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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 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

While making significant progress in each of those areas, perhaps our biggest accomplishment over the last year is the hiring and on-boarding of our new SABR CEO, Scott Bush. With the departure of Marc Appleman, who served in the role for eight years, it was critical that SABR choose someone who could effectively lead SABR through the issues and opportunities we will face over the next decade. Given the early returns of our first 9 months with Scott at the helm, I'm prepared to give the SABR Board an A+ in their ability to attract and land a talented executive, who balances a drive for results, a vision of the future, and the soft skills necessary to navigate the complexity of SABR's world. Scott brings a passion for baseball that rivals our most baseball-crazed members and blends it with a set of experiences and skills that will be very valuable to SABR for many years to come.

As we prepare for our 50th birthday, SABR is a very different organization today than it was only 10 short years ago. Some of the change was inevitable, while other changes were clear strategic choices. It is unmistakably more financially robust today and more deeply connected to the baseball world. But challenges still exist. Membership totals are lower than a decade ago. While those declines have been more than offset by new revenue streams from licensing SABR's intellectual property and new events, we still need to better understand the value we provide (and can provide) to members. This will help us set realistic expectations about our future membership targets and goals. While we've made progress on engaging young audiences, we still have much work to do to attract the next generation of SABR members. How do we cultivate the next generation of research pioneers? How do we become more diverse, which will enable us to reach greater depth and breadth in our research and enrich our SABR community? Our community is really why many of us are part of SABR. I think it's fair to say we've not done enough to capitalize on the transformative power of baseball to unite people. A century ago baseball was a means of assimilation for immigrants coming to the U.S. Baseball has the capacity to bring together people who might otherwise never connect. How do we use that power to advance SABR's mission? The SABR Board and Scott Bush are the ideal principals to address these and other issues. I have great confidence that the glory days of SABR are just beginning.

As my tenure as President comes to an end, I'd like to thank my colleagues on the SABR Board, former CEO Marc Appleman, and the SABR staff, for supporting me during my ten years on the Board, including eight years as President. As I reflect back on my time on the Board, I can honestly say it has been one of the most gratifying endeavors of my career. Finally, I'd like to thank our SABR members—for electing me to serve, for your commitment and loyalty to SABR, and for your friendship, which emerged from our shared passion for the great game of baseball.

CEO's Report – Scott Bush

I am excited to be providing the SABR Board of Directors and SABR members with my first CEO report and even more excited to be the steward of an organization held in such high esteem throughout the baseball industry. I am hopeful my tenure will mark a period of growth and sustained success for the organization as we aim to become the essential community for the world of baseball. The last year has been prolific and ground-breaking as SABR continues to contribute to the understanding of the game in countless ways and I would like to share the more notable highlights.

SABR Membership Ambassadors: A group of seven SABR members have accepted roles as SABR Membership Ambassadors as they assist in welcoming new members to the organization. Future annual reports will include Membership Ambassador Reports in the appendix.

Friends of SABR: A group of eight SABR members have accepted roles on the Friends of SABR committee to assist SABR's Director of Development in identifying strategies and opportunities for fundraising. Future annual reports will include Friends of SABR Reports in the appendix.

Director of Development: Ben Rose joined the SABR staff in March as SABR's first director of development. Ben will oversee all fundraising activities for the organization in his role and launched a successful Publications Campaign within his first 60 days with SABR.

SABR Research Committees: The 31 SABR committees continue to produce excellent research and many of them provided top speakers at their SABR 48 annual meetings. For a complete look at the accomplishments of SABR's committees, please see the Research Committee Reports section in the appendix.

SABR Chapters: SABR has reached 75 chapters worldwide with the addition of the Virginia Eastern Shore chapter named for Bud Metheny. 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's Publications Program: With the continued guidance of Cecilia Tan, SABR published fall and spring editions of the Baseball Research Journal and offered both a print version of The National Pastime and an expanded digital version that was available to all SABR members.

