



Society for American Baseball Research

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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 continued 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. On the publications front, it was a banner year. Since last year's convention, 9 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, by creating a conduit for our research to be seen and heard by those within the baseball community. 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. Finally, we had another solid year financially in 2017. While we did not have the benefit of a large donation from an estate, as we had three years ago, we continue to invest in SABR's future.

Perhaps one of our biggest developments over the last year was the recently announced departure of our CEO, Marc Appleman. Marc's positive impact will be felt for many years to come. While we will miss his talents and leadership, I'm personally very excited about SABR's future. First, Marc is staying within the baseball community, where he can continue to collaborate with SABR in his new role of CEO of HOME: The Baseball Experience. This project is designed to present the game of baseball in never-before-seen ways to fans and potential fans, creating an innovative, and perhaps unlikely partnership between technology and emotion, intending to dazzle the next generation of baseball fans. Second, this project was birthed and incubated at SABR, which shows another dimension of our organization—one which can plant seeds of new concepts and ideas to further interest in the game of baseball, even if the scope of the ultimate project is well beyond the financial reach of our organization. Finally, change is good, even when it disrupts an eight-year successful partnership between a CEO, the staff, and the Board of Directors. As we approach our 50th year, "renewal" is on my mind. Renewal in the form of the next generation of membership, renewal of our commitment to our mission, and renewal of our leadership. We look forward to our next leader, who will welcome the challenge to once again revitalize SABR and help take our organization to yet another level, as we head towards our 50th birthday.

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

From the most attended SABR National Convention ever — more than 800 attendees gathered in New York City last June — to producing one of the top SABR Analytics Conferences in March 2018, to the launch of SABR's impressive Oral History Collection at SABR.org, it has been an incredibly exciting and successful year for SABR and its members.

SABR Chapters: With the addition of new chapters in Taiwan; the Netherlands (Bert Blyleven Chapter); Lexington, Kentucky (Sweet Lou Johnson); and Cherry Hill, NJ (Goose Gosling Chapter), SABR now has 74 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 Research Committees: The 31 SABR committees continue to produce excellent research and many of them provided 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.

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.

From last year's convention in June 2017 through May 2018, SABR members have received free copies of the following SABR e-books:

- Puerto Rico and Baseball: 60 Biographies
- Bittersweet Goodbye: The Black Barons, the Grays, and the 1948 Negro World Series
- 20-Game Losers
- Sportsman's Park in St. Louis
- The Winter Meetings, Vol. 2 (1958-2016)
- The Whiz Kids Take the Pennant: The 1950 Philadelphia Phillies
- From Spring Training to Screen Test: Baseball Players Turned Actors
- Moments of Joy and Heartbreak: 66 Significant Episodes in the History of the Pittsburgh Pirates
- Major League Baseball A Mile High: The First Quarter Century of the Colorado Rockies

The publishing program has also been making in-roads into Spanish-language publishing as well. Last year's Spanish edition of Cuban Baseball Stars will be followed by a new edition of Puerto Rico and Baseball: 60 Biographies in Spanish. We also published a Spanish translation of the SABR Style Guide in 2018, thanks to Martín Alonso and Rob Mains.

SABR BioProject: The BioProject is now home to more than 4,500 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.

SABR Games Project: Started in 2014, more than 1,200 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.

SABR's collaboration with Rawlings: The fifth year of this collaboration was once again 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 2017 Rawlings Platinum Glove Awards presented by SABR were announced by SABR President Vince Genaro at the Rawlings Gold Glove Award Banquet in November. 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 sixth straight year, SABR presented SABR-branded panels at the MLBAM stage at the All-Star Game FanFest held in Miami in 2017.

SABR.org: SABR.org enjoyed another very successful year, with a record number of page views (nearly 2.9 million) and unique visitors (1.2 million), thanks to excellent content, an increased social media presence by our research committees and regional chapters, and another historic baseball season with multiple four-*HR* games, triple plays, and an exciting World Series that we provide historical context and interesting content for on a daily basis.

For the first time, SABR.org saw an average of more than 100,000 unique visitors per month over the calendar year, a 12.5% increase over our monthly average in 2016. In six different months, we surpassed 100,000 in unique visitors, the most times that has happened in a single year.

The 2016 responsive redesign of the website continues to pay dividends, as our share of mobile traffic comes close to surpassing 50%. Desktop visitors made up 53.93% of all traffic to SABR.org in 2017, with 37.4% on mobile devices and 8.7% on tablets.

