributions to SABR. The Award is supported with funding from Diamond Communications and was presented for the first time at the SABR National Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida in June 2000. The Kavanagh Award may be presented each year for either a research presentation given at the SABR National Convention (papers must accompany any oral presentation), or for a research paper that is submitted to the awards committee between the end of one SABR Convention and no later than June 1 of the following year by a researcher in grades 6-8 (middle school category), grades 9-12 (high school category), or undergraduates 22 and under (College Category). The awards committee will consist of members appointed each year by the education committee chair. The winner will receive a plaque honoring this achievement and the following, according to his/her category: College (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership) High School (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership) Middle School (\$100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

The 2016 Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ College Division: “*The Original Babe and the Hall of Fame*”, Justin Woodard, Wabash College
- ^ High School Division: “*Rube Foster*”, Grant Kleiman, Hutchinson (Minnesota) High School
- ^ Middle School Division: “*Overlooked Hero: Bill Dineen*”, Owen Randall

Other Award Winners

LARRY RITTER BOOK AWARD (DEADBALL ERA COMMITTEE)

Each year, SABR's Deadball Era Committee presents the Larry Ritter Book Award to recognize the best new book primarily set in the Deadball Era that was published during the previous calendar year. The Award is presented during the committee's meeting at the annual SABR convention. The 2012 selection committee was made up of Al Blumkin, Jack Carlson, Mark Dugo, David Fleitz, Craig Lammers, John McMurray, Mark Pattison, Gail Rowe (chair), Tom Simon and Trey Strecker.

- ▲ The 2017 winner of the Larry Ritter Award: Glenn Stout, *"The Selling of the Babe: The Deal that changed baseball and created a Legend"* (Thomas Dunne Books, St. Martin's Press)

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE AWARDS

The Committee awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four graduating high school seniors as a result of its annual national essay contest. Isabella Baynard of Los Altos High School in Los Altos, California, Sophia Dossin of South Eugene High School in Eugene, Oregon, Nijer Reaves from Islands High School in Savannah, Georgia, and Jakez Smith of South Central High School in Winterville, North Carolina were selected as the winners. The contest was open to high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution and carrying a minimum 2.5 GPA at the end of their junior year. The selection committee was comprised of Charles Crutchfield, AJ Taylor, Mel May, Michelle Freeman, Philip Ross, and Missy Booker.

ROLAND HEMOND AWARD (SCOUTS COMMITTEE)

The SABR Scouts Committee's Roland Hemond Award recognizes the baseball executive who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to professional baseball scouts and scouting, and player development history.

- ▲ The 2017 winner is Jax Robertson.

George Michael Award (Pictorial History)

The SABR Pictorial History Research Committee recognizes an individual for significant contribution to the knowledge and understanding of historical baseball imagery.

- The 2016 winner is Tom Shieber.

Membership Report

As of June 1, 2017, our current membership stands at 5,619. Of current members, 1,088 are new members, having joined SABR in the last 12 months.

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. SABR members also are well-connected to the Internet, with 98.7% of members sharing an email address with SABR. The average age, for members who have reported their birthdays and our student group members, is 58.29 years old. The average age of new members is 46.36 years old.

Current Members, by Decade/Year Joined				Current Members, by Country		Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory			
	1970s	168		United States	5,340	AK	4	MS	14
	1980s	819		Canada	183	AL	34	MT	5
	1990s	823		Japan	26	AR	30	NC	90
	2000s	894		United Kingdom	17	AZ	157	ND	5
	2010s	2915		Australia	8	CA	542	NE	24
				Nepal	7	CO	119	NH	36
				Italy	6	CT	101	NJ	209
				Germany	4	DC	36	NM	30
1971	15	1995	79	Mexico	3	DE	24	NV	33
1972	8	1996	82	Cuba	2	FL	209	NY	494
1973	10	1997	95	Dominican Rep.	2	GA	99	OH	303
1974	13	1998	100	France	2	GU	1	OK	20
1975	11	1999	68	Spain	2	HI	8	OR	50
1976	27	2000	89	Taiwan	2	IA	49	PA	363
1977	22	2001	92	Armed Forces	1	ID	7	PR	9
1978	26	2002	110	China	1	IL	306	RI	38
1979	36	2003	74	Costa Rica	1	IN	79	SC	42
1980	48	2004	94	Denmark	1	KS	46	SD	7
1981	40	2005	82	Hong Kong	1	KY	46	TN	52
1982	105	2006	77	Iran	1	LA	30	TX	296
1983	114	2007	96	Israel	1	MA	226	UT	12
1984	92	2008	71	Malta	1	MD	186	VA	196
1985	148	2009	101	New Zealand	1	ME	24	VT	23
1986	91	2010	110	Singapore	1	MI	146	WA	133
1987	86	2011	163	South Africa	1	MN	132	WI	99
1988	58	2012	223	South Korea	1	MO	104	WV	9
1989	37	2013	304	Sweden	1			WY	2
1990	56	2014	357	Switzerland	1				
1991	70	2015	453	Venezuela	1				
1992	77	2016	772						
1993	83	2017	541						
1994	113								