From last year's convention in June 2018 through May 2019, SABR members have received free copies of the following SABR e-books:

- Cincinnati's Crosley Field: A Gem in the Queen City
- Met-respectives: A Collection of the Greatest Games in New York Mets History
- When Boston Still Had the Babe: The 1918 World Champion Red Sox
- Base Ball's 19th Century "Winter" Meetings, 1857-1900
- Time for Expansion Baseball
- The Team that Couldn't Hit: The 1972 Texas Rangers
- 1995 Cleveland Indians: The Sleeping Giant Awakes
- Wrigley Field: The Friendly Confines at Clark and Addison
- Jeff Bagwell in Connecticut: A Consistent Lad in the Land of Steady Habits
- San Diego Padres: The First Half Century

The success and prolific output of the SABR BioProject and the SABR Games Project has increased publishing frequency and SABR books now include 65 titles encompassing the breadth and depth of the research conducted by members.

SABRcast with Rob Neyer: SABR launched its first podcast in April, SABRcast with Rob Neyer. Neyer, a long-time SABR member, lends his expertise as the host of the show and brings in guests from throughout the world of baseball. The podcast delivers the SABR experience to a broader audience and is available on all streaming services.

SABR BioProject: The BioProject now boasts more than 4,800 published biographies. The Baseball Biography Project is an ongoing effort to research and write comprehensive biographical articles on people who played or managed in the Major Leagues, or otherwise made a significant contribution to the sport. Published biographies are a major driver of traffic to SABR.org and feature heavily in SABR books.

SABR Games Project: More than 1,800 accounts of games have been produced by the SABR Baseball Games Project, an initiative that was formed to research, write, and publish accounts of Major League regular season, postseason, and All-Star Games, along with other games of historical significance. Entries span the Negro Leagues, Minor Leagues, and international and exhibition contests in addition to Major League Baseball games.

Behind the Numbers: Baseball SABR Style: This weekly baseball analytics show completed its fourth 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 partnership with Rawlings: This marked the sixth year of this collaboration as 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 2018 Rawlings Platinum Glove Awards presented by SABR were announced by SABR President Vince Gennaro 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 relationship with MLB: SABR continues to work closely with Major League Baseball, particularly on initiatives related to diversity. SABR hosted dozens of young professionals enrolled in MLB's Diversity Pipeline Program at the SABR Analytics Conference and assisted in their professional growth. Major League Baseball remains a great supporter of SABR and its mission.

SABR.org: SABR.org enjoyed another banner year in 2018, reaching new heights with 3+ million pageviews and 2+ million total visitors for the first time, thanks in part to an increased social media presence from SABR research committees and regional chapters, and a strategy based on providing historical context and interesting content on a daily basis.

The SABR website saw an average of almost 120,000 unique visitors per month, nearly a 20% increase over our monthly average in 2017. We shattered our all-time monthly traffic record in March 2018 with 144,557 unique visitors, then broke that mark again in April with 145,180 unique visitors, and set one more new high in October with 149,748 unique visitors. This was fueled largely by our comprehensive coverage of the SABR Analytics Conference in the spring and a postseason with historical overtones. In 10 different months, SABR.org surpassed six digits (100,000) in unique visitors, the most times that's happened in a single year.

The 2016 responsive redesign of the entire website continues to pay dividends, as SABR.org's share of mobile traffic surpassed 50 percent for the first time. On social media, SABR surpassed 50,000 followers on Twitter in the fall of 2018 and our list of SABR members active on that platform has grown to more than 650. Our Facebook page also includes more than 9,600 followers.

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

SABR Events

SABR 48: More than 600 SABR members and guests joined us in Pittsburgh at the Wyndham Grand Downtown for a unique annual convention just blocks from the picturesque PNC Park. The week included entertaining speakers, research presentations, committee meetings, the annual Ross Adell Welcome Reception, an Awards Luncheon, the Donors Breakfast, Annual Business Meeting, and a memorable Trivia Contest.

Pirates president Frank Coonelly opened the festivities with welcoming remarks and team broadcasters Joe Block, Steve Blass, Greg Brown, and Lanny Frattare delighted the crowd with a Media Panel full of stories on their favorite Pirates moments. Another highlight was the Pirates Player Panel with John Candelaria and Grant Jackson that focused on the 1979 World Series championship. We also heard from Roberto Clemente Museum director Duane Rieder and authors Adrian Burgos Jr. and Danny Torres on the life and legacy of "The Great One" and learned about pioneering sports writer Wendell Smith in a panel with historians Chris Lamb, Larry Lester, Pamela E. Walck, and David Wiggins. Another panel focused on the Pittsburgh tenure of Hall of Fame executive Branch Rickey with Lee Lowenfish, Jack Bowen, Jeffrey Flannery, and ex-major-leaguer Frank Thomas.