Eleven of our top 25 single-day totals at SABR.org were recorded in 2017, led by an end-of-year 11,663 unique visitors — our second highest daily total ever — on December 27, following a viral post on Reddit.com of our new Ron Necciai biography. Necciai is the pitcher who struck out 27 batters in a minor-league game.

On social media, we surpassed 45,000 followers on Twitter in the spring of 2018 and our list of SABR members who are active on Twitter has grown to more than 640. The SABR Facebook page also includes more than 9,200 followers.

Oral History Collection: The launch of the Oral History Collection website at oralhistory.sabr.org in the spring of 2018 has been a rousing success. From Carl Hubbell to Cool Papa Bell, Johnny Vander Meer to Harvey Haddix, the SABR Oral History Collection includes interviews with some of the most memorable players in baseball history. The SABR Oral History Collection includes more than 500 audio files of interviews conducted with ballplayers (Major Leagues, Minor Leagues, Negro Leagues, AAGPBL), executives, scouts, authors, writers, broadcasters, and other figures of historical baseball.

These interviews, some of which date back more than 50 years, were conducted by members of SABR's Oral History Research Committee and many were digitized through a collaboration with the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library.

The SABR collection not only includes interviews with prominent players such as Frank Robinson and Yogi Berra, but also special sessions from SABR events, such as Buck O'Neil's inspiring talk during the 1996 SABR Convention in Kansas City, a Seattle Pilots panel with Jim Bouton during SABR 36 in Seattle, and Hall of Fame manager Tony La Russa's one-on-one interview at the 2015 SABR Analytics Conference. We're also proud to make available some interviews conducted by longtime SABR member and former Major League Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent from his series of oral history books, *We Would Have Played for Nothing*, *The Only Game in Town*, and *It's What's Inside the Lines That Counts*.

Founded in 1986, the SABR Oral History Committee has recorded lengthy interviews with well-known and lesser-known players, helping to preserve the historical record and to provide for recollections of baseball history which exist in no other place.

SABR Events

SABR 47: A record attendance of 806 SABR members and guests gathered in the heart of New York City for a memorable convention week. The week featured top speakers, research presentations, committee meetings, our annual Ross Adell Welcome Reception, an Awards Reception, the Donors Breakfast, Annual

Business Meeting, and a memorable Trivia Contest.

Former major-league pitcher Jim Bouton joined us to talk about the legacy of *Ball Four* and his baseball career in an emotionally resonant panel that included his good friend and moderator John Thorn, his wife Paula Kurman, and authors Mark Armour, Mitchell Nathanson, and Marty Appel. A panel focused on beloved Yankees great Yogi Berra included his granddaughter Lindsay Berra, former Yogi Berra Museum Director Dave Kaplan, and authors George Vecsey and Harvey Araton. We celebrated Jackie Robinson's legacy 70 years after his historic MLB debut with a panel that included authors William C. Rhoden and Lee Lowenfisch, Jackie Robinson Foundation CEO Della Britton Barza, and new Bob Davids Award recipient Larry Lester. MLB Network's Brian Kenny moderated a panel on the Changing State of Sabermetrics with Mark DeRosa, Vince Gennaro, Joel Sherman, and Mike Petriello.

The namesake of our NYC chapter, Casey Stengel, was the focus for a panel with Marty Appel, Ira Berkow, Steve Jacobson and Ed Randall. Our "Day at the Ballpark" at Citi Field featured NY Mets GM Sandy Alderson, first-base coach Tom Goodwin, broadcasters Josh Lewin, Wayne Randazzo, and Steve Gelbs, and an analytics panel with T.J. Barra, Joe Lefkowitz, and Par Roesler. Guest speakers at SABR 47 also included broadcaster Keith Olbermann at the Baseball Cards Committee meeting, New York Yankees Sr. Vice President Jean Afterman in a one-on-one interview with Spink Award winner Claire Smith, David Neft at the Baseball Records Committee meeting, award-winning authors Peter Bjarkman and Glenn Stout, and oral history interviews with Tom Villante and Strat-O-Matic founder Hal Richman.