Treasurer's 2017 Mid-Year Report

I am honored to continue serving as the society's treasurer and appreciate your support in this year's election. Last year we reported that FY 2015 was our first million-dollar year, but lacking a singular six figure donation during 2016, we were unable to match that in FY 2016. The Society wound up dipping into its reserves to the tune of \$23K, as reflected in the bottom line of our income statement and the Unrestricted line in the Retained Surplus section of our balance sheet.

So while it is true that we've established a new equilibrium, and I'm not particularly concerned about running a deficit of this magnitude, this is one of the reasons why the board has started to take a fresh look at our organization's long term strategy – an entirely predictable outcome after our 6 year turnaround effort has reached fruition.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, we see that our assets are down about 75K from 2015. About 17K of this is attributable to a decline in future dues value. We have more members signing up one year at a time now instead of three, and fewer full-price members. We also booked sponsorship revenue for 2016 Analytics in late 2015 as some of our sponsors wanted to pre-pay, but this was not repeated in 2016; that is another 45K. We had the 23K loss, mainly attributable to the expansion of staff in order to better serve our chapters, but offsetting that in the surplus we had 14K in new temporarily restricted funds, which are monies, principally from donations, set aside for specific uses, such as our Yoseloff scholarships or our Negro Leagues Committee grave markers project. All this is shown in the assets as a decline in our Investments, because we count in that amount everything not banked in our regular checking account, which we maintain at the level of about one month's expenses.

On the income statement, the Operating Budget and Forecast, I'll highlight some of the principal changes. Our revenue declined 165K, 86K in donations, 64K in events, 19K in dues, offset by small increases in publication sales and advertising. Our expenses increased by 30K, most notably our payroll increased 45K – staff raises and the new position for chapter development – but our cost for office space declined 7K (and is down nearly 20K from 5 years ago), and we found an additional net savings of 8K without shortchanging any of our outreach efforts. Again, keep in mind the six figure donation and early sponsorship booking in FY 2015 when comparing year to year – the revenue reduction is nowhere near as glaring as the numbers alone might suggest at first glance.

SABR has always seen its finances fluctuate with the size of its annual convention and the appearance of large bequests, with decisions to expand or contract staff or take up a project that uses our surplus to create research assets or improve operations. The comparison of 2015 to 2016 should not cause alarm. We had a strong Analytics conference performance this spring and expect the New York convention to be the largest in years. We anticipate our chapter development efforts will bear fruit in membership retention. Our current year end forecast is now close to breakeven.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to learn more, please feel free to contact me.

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Balance Sheet

December 31, 2016 and Previous 5 Years

ASSETS

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Current Assets					
Cash and Equivalents	\$52,274	\$54,531	\$64,500	\$315,026	\$267,675
Investments (temp. & publ traded)	\$670,391	\$754,633	\$549,075	\$245,049	\$224,236
Accounts Receivable	\$135	\$985	\$-	\$5,075	\$4,955
Publications Inventory	\$16,704	\$9,210	\$15,171	\$14,217	\$12,366
Prepaid Expenses	\$6,205	\$-	\$-	\$1,540	\$5,000
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	\$745,709	\$819,359	\$628,746	\$580,907	\$514,232
Property and Equipment					
Equipment	\$43,972	\$43,972	\$43,972	\$65,336	\$64,122
Other Assets eg Website	\$29,523	\$29,523	\$29,523	\$29,523	\$29,523
<i>Total Property and Equipment</i>	\$73,494	\$73,494	\$73,495	\$94,859	\$93,645
Depreciation & amortization	\$(73,031)	\$(72,788)	\$(72,545)	\$(93,666)	\$(91,179)
<i>Net Property and Equipment</i>	\$464	\$707	\$950	\$1,193	\$2,466
Other Assets					
Research Collections	\$28,189	\$28,189	\$28,189	\$28,911	\$31,172
Trademarks net of Amortization	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Prepaid Taxes	\$-	\$-	\$722	\$-	\$-
<i>Total Other Assets</i>	\$28,189	\$28,189	\$28,911	\$28,911	\$31,172
Total Assets	\$774,362	\$848,255	\$658,607	\$611,011	\$547,870
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable/Deferred Exp	\$18,999	\$20,479	\$23,605	\$16,500	\$14,000
Deferred Dues - current	\$195,313	\$212,664	\$211,116	\$215,109	\$207,739
Deferred Events (net)	\$5,155	\$51,505	\$28,925	\$11,060	\$28,157
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	\$219,467	\$284,648	\$263,646	\$242,669	\$249,896
Deferred Dues - future	\$73,770	\$74,865	\$76,377	\$75,041	\$63,035
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$293,237	\$359,513	\$340,023	\$317,710	\$312,931
RETAINED SURPLUS					
Unrestricted	\$271,643	\$294,001	\$127,630	\$78,437	\$52,702
Temporarily Restricted	\$77,219	\$63,391	\$61,473	\$86,038	\$54,561
Permanently Restricted	\$132,264	\$131,349	\$129,481	\$128,826	\$127,676
<i>Total Surplus</i>	\$481,125	\$488,742	\$318,584	\$293,301	\$234,939
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$774,362	\$848,255	\$658,607	\$611,011	\$547,870