PNC Park served as a fine setting for our "Day at the Ballpark," where we enjoyed a view of the three rivers and city skyline and heard from Pirates manager Clint Hurdle, GM Neal Huntington, front-office analytics guru Dan Fox, broadcaster Joe Block, and Thomas E. Kennedy on the park's construction. The SABR 48 committee meetings included guest speakers such as former MLB pitcher Dick Bosman, Hall of Fame senior curator Tom Shieber, Pirates official scorers Bob Webb and Evan Pattak, and more.

SABR Analytics Conference: The eighth annual SABR Analytics Conference — held during spring training in Phoenix—attracted more than 450 attendees, including representatives from more than 20 major-league teams. The conference brought together industry leaders to share insights into where the game is going and to discuss cutting edge research presentations. The conference kicked off with a welcome from SABR President of the Board of Directors Vince Gennaro and speakers included Eduardo Perez of ESPN, Mike Ferrin of MLB Network Radio, Eno Sarris from The Athletic, Emily Fragapane of the Dodgers, and Carlos Pena of MLB Network.

Cory Schwartz, Greg Cain, Daren Willman, and Travis Peterson from Major League Baseball gave a presentation on Statcast and Clay Nunnally of MLB spoke about Lidar and Ground Truth Testing. The State of Analytics Panel included SABR Board President Vince Gennaro, Rob Neyer, and John Dewan of Sports Info Solutions. The Keeping Data Flowing Panel featured Kyle Boddy of Driveline, Joe Rosales of Sports Info Solutions, and Mike Petriello of MLB. A total of 16 teams from high schools and universities competed in the Diamond Dollars Case Competition with Washington University in St. Louis taking home the title for the second consecutive year. Sabermetric pioneer Dick Cramer was honored with the third SABR Analytics Conference Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented by John Thorn.

SABR Arizona Fall League Experience: The 10th annual SABR Arizona Fall League Experience was held Thursday, November 1 to Saturday, November 3, 2018. The event featured four AFL games showcasing baseball's top prospects.

On Friday afternoon before the game at Scottsdale Stadium, guests heard from Rich Rieker, Director of Umpire Development for Major League Baseball; umpires Dan Merzel and Jansen Visconti; MLB Umpire Supervisor Tom Lepperd; and Takeshi Hirabayashi, Umpire Supervisor in Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball league.

On Saturday morning after our conference breakfast, attendees joined members of SABR's Hemond-Delhi Arizona Chapter for their regional fall meeting with research presentations and guest speakers, including Bernie Pleskoff, baseball scout and analyst at Clubhouse Corner, who provided a 2018 AFL prospect breakdown; and a panel discussion on MLB rules changes and pace of play with national baseball columnists Barry Bloom and Tony DeMarco, San Francisco Giants radio broadcaster Marty Lurie, and former Chicago Cubs general manager Ed Lynch.

The conference concluded with the nationally televised Fall Stars Game on Saturday evening at Surprise Stadium.

Frederick-Ivor Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference: The 11th annual Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference was held April 26-27, 2019, at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

The 2019 conference was highlighted by a keynote address from baseball historian Joanne Hulbert, along with a panel discussion on “The Birth of Baseball Cards” with John Thorn, Peter Devereaux, Tom Shieber, and Jeff Katz; a special presentation by Richard Hershberger on "The Evolution of Baseball Rules"; a Member Spotlight interview of Priscilla Astifan by Bob Bailey; 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 2019 award was Jane Leavy, author of *The Big Fella*. The award honors the best book of baseball history or biography published in the preceding calendar year.

SABR Day: The 10th annual SABR Day on January 26, 2019 featured more than 50 events across North America as chapters gathered together to celebrate baseball history.