SABR Analytics Conference: The seventh annual SABR Analytics Conference — held during spring training in Phoenix—attracted more than 475 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 conference featured leading speakers from MLB teams, major media outlets and baseball organizations, top panels and innovative research presentations. The conference kicked off with a welcome from SABR President of the Board of Directors Vince Gennaro and SABR CEO Marc Appleman. The speakers included Brian Kenny of MLB Network, Jon Sciambi and Eduardo Perez of ESPN, Mike Ferrin of MLB Network Radio, Eno Sarris from The Athletic, Amiel Sawdaye of the Diamondbacks, Chris Getz from the White Sox, Andy McKay from the Mariners, and former Cy Young winner Eric Gagne. Tom Tango, Daren Willman and Mike Petriello from MLB Advanced Media gave a presentation on Statcast and Bill Squadron of Genius Sports spoke about Global Sports Betting and the Role of Integrity Technology. The Diverse Perspectives Panel featured Dr. Lorena Martin of the Mariners and Ehsan Bokhar, Philip Cho and Emilee Fragapane of the Dodgers. The Technology Panel featured Jeremy Booth, Matt Reiland, Jarett Sims and former MLB outfielder Chris Dickerson. Sabermetic pioneer Pete Palmer was honored with the second SABR Analytics Conference Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented by John Thorn.

2017 Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference: The 20th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, presented by the Negro Leagues Committee of SABR, was held July 27-30 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The opening day of "150 Years of Black Baseball in Harrisburg" featured the Herbert "Rap" Dixon site tour of historic sites relating to the great right fielder. The tour included stops at the following sites: Oscar Charleston's home, Rap Dixon's home, the First Baptist Church, the Hygienic School for Colored Youth Site, Cottage Hill Field, the Rap Dixon dugout at Riech Little League Field and the historic Midland Cemetery. The conference was put on by Larry Lester (SABR's Negro Leagues Committee Chairman), Leslie Heaphy and Ted Knorr, the Harrisburg site coordinator. The conference featured excellent research presentations, panels and the always special Awards Banquet.

SABR Arizona Fall League Experience: The ninth annual SABR AFL Experience was held November 2-4, 2017, in Scottsdale, Arizona. It featured three AFL games at three different ballparks, including the Fall Stars Game, an evening at Scottsdale Stadium and dinner at Don and Charlie's. Speakers included AFL President Steve Cobb, Major League veteran Del Unser and former Cubs GM Ed Lynch, former MLB pitcher and author John D'Acquisto, former MLB catcher Terry Kennedy, MLB player agent and attorney Jeff Borris, Sr. Advisor for Baseball Operations for the Giants Tony Siegle, baseball historian and author Charlie Vascellaro, and sportswriter and Hemond-Delhi Chapter President Barry Bloom. A highlight of the conference was having longtime baseball executive and SABR member Roland Hemond at dinner at Don and Charlie's.

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. Conference highlights included a keynote address from baseball historian Bill Lamb, along with 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; plus book signings, research presentations, and a welcome dinner.

SABR Seymour Medal: This award was presented at the Seymour Medal Banquet at the NINE Spring Training Conference held in Phoenix in March. The recipient of the 2018 award was Jerald Podair, author of *City of Dreams: Dodger Stadium and the Birth of Modern Los Angeles*. The award honors the best book of baseball history or biography published in the preceding calendar year.

SABR Day on January 27, 2018 featured more than 50 events around the country and the world, including events in Canada, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Taiwan and Tokyo. SABR Day is held on the Saturday between the NFL championship games and the Super Bowl.

Some highlights include:

- While the Boston chapter and more than 100 people were listening to Red Sox historian Gordon Edes and former reliever Craig Breslow at Fenway Park, their rookie manager Alex Cora was in Puerto Rico talking to the Orlando Cepeda Chapter about his new job and working for the Puerto Rican national team.
- Tim Kurkjian of ESPN, documentarian Ken Mars and SABR Vice President Leslie Heaphy spoke at the Babe Ruth Chapter's meeting in Baltimore.
- Two new chapters in New Jersey — the Goose Goslin Chapter in Cherry Hill and the Elysian Fields Chapter in Hoboken — conducted their inaugural SABR Day meetings.
- Dan Evans, former MLB General Manager and the Director of Pacific Rim Operations for the Toronto Blue Jays, spoke to the Rocky Mountain Chapter in Denver.
- Former MLB player and manager Dusty Baker spoke at the Sacramento's SABR Day event. The chapter was recently renamed in his honor.
- Other guest speakers at SABR Day events included: Minnesota Twins catcher Mitch Garver (Albuquerque), International League President Randy Mobley (Rochester), Miami Herald writer Clark Spencer (Ft. Lauderdale), former Seattle Pilots draftee Jerry Bell and Harriet Kimbro-Hamilton — the daughter of Negro Leaguer Henry Kimbro — (Nashville), broadcaster Marty Lurie, and writers Barry Bloom and Tony DeMarco (Phoenix), Florida State University baseball director of operations Chip Baker (Tallahassee), authors Doug Feldmann and Ed Wheatley (St. Louis), Andy McCue and Fred Rodgers (San Diego) and Brian Engelhardt and Eliza Richardson (Pittsburgh).