Society for American Baseball Research 2017 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals - Summary										
		as of April 30							17 Forecast vs 16 Actual	17 Forecast vs 12 Actual
		2017 Budget	2017 Forecast	2016 Actual	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	1 Yr Chg	5 Yr Chg
Revenues	<i>Administrative</i>	\$396,543	\$389,535	\$414,110	\$517,871	\$419,438	\$422,132	\$412,660	-5.9%	-5.6%
	<i>Outreach</i>	\$547,535	\$559,857	\$427,075	\$488,779	\$449,031	\$422,778	\$279,211	31.1%	100.5%
Total Revenue		\$944,078	\$949,393	\$841,184	\$1,006,649	\$868,469	\$844,910	\$691,870	12.9%	37.2%
Expenses	<i>Administrative</i>	\$547,724	\$548,840	\$519,808	\$491,050	\$475,404	\$465,272	\$436,605	5.6%	25.7%
	<i>Member Services</i>	\$53,050	\$53,700	\$52,932	\$57,103	\$62,318	\$53,365	\$74,859	1.5%	-28.3%
	<i>Outreach</i>	\$356,075	\$349,186	\$292,308	\$288,340	\$285,823	\$300,480	\$249,007	19.5%	40.2%
Total Expenses		\$956,849	\$951,726	\$865,049	\$836,492	\$823,545	\$819,117	\$760,470	10.0%	25.1%
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$(12,771)	\$(2,334)	\$(23,864)	\$170,157	\$44,925	\$25,793	\$(58,924)		
2017 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals - Details										
Revenues										
	Membership Dues	\$310,643	\$305,347	\$313,834	\$332,580	\$326,976	\$331,660	\$335,484	-2.7%	-9.0%
	Donation Income	\$85,300	\$83,615	\$98,816	\$184,787	\$91,986	\$89,900	\$76,759	-15.4%	8.9%
	Advertising Sales	\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$-	\$-	\$200	\$-		
	Interest	\$600	\$563	\$460	\$504	\$476	\$373	\$417	22.4%	35.1%
	Administrative Revenues	\$396,543	\$389,535	\$414,110	\$517,871	\$419,438	\$422,132	\$412,660	-5.9%	-5.6%
	Licensing/Sale of Data/Material	\$67,365	\$67,521	\$83,496	\$83,916	\$87,719	\$82,832	\$55,489	-19.1%	21.7%
	Publication Sales	\$21,000	\$21,378	\$23,661	\$20,948	\$12,785	\$11,608	\$6,384	-9.7%	234.9%
	Misc	\$-	\$-	\$533	\$-	\$65	\$-	\$3,301		
	Events Income	\$459,170	\$470,959	\$319,385	\$383,914	\$348,462	\$328,338	\$214,037	47.5%	120.0%
	Outreach Revenues	\$547,535	\$559,857	\$427,075	\$488,779	\$449,031	\$422,778	\$279,211	31.1%	100.5%
	Revenues Total	\$944,078	\$949,393	\$841,184	\$1,006,649	\$868,469	\$844,910	\$691,870	12.9%	37.2%