Some highlights include:

- The Rocky Mountain Chapter in Denver welcomed nearly 100 guests and capped their day with a season preview of the Colorado Rockies featuring MLB.com's Thomas Harding and Manny Randhawa, KOA broadcaster Jerry Schemmel, Roxpile writer Kevin Henry, and AT&T SportsNet reporter Taylor McGregor.
- Milwaukee Brewers broadcaster Lane Grindle was the featured speaker for the Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter in Milwaukee.
- The Goose Goslin Chapter in Cherry Hill celebrated its second SABR Day event by welcoming Pat McFarlane and Michael Czahor of the Philadelphia Phillies.
- Art Shamsky headlined the all-star lineup of stellar speakers at the Casey Stengel chapter event. Joining the former Met were Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Ira Berkow, the New York Daily News' Mets beat writer and columnist Kristie Ackert, and Baseball Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson.
- More than 100 members and friends attended the 48th annual meeting of the Bob Davids Chapter on SABR Day. Guest speakers included Washington Nationals R&D baseball analysts Lee Mendelowitz and Scott Van Lentenax; documentary film-maker Aviva Kempner; and Jimmy Williams, assistant baseball coach at Prince George's Community College.

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), Deb Jayne (Membership and Events Director), and Ben Rose (Director of Development).

Sincerely,
Scott Bush

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SABR Chapter Reports and Chapter Leaders, June 1, 2019

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by June 1, 2019, have been included.)

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SABR Committee Reports and Committee Chairs, June 1, 2019

(All annual committee reports received at the SABR office by June 1, 2019, have been included.)

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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 2018, SABR 48 was held in Pittsburgh, PA. 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 48 included featured speakers, Joe Block, John Candelaria, and Grant Jackson, along with a panel on Roberto Clemente, and an afternoon at PNC Park, where Pittsburgh Pirates General Manager Neal Huntington and Pirates Manager Clint Hurdle spoke.

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
2018	Pittsburgh, PA	620	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 2018 Bob Davids Award recipient is Larry McCray.

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 2019 recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: Leonard Koppett, Rob Neyer, Allan Roth.

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 48 were:

- ^ Oral presentation: "'Ty Cobb has nothing on her': Early 20th Century Women's Collegiate Baseball in Ohio." by Callie Batts Maddox.
- ^ Poster presentation: "From usenet joke to baseball flashpoint: the growth of 'three true outcomes.'" by Diane Firstman.

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 2019 Seymour Medal is awarded to *The Big Fella: Babe Ruth and the World he created*, by Jane Leavy (Harper Collins).

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 2019 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Richard Bak, *The Rise and fatal fall of Tenny Blount*.
- ^ Robert Fitts, *Baseball and the Yellow Peril*, Base ball: New Research on the Early Game, Volume 10, (McFarland & Co.).
- ^ John McMurray, *Addie Joss and the Benefit Game*, Base ball: New Research on the Early Game, Volume 10, (McFarland & Co.)

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 2019 SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ^ Peter Bjarkman, *Fidel Casto and Baseball: The Untold story* (Rowman & Littlefield)
- ^ Nathaniel Grow and Zachary Flagel, *The Faulty Law and Economics of the Baseball rule* (William & Mary Law Review)
- ^ Bill Nowlin, *Tom Yawkey: Patriarch of the Boston Red Sox* (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 2019 winner of the Ron Gabriel Award is *Charles Ebbets: The Man behind the Dodgers and Brooklyn's Beloved Ballpark* by John Zinn (McFarland & Co.).

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 2018 Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award winners are:

- ▲ High School Division: *"The Seattle Pilots and their Demise"*, Derek Blair
- ▲ Middle School Division: *"It's called Baseball not Hitball"*, Bleecker Coyne

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 2019 winner of the Larry Ritter Award: Skip Desjardin, "*September 1918: War, Plague, and the World Series*" (Regnery History)

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 2019 winner is Rachel Robinson

Membership Report

As of June 1, 2019, our current membership stands at 5,367. The organization is now only counting current members without a 30-day grace period for lapsed members. This change accounts for the vast majority of any decline in membership from the previous year. Of current members, 1,086 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. Fourteen current members joined in the initial year of 1971 and the organization has members that joined in every year since its inception. SABR has an international presence with members in 26 countries. The membership in the United States is centered in the Northeast and Midwest, but the membership is spread out throughout the country and includes sizable numbers of members located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, and Washington state.