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

- Maintenance and updates to SABR's player register
- Continued work on Minor Leagues Database, with a focus on early leagues
- Support for the Minor Leagues ballparks project
- Working with the College Committee and Nineteenth Century Committee on digitizing datasets and source materials.

- Improvements and updates to the Home Run Log, Triple Plays Database, no-hitters, and similar collections.
- Support for TSN card project.
- Review and update of master SABR data archive

The success of SABR would not be possible without our members that make this a tremendous organization, the Board of Directors, our consultants, the excellent interns from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, and of course, our terrific staff in Phoenix. Special thanks to Jeff Schatzki (Director of Operations), Jacob Pomrenke (Director of Editorial Content), and Deb Jayne (Membership and Events Director).

Sincerely,
Marc Appleman

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SABR Chapter Reports and Chapter Leaders, June 1, 2018

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by June 1, 2018, have been included.)

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SABR Committee Reports and Committee Chairs, June 1, 2018

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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 2017, SABR 47 was held in New York, NY. 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.

Highlights of SABR 47 included featured speakers, Jim Bouton, Keith Olbermann, William C. Rhoden, Claire Smith, Lindsay Berra, and an afternoon at Citi Field, where New York Mets General Manager Sandy Alderson spoke. SABR47 also had a record attendance of 806.

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
2017	New York, NY	806	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 2017 Bob Davids Award recipient is Larry Lester.

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 2018 recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: Jefferson Burdick, Bob McConnell, Tom Shieber, Andrew Zimbalist.

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 47 were:

- ^ Oral presentation: "Does Changing Leagues affect player performance and how?" by Chuck Hildebrandt.
- ^ Poster presentation: "The Evolution of the Baseball Catcher's Mitt, 1888-2015" by Richard Macaluso.

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 2018 Seymour Medal is awarded to *City of Dreams, Dodger Stadium and the Birth of Modern Los Angeles*, by Jerald Podair (Princeton University 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 2018 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Warren Corbett, *The ‘Strike Against Jackie Robinson*, BRJ – Spring 2017 (SABR).
- ^ Doron “Duke” Goldman, *1933-1962: The Business Meetings of the Negro Leagues*, *Baseball’s Business – The Winter Meetings*, Volume 2, 1958-2016 (SABR).

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 2018 SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Jim Leeke, *From the Dugout to the Trenches* (Bison Press)
- ^ Steve Steinberg, *Urban Shocker, Silent Hero of Baseball’s Golden Age* (University of Nebraska Press)
- ^ William A. Young, *J.L. Wilkinson and the Kansas City Monarchs, Trailblazers in Black Baseball* (McFarland 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 2018 winner of the Ron Gabriel Award is *Electric October* by Kevin Cook (Henry Holt & Company).

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 2017 Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award winners are:

^ College Division: "*Babe Ruth: Changing Baseball and Changing America*", Michael Duffy, Bard College

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 2018 winner of the Larry Ritter Award: Jim Leeke, *"From the dugout to the trenches: Baseball during the Great War"* (University of Nebraska Press)

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 2018 winner is Jack Bowen.

Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award

The Women in Baseball Committee recognizes an individual for sustained involvement in women's baseball or any woman with a longtime involvement in baseball.

- ▲ The 2018 winner is Perry Barber

Membership Report

As of June 1, 2018, our current membership stands at 5,575. Of current members, 1,181 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 58.62 years old. The average age of new members is 45.92 years old.