Expenses									
Payroll	\$437,354	\$435,471	\$405,925	\$360,401	\$348,087	\$323,019	\$300,459	7.3%	44.9%
Occupancy	\$5,200	\$5,215	\$5,568	\$12,833	\$27,834	\$26,588	\$24,871	-6.4%	-79.0%
Travel & Entertainment	\$28,000	\$28,687	\$30,011	\$26,036	\$32,366	\$26,690	\$20,857	-4.4%	37.5%
Postage and Delivery	\$960	\$920	\$426	\$959	\$663	\$2,234	\$1,569	115.9%	-41.4%
Telephone	\$2,100	\$2,056	\$1,997	\$3,475	\$5,035	\$5,519	\$4,639	2.9%	-55.7%
Supplies	\$4,800	\$3,995	\$4,758	\$3,331	\$3,274	\$3,776	\$3,881	-16.0%	2.9%
Equipment	\$1,500	\$1,533	\$1,677	\$2,326	\$1,172	\$2,131	\$1,480	-8.6%	3.6%
Awards	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,285	\$2,891	\$3,192	\$3,125	\$699	0.5%	372.4%
Miscellaneous	\$-	\$-	\$20	\$5,526	\$20	\$8,384	\$8,354	-100.0%	
Board Meetings	\$23,160	\$23,127	\$24,646	\$25,358	\$20,489	\$20,628	\$25,597	-6.2%	-9.6%
Bank Service Charges	\$21,500	\$24,895	\$20,341	\$22,286	\$20,168	\$22,562	\$13,774	22.4%	80.7%
Professional Fees	\$6,400	\$6,687	\$8,394	\$17,909	\$5,457	\$13,778	\$17,913	-20.3%	-62.7%
Insurance	\$11,950	\$11,455	\$11,637	\$7,418	\$7,293	\$6,634	\$10,858	-1.6%	5.5%
Marketing	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$-	\$300	\$356	\$205	\$1,654		-9.3%
Administrative Expenses	\$547,724	\$548,840	\$518,685	\$491,050	\$475,404	\$465,272	\$436,605	5.8%	25.7%
Research Committees	\$1,200	\$992	\$1,123	\$889	\$499	\$279	\$220	-11.7%	350.4%
Research Tools/Subscriptions	\$6,500	\$6,081	\$5,421	\$5,488	\$8,871	\$9,173	\$9,014	12.2%	-32.5%
Regionals/Chapters	\$3,600	\$3,220	\$2,672	\$2,813	\$3,152	\$2,097	\$1,959	20.5%	64.4%
Internet	\$41,750	\$43,407	\$44,839	\$48,803	\$50,295	\$41,817	\$63,666	-3.2%	-31.8%
Member Services Expense	\$53,050	\$53,700	\$54,055	\$57,992	\$62,816	\$53,365	\$74,859	-0.7%	-28.3%
Publications	\$84,150	\$80,171	\$76,365	\$82,775	\$77,127	\$88,799	\$96,621	5.0%	-17.0%
Restricted Funds	\$24,350	\$28,867	\$27,879	\$20,599	\$44,420	\$34,705	\$12,337	3.5%	134.0%
Events	\$247,575	\$240,147	\$188,064	\$184,965	\$164,277	\$176,976	\$140,049	27.7%	71.5%
Outreach Expense	\$356,075	\$349,186	\$292,308	\$288,340	\$285,823	\$300,480	\$249,007	19.5%	40.2%
Expenses Total	\$956,849	\$951,726	\$865,049	\$836,492	\$823,545	\$819,117	\$760,470	10.0%	25.1%
Surplus/(deficit)	\$(12,771)	\$(2,334)	\$(23,864)	\$170,157	\$44,925	\$25,793	\$(58,924)		
SABR Reserves		\$231,866	\$255,731	\$279,595	\$109,437	\$64,513	\$38,719	-9.3%	498.8%

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 June 1, 2016 through June 1, 2017, SABR donations are in excess of \$101,000 (\$87K without Malloy) including more than \$65,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the ninth consecutive \$50,000+ year, and counts more than 500 individual donors to date.

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. These initiatives have been very successful, increasing both overall annual giving and giving at all levels above \$100.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and others listed here who have made leadership contributions in the period between June 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2016-2017. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the size of their donation to SABR. The investment each and every donor has made to SABR helps to ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle

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

Steven G. Breen*	Chuck Hilty	Bob McConnell*
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William Hickman	William B. James	John Zajc
George Hilton*	Jim Karn*	*Deceased

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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 us at (602) 496-1460 or look up any staff member or director at SABR.org.

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SABR is pleased to have the following sponsors, partners, and funders in New York, New York at SABR 47 (as of June 1, 2017).

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- ♣ NYU School of Professional Studies
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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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