Current Members, by Decade/Year Joined				Current Members, by Country		Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory			
1970s	144			United States	5,087	AK	1	MS	14
1980s	721			Canada	169	AL	36	MT	8
1990s	721			United Kingdom	19	AR	29	NC	91
2000s	728			Japan	17	AZ	153	ND	5
2010s	3053			Australia	13	CA	568	NE	20
				Taiwan	7	CO	133	NH	29
				Germany	6	CT	94	NJ	172
				Italy	5	DC	34	NM	27
1971	14	1996	70	France	4	DE	23	NV	24
1972	5	1997	84	Mexico	3	FL	202	NY	479
1973	8	1998	83	Spain	3	GA	104	OH	281
1974	12	1999	60	South Korea	3	GU	0	OK	20
1975	8	2000	72	Cuba	2	HI	8	OR	53
1976	20	2001	79	Denmark	2	IA	51	PA	299
1977	21	2002	85	Sweden	2	ID	10	PR	16
1978	20	2003	62	Switzerland	2	IL	274	RI	41
1979	36	2004	73	Venezuela	2	IN	69	SC	38
1980	37	2005	65	Afghanistan	1	KS	40	SD	5
1981	35	2006	75	Costa Rica	1	KY	64	TN	57
1982	92	2007	77	Czech Republic	1	LA	26	TX	293
1983	105	2008	65	Dominican Rep.	1	MA	218	UT	11
1984	81	2009	75	Ireland	1	MD	177	VA	195
1985	130	2010	89	Hong Kong	1	ME	29	VT	21
1986	76	2011	125	Netherlands	1	MI	125	WA	108
1987	77	2012	179	New Zealand	1	MN	119	WI	96
1988	53	2013	246	Singapore	1	MO	99	WV	8
1989	35	2014	250					WY	1
1990	48	2015	245						
1991	69	2016	239						
1992	66	2017	422						
1993	66	2018	682						
1994	107	2019	565						
1995	68								

Treasurer's Report: 2018 Results and 2019 Forecast

Our balance sheet is strong as a result of lower than expected expenses last year and strong performances by our Pittsburgh convention and the Analytics conference. Our operating budget is robust, as we decided to fund a new development position when we learned of a major bequest from the estate of Joseph Favano. His tremendous gift of \$138,000 came at a time when we were grappling with just how to fund a new position of this magnitude.

You will note that the Publications line has had a name change: Content Development and Distribution. That's what SABR was formed for – to give us the opportunity to share and enjoy our work with each other. These days that means more than books – it means podcasts, YouTube videos, the whole gamut of what is neutrally referred to as content.

The large miscellaneous expense were mostly costs related to finding and hiring Scott Bush as our new CEO. Most of this involved the cost of flying the board and five candidates to Chicago last August for a round of final interviews and a board meeting to discuss the candidates. We were thrilled with the interest and quality of the candidates and were delighted when Scott accepted our offer. He's here, you're here, be sure to stop and shake his hand and wish him success sometime during the next few days.

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

F. X. Flinn

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Society for American Baseball Research

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2018 and Previous 5 Years

ASSETS**Current Assets**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 67,616	\$ 121,241	\$ 52,274	\$ 54,531	\$ 64,500	\$ 315,026
Investments (temp. & publ traded)	\$ 836,753	\$ 665,129	\$ 670,391	\$ 754,633	\$ 549,075	\$ 245,049
Accounts Receivable	\$ 9,916	\$ 40,345	\$ 135	\$ 985	\$ -	\$ 5,075
Publications Inventory	\$ 12,987	\$ 16,876	\$ 16,704	\$ 9,210	\$ 15,171	\$ 14,217
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 6,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,540
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	\$ 928,672	\$ 843,592	\$ 745,709	\$ 819,359	\$ 628,746	\$ 580,907

Property and Equipment

Equipment	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972	\$ 65,336
Other Assets eg Website	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523
<i>Total Property and Equipment</i>	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,494	\$ 73,495	\$ 94,859
Depreciation & amortization	\$ (73,495)	\$ (73,274)	\$ (73,031)	\$ (72,788)	\$ (72,545)	\$ (93,666)
<i>Net Property and Equipment</i>	\$ (0)	\$ 221	\$ 464	\$ 707	\$ 950	\$ 1,193

Other Assets

Research Collections	\$ 28,189	\$ 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	\$ 28,189	\$ 28,911	\$ 28,911