Current Members, by Decade/Year Joined				Current Members, by Country		Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory			
	1970s	155		United States	5,310	AK	1	MS	16
	1980s	778		Canada	166	AL	29	MT	8
	1990s	768		Japan	20	AR	28	NC	104
	2000s	787		United Kingdom	14	AZ	151	ND	5
	2010s	3087		Taiwan	14	CA	542	NE	24
				Australia	12	CO	127	NH	35
				Italy	6	CT	116	NJ	204
				Mexico	4	DC	33	NM	30
1971	14	1995	74	Germany	3	DE	23	NV	28
1972	6	1996	75	Cuba	3	FL	199	NY	499
1973	9	1997	89	France	3	GA	110	OH	286
1974	11	1998	89	Spain	3	GU	0	OK	18
1975	9	1999	61	Dominican Rep.	2	HI	8	OR	47
1976	27	2000	82	Denmark	2	IA	50	PA	328
1977	21	2001	87	Hong Kong	2	ID	7	PR	15
1978	22	2002	95	Sweden	2	IL	294	RI	38
1979	36	2003	67	Netherlands	1	IN	74	SC	42
1980	42	2004	80	Thailand	1	KS	49	SD	7
1981	40	2005	68	Costa Rica	1	KY	59	TN	48
1982	97	2006	76	Israel	1	LA	24	TX	296
1983	113	2007	83	New Zealand	1	MA	235	UT	14
1984	90	2008	64	Singapore	1	MD	190	VA	208
1985	139	2009	85	South Korea	1	ME	29	VT	20
1986	81	2010	106	Switzerland	1	MI	133	WA	118
1987	82	2011	138	Venezuela	1	MN	136	WI	104
1988	57	2012	207			MO	112	WV	9
1989	37	2013	277					WY	0
1990	51	2014	266						
1991	68	2015	363						
1992	75	2016	331						
1993	75	2017	857						
1994	111	2018	542						

Treasurer's 2018 Mid-Year Report

I am honored to continue serving as the society's treasurer and look forward to serving the Society for at least the next two years if not longer. The Society is in sound financial condition and well positioned to take on transformative projects to perpetuate SABR into the future. Much like FY 2016, FY 2017 notable items were the increase in events revenue, the increase in payroll as our additional staffer devoted to chapter enhancement was active all year, and small but distinct reductions in dues and licensing revenue. Altogether we ran a smaller deficit than in 2016, about 8 thousand instead of 24 thousand.

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 7 year turnaround effort has reached fruition.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, we see that our assets are back up to 2015 levels but this is largely due to timing differences on when we recognized certain event revenues and expenses. The Balance Sheet shows that when all is said and done we have \$400,000 plus that we can draw on for special projects or emergencies. Our permanently restricted funds, or endowment, at \$132K, is not large enough to generate meaningful income and I regard it as more of an emergency source of funds.

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

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Society for American Baseball Research					
Balance Sheet					
December 31, 2017 and Previous 5 Years					
ASSETS					
Current Assets	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 121,241	\$ 52,274	\$ 54,531	\$ 64,500	\$315,026
Investments (temp. & publ traded)	\$ 665,129	\$ 670,391	\$ 754,633	\$549,075	\$245,049
Accounts Receivable	\$ 40,345	\$ 135	\$ 985	\$ -	\$ 5,075
Publications Inventory	\$ 16,876	\$ 16,704	\$ 9,210	\$ 15,171	\$ 14,217
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,540
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	\$ 843,592	\$ 745,709	\$ 819,359	\$628,746	\$580,907
Property and Equipment					
Equipment	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 65,336
Other Assets eg Website	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523
<i>Total Property and Equipment</i>	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,495	\$ 94,859
Depreciation & amortization	\$ (73,274)	\$ (73,031)	\$ (72,788)	\$ (72,545)	\$ (93,666)
<i>Net Property and Equipment</i>	\$ 221	\$ 464	\$ 707	\$ 950	\$ 1,193
Other Assets					
Research Collections	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,911
Trademarks net of Amortization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Prepaid Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 722	
<i>Total Other Assets</i>	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,911	\$ 28,911
Total Assets	\$ 872,001	\$ 774,362	\$ 848,255	\$658,607	\$611,011
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable/Deferred Exp	\$ 19,999	\$ 18,999	\$ 20,479	\$ 23,605	\$ 16,500
Deferred Dues - current	\$ -	\$ 195,313	\$ 212,664	\$211,116	\$215,109
Deferred Events (net)	\$ 90,810	\$ 5,155	\$ 51,505	\$ 28,925	\$ 11,060
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	\$ 110,809	\$ 219,467	\$ 284,648	\$263,646	\$242,669
Deferred Dues - future	\$ 267,415	\$ 73,770	\$ 74,865	\$ 76,377	\$ 75,041
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$ 378,224	\$ 293,237	\$ 359,513	\$340,023	\$317,710
RETAINED SURPLUS					
Unrestricted	\$ 278,470	\$ 271,643	\$ 294,001	\$127,630	\$ 78,437
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 82,919	\$ 77,219	\$ 63,391	\$ 61,473	\$ 86,038
Permanently Restricted	\$ 132,389	\$ 132,264	\$ 131,349	\$129,481	\$128,826
<i>Total Surplus</i>	\$ 493,777	\$ 481,125	\$ 488,742	\$318,584	\$293,301
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$ 872,002	\$ 774,362	\$ 848,255	\$658,607	\$611,011