Total Assets

Total Assets	\$ 956,861	\$ 872,002	\$ 774,362	\$ 848,255	\$ 658,607	\$ 611,011
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LIABILITIES**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable/Deferred Exp	\$ 6,738	\$ 19,999	\$ 18,999	\$ 20,479	\$ 23,605	\$ 16,500
Deferred Dues - current	\$ 181,206	\$ 193,580	\$ 195,313	\$ 212,664	\$ 211,116	\$ 215,109
Deferred Events (net)	\$ 24,309	\$ 90,810	\$ 5,155	\$ 51,505	\$ 28,925	\$ 11,060
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	\$ 212,253	\$ 304,389	\$ 219,467	\$ 284,648	\$ 263,646	\$ 242,669

Deferred Dues - future

Total Liabilities

Deferred Dues - future	\$ 75,476	\$ 73,835	\$ 73,770	\$ 74,865	\$ 76,377	\$ 75,041
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$ 287,729	\$ 378,224	\$ 293,237	\$ 359,513	\$ 340,023	\$ 317,710

RETAINED SURPLUS

Unrestricted	\$ 439,618	\$ 278,470	\$ 271,643	\$ 294,001	\$ 127,630	\$ 78,437
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 97,070	\$ 82,919	\$ 77,219	\$ 63,391	\$ 61,473	\$ 86,038
Permanently Restricted	\$ 132,444	\$ 132,389	\$ 132,264	\$ 131,349	\$ 129,481	\$ 128,826
<i>Total Surplus</i>	\$ 669,131	\$ 493,777	\$ 481,125	\$ 488,742	\$ 318,584	\$ 293,301
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$ 956,861	\$ 872,002	\$ 774,362	\$ 848,255	\$ 658,607	\$ 611,011

Society for American Baseball Research									
2019 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals									
		as of May 31						19 Forecast vs 18 Actual	19 Forecast vs 14 Actual
	2019 Budget	2019 Forecast	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	1 Yr Chg	5 Yr Chg
Executive Summary									
Revenues									
Administrative	\$ 576,286	\$ 584,244	\$381,358	\$385,106	\$ 517,871	\$419,838	\$422,132	\$202,886	\$162,112
Outreach	\$ 453,174	\$ 445,192	\$488,031	\$537,074	\$ 488,779	\$449,031	\$422,778	\$ (42,839)	\$ 22,414
Total Revenue	\$1,029,460	\$1,029,436	\$869,389	\$922,180	\$1,006,649	\$868,869	\$844,910	\$160,047	\$184,526
Expenses									
Payroll	\$ 479,154	\$ 476,777	\$385,637	\$432,640	\$ 378,401	\$348,087	\$323,019	\$ 91,140	\$153,758
Administrative	\$ 125,860	\$ 113,671	\$111,512	\$107,429	\$ 129,916	\$127,317	\$142,253	\$ 2,159	\$ (28,583)
Member	\$ 62,851	\$ 61,382	\$ 64,068	\$ 56,541	\$ 57,992	\$ 62,816	\$ 53,365	\$ (2,686)	\$ 8,017
Outreach	\$ 343,984	\$ 307,553	\$267,138	\$335,367	\$ 288,340	\$285,823	\$300,480	\$ 40,415	\$ 7,073
Total Expenses	\$1,011,849	\$ 959,382	\$828,354	\$931,977	\$ 854,648	\$824,043	\$819,117	\$131,028	\$140,265
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 17,611	\$ 70,053	\$ 41,034	\$ (9,798)	\$ 152,001	\$ 44,826	\$ 25,793		
Retained Surplus	\$ 273,848	\$ 326,291	\$256,237	\$215,203	\$ 225,001	\$ 28,173	\$ (42,446)		
Budget Detail									
Admin Revenues									
Membership Dues	\$ 290,386	\$ 287,083	\$289,079	\$294,787	\$ 332,580	\$326,976	\$331,660	(\$1,996)	(\$44,577)
Donation Income	\$ 285,300	\$ 296,601	\$ 91,801	\$ 89,862	\$ 184,787	\$ 91,986	\$ 89,900	\$204,800	\$206,701
Advertising Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 400	\$ 200	\$0	(\$200)
Interest	\$ 600	\$ 560	\$ 479	\$ 456	\$ 504	\$ 476	\$ 373	\$81	\$187
Subtotal Admin Revenues	\$ 576,286	\$ 584,244	\$381,358	\$385,106	\$ 517,871	\$419,838	\$422,132	\$202,886	\$162,112
Outreach Revenues									
Licensing/Sale of Data/Material	\$ 40,150	\$ 46,147	\$ 68,499	\$ 67,717	\$ 83,916	\$ 87,719	\$ 82,831	\$ (22,352)	\$ (36,684)
Publication Sales	\$ 32,750	\$ 32,313	\$ 25,374	\$ 22,231	\$ 20,948	\$ 12,785	\$ 11,608	\$ 6,938	\$ 20,705
Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Events Income	\$ 380,274	\$ 366,732	\$394,157	\$447,062	\$ 383,914	\$348,462	\$328,338	\$ (27,425)	\$ 38,394