Society for American Baseball Research										
2018 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals - Summary										
			as of May 31 2018						18 Forecast vs 17 Actual	18 Forecast vs 13 Actual
		2018 Budget	Forecast	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	2013 Actual	1 Yr Chg	5 Yr Chg
Revenues										
	<i>Administrative</i>	\$ 378,548	\$ 372,734	\$ 385,106	\$ 414,110	\$ 517,871	\$ 419,438	\$ 422,132	-3%	-12%
	<i>Outreach</i>	\$ 479,425	\$ 496,568	\$ 537,074	\$ 427,075	\$ 488,779	\$ 449,031	\$ 422,778	-8%	17%
Total Revenue		\$ 857,973	\$ 869,303	\$ 922,180	\$ 841,184	\$ 1,006,649	\$ 868,469	\$ 844,910	-6%	3%
Expenses										
	<i>Administrative</i>	\$ 568,465	\$ 547,461	\$ 540,068	\$ 519,808	\$ 491,050	\$ 475,404	\$ 465,272	1%	18%
	<i>Member Services</i>	\$ 58,950	\$ 60,101	\$ 56,541	\$ 52,932	\$ 57,103	\$ 62,318	\$ 53,365	6%	13%
	<i>Outreach</i>	\$ 270,515	\$ 269,826	\$ 334,220	\$ 292,308	\$ 288,340	\$ 285,823	\$ 300,480	-19%	-10%
Total Expenses		\$ 897,930	\$ 877,388	\$ 930,829	\$ 865,049	\$ 836,492	\$ 823,545	\$ 819,117	-6%	7%
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ (39,957)	\$ (8,085)	\$ (8,650)	\$ (23,864)	\$ 170,157	\$ 44,925	\$ 25,793		
2017 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals - Details										
Revenues										
	Membership Dues	\$ 292,648	\$ 290,983	\$ 294,787	\$ 313,834	\$ 332,580	\$ 326,976	\$ 331,660	-1%	-12%
	Donation Income	\$ 85,300	\$ 81,187	\$ 89,862	\$ 98,816	\$ 184,787	\$ 91,986	\$ 89,900	-10%	-10%
	Advertising Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200		
	Interest	\$ 600	\$ 564	\$ 456	\$ 460	\$ 504	\$ 476	\$ 373	24%	51%
	Administrative Revenues	\$ 378,548	\$ 372,734	\$ 385,106	\$ 414,110	\$ 517,871	\$ 419,438	\$ 422,132	-3%	-12%
	Licensing/Sale of Data/Materia	\$ 68,600	\$ 68,852	\$ 67,717	\$ 83,496	\$ 83,916	\$ 87,719	\$ 82,832	2%	-17%
	Publication Sales	\$ 21,000	\$ 23,350	\$ 22,231	\$ 23,661	\$ 20,948	\$ 12,785	\$ 11,608	5%	101%
	Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 533	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ -		
	Events Income	\$ 389,825	\$ 404,367	\$ 447,062	\$ 319,385	\$ 383,914	\$ 348,462	\$ 328,338	-10%	23%
	Outreach Revenues	\$ 479,425	\$ 496,568	\$ 537,074	\$ 427,075	\$ 488,779	\$ 449,031	\$ 422,778	-8%	17%
	Revenues Total	\$ 857,973	\$ 869,303	\$ 922,180	\$ 841,184	\$ 1,006,649	\$ 868,469	\$ 844,910	-6%	3%