Society for American Baseball Research									
2019 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals									
		as of May 31						19 Forecast vs 18 Actual	19 Forecast vs 14 Actual
	2019 Budget	2019 Forecast	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	1 Yr Chg	5 Yr Chg
Subtotal Outreach Revenue	\$ 453,174	\$ 445,192	\$488,031	\$537,074	\$ 488,779	\$449,031	\$422,778	\$ (42,839)	\$ 22,414
Revenues Total	\$1,029,460	\$1,029,436	\$922,180	\$922,180	\$1,006,649	\$868,869	\$844,910	\$107,256	\$184,526
Expenses, Payroll									
Wages	\$ 373,297	\$ 371,663	\$297,945	\$342,263	\$ 283,482	\$273,110	\$248,084	\$ 73,718	\$123,579
Benefits	\$ 76,861	\$ 76,800	\$ 62,817	\$ 65,087	\$ 55,598	\$ 54,877	\$ 49,674	\$ 13,983	\$ 27,126
Payroll Taxes	\$ 27,997	\$ 27,800	\$ 24,323	\$ 24,630	\$ 20,761	\$ 19,648	\$ 24,804	\$ 3,477	\$ 2,996
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 514	\$ 552	\$ 659	\$ 560	\$ 451	\$ 457	\$ (38)	\$ 57
Subtotal, Payroll Expenses	\$ 479,154	\$ 476,777	\$385,637	\$432,640	\$ 360,401	\$348,087	\$323,019	\$ 91,140	\$153,758
Expenses, Administrative									
Occupancy	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,403	\$ 4,470	\$ 5,223	\$ 12,833	\$ 27,834	\$ 26,588	\$ 933	\$ (21,184)
Travel & Ent	\$ 38,000	\$ 29,656	\$ 12,569	\$ 26,448	\$ 26,036	\$ 32,366	\$ 28,834	\$ 17,086	\$ 822
Postage and Delivery	\$ 840	\$ 1,146	\$ 464	\$ 762	\$ 959	\$ 663	\$ 2,234	\$ 682	\$ (1,088)
Telephone	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,766	\$ 2,455	\$ 3,475	\$ 5,035	\$ 5,519	\$ 82	\$ (3,670)
Supplies	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,644	\$ 3,579	\$ 2,796	\$ 3,331	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,776	\$ 1,066	\$ 868
Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617	\$ 370	\$ 495	\$ -	\$ (495)
Equipment Purchased	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,107	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,710	\$ 802	\$ 1,636	\$ 556	\$ 27
Award Related Expenses	\$ -	\$ 427	\$ 2,283	\$ 2,703	\$ 2,891	\$ 3,192	\$ 3,125	\$ (1,856)	\$ (2,698)
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,051	\$ 70	\$ 4,793	\$ 20	\$ 1,240	\$ (10,051)	\$ (1,240)
Board Meetings	\$ 31,260	\$ 27,353	\$ 33,143	\$ 20,283	\$ 25,358	\$ 20,489	\$ 20,628	\$ (5,790)	\$ 6,726
Bank Service Charges	\$ 24,000	\$ 22,120	\$ 23,292	\$ 24,468	\$ 22,286	\$ 20,168	\$ 22,562	\$ (1,173)	\$ (442)
Professional Fees	\$ 6,760	\$ 7,157	\$ 6,882	\$ 8,885	\$ 17,909	\$ 5,457	\$ 18,778	\$ 274	\$ (11,622)
Insurance	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,182	\$ 11,798	\$ 11,951	\$ 7,418	\$ 7,293	\$ 6,634	\$ (616)	\$ 4,548
Marketing (incl. printing)	\$ 500	\$ 1,071	\$ 107	\$ 62	\$ 300	\$ 356	\$ 205	\$ 964	\$ 867
Operating Expenses	\$ 125,860	\$ 113,671	\$111,512	\$107,429	\$ 129,916	\$127,317	\$142,253	\$ 2,159	\$ (28,583)
Expenses, Member Services									
Research Tools/Subscriptions	\$ 6,400	\$ 5,965	\$ 6,048	\$ 5,909	\$ 5,488	\$ 8,871	\$ 9,173	\$ (83)	\$ (3,207)
Research Committees	\$ 1,200	\$ 917	\$ 709	\$ 960	\$ 889	\$ 499	\$ 279	\$ 208	\$ 638