Expenses										
Payroll		\$ 457,105	\$ 451,203	\$ 432,640	\$ 405,925	\$ 360,401	\$ 348,087	\$ 323,019	4%	40%
Occupancy		\$ 5,500	\$ 5,345	\$ 5,223	\$ 5,568	\$ 12,833	\$ 27,834	\$ 26,588	2%	-80%
Travel & Entertainment		\$ 28,000	\$ 22,397	\$ 26,448	\$ 30,011	\$ 26,036	\$ 32,366	\$ 26,690	-15%	-16%
Postage and Delivery		\$ 840	\$ 828	\$ 762	\$ 426	\$ 959	\$ 663	\$ 2,234	9%	-63%
Telephone		\$ 2,100	\$ 2,102	\$ 2,455	\$ 1,997	\$ 3,475	\$ 5,035	\$ 5,519	-14%	-62%
Supplies		\$ 4,200	\$ 3,612	\$ 2,796	\$ 4,758	\$ 3,331	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,776	29%	-4%
Equipment		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,677	\$ 2,326	\$ 1,172	\$ 2,131	14%	-29%
Awards		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,703	\$ 3,285	\$ 2,891	\$ 3,192	\$ 3,125	11%	-4%
Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 20	\$ 5,526	\$ 20	\$ 8,384	0%	
Board Meetings		\$ 23,160	\$ 14,640	\$ 20,283	\$ 24,646	\$ 25,358	\$ 20,489	\$ 20,628	-28%	-29%
Bank Service Charges		\$ 24,000	\$ 23,089	\$ 24,468	\$ 20,341	\$ 22,286	\$ 20,168	\$ 22,562	-6%	2%
Professional Fees		\$ 6,760	\$ 7,345	\$ 8,885	\$ 8,394	\$ 17,909	\$ 5,457	\$ 13,778	-17%	-47%
Insurance		\$ 11,800	\$ 11,895	\$ 11,951	\$ 11,637	\$ 7,418	\$ 7,293	\$ 6,634	0%	79%
Marketing		\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 62	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 356	\$ 205	704%	144%
Administrative Expenses		\$ 568,465	\$ 547,461	\$ 540,068	\$ 518,685	\$ 491,050	\$ 475,404	\$ 465,272	1%	18%
Research Committees		\$ 1,200	\$ 1,067	\$ 960	\$ 1,123	\$ 889	\$ 499	\$ 279	11%	283%
Research Tools/Subscriptions		\$ 6,400	\$ 6,177	\$ 5,909	\$ 5,421	\$ 5,488	\$ 8,871	\$ 9,173	5%	-33%
Regionals/Chapters		\$ 3,600	\$ 3,493	\$ 3,248	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,813	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,097	8%	67%
Internet		\$ 47,750	\$ 49,364	\$ 46,425	\$ 44,839	\$ 48,803	\$ 50,295	\$ 41,817	6%	18%
Member Services Expense		\$ 58,950	\$ 60,101	\$ 56,541	\$ 54,055	\$ 57,992	\$ 62,816	\$ 53,365	6%	13%
Publications		\$ 81,150	\$ 81,382	\$ 86,877	\$ 76,365	\$ 82,775	\$ 77,127	\$ 88,799	-6%	-8%
Restricted Funds		\$ 14,350	\$ 14,443	\$ 28,192	\$ 27,879	\$ 20,599	\$ 44,420	\$ 34,705	-49%	-58%
Events		\$ 175,015	\$ 174,001	\$ 219,151	\$ 188,064	\$ 184,965	\$ 164,277	\$ 176,976	-21%	-2%
Outreach Expense		\$ 270,515	\$ 269,826	\$ 334,220	\$ 292,308	\$ 288,340	\$ 285,823	\$ 300,480	-19%	-10%
Expenses Total		\$ 897,930	\$ 877,388	\$ 930,829	\$ 865,049	\$ 836,492	\$ 823,545	\$ 819,117	-6%	7%
Surplus/(deficit)		\$ (39,957)	\$ (8,085)	\$ (8,650)	\$ (23,864)	\$ 170,157	\$ 44,925	\$ 25,793		
SABR Reserves			\$ 238,996	\$ 247,081	\$ 255,731	\$ 279,595	\$ 109,437	\$ 64,513	-3%	270%

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, 2017 through June 1, 2018, SABR donations are in excess of \$89,000, including more than \$63,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the tenth 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, 2017 and June 1, 2018. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2017-2018. 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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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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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 “statistorians” 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.

For more on SABR's Organizational History, visit SABR.org/about/history