Society for American Baseball Research									
2019 Operating Budget and Forecast with 5 prior year Actuals									
		as of May 31						19 Forecast vs 18 Actual	19 Forecast vs 14 Actual
	2019 Budget	2019 Forecast	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	1 Yr Chg	5 Yr Chg
Regionals/Chapters	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,326	\$ 3,277	\$ 3,248	\$ 2,813	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,097	\$ 49	\$ 1,230
IT Expenses	\$ 51,651	\$ 51,173	\$ 54,033	\$ 46,425	\$ 48,803	\$ 50,295	\$ 41,817	\$ (2,860)	\$ 9,356
Member Services Expense	\$ 62,851	\$ 61,382	\$ 64,068	\$ 56,541	\$ 57,992	\$ 62,816	\$ 53,365	\$ (2,686)	\$ 8,017
Expenses, Outreach									
Content Development and Distribution	\$ 104,550	\$ 95,573	\$ 80,403	\$ 88,025	\$ 82,775	\$ 77,127	\$ 88,799	\$ 15,170	\$ 6,774
Restricted Fund Expenses	\$ 14,350	\$ 18,080	\$ 14,289	\$ 28,192	\$ 20,599	\$ 44,420	\$ 34,705	\$ 3,792	\$ (16,625)
Events Expenses	\$ 225,084	\$ 193,900	\$ 172,446	\$ 219,151	\$ 184,965	\$ 164,277	\$ 176,976	\$ 21,454	\$ 16,924
Subtotal Outreach Expenses	\$ 343,984	\$ 307,553	\$ 267,138	\$ 335,367	\$ 288,340	\$ 285,823	\$ 300,480	\$ 40,415	\$ 7,073
Expenses Total	\$ 1,011,849	\$ 959,382	\$ 828,354	\$ 931,977	\$ 836,648	\$ 824,043	\$ 819,117	\$ 131,028	\$ 140,265
Surplus/(deficit)	\$ 17,611	\$ 70,053	\$ 93,825	\$ (9,798)	\$ 170,001	\$ 44,826	\$ 25,793		

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, 2018 through May 31, 2019, SABR donations are in excess of \$115,000, including more than \$81,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the eleventh 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. In 2019, SABR created the position of Director of Development to lead the organization's philanthropic efforts. In doing so, the Friends of SABR Giving Circles platform was launched.

SABR Giving Circles

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

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

You can become a Friend of SABR by giving as little as \$10 per month or by making a one-time gift of \$1,000 or more. When you do so, you will be inducted into a community of passionate baseball fans dedicated to supporting SABR's work.

Friends of SABR receive the following benefits: annual Friends of SABR Commemorative Lapel Pin, recognition in This Week in SABR, SABR.org, and the SABR Annual Report, access to the Friends of SABR Annual Convention VIP donor event, and invitations to exclusive Friends of SABR events

SABR On-Deck Circle - \$10/month, \$30/month, \$50/month

Support SABR's mission to foster the study, discussion, and understanding of all aspects of baseball. Get in the SABR On-Deck Circle, and help SABR become the essential community for the world of baseball. Your support will build capacity around all things SABR, including publications, website content, podcast development, and community growth.

A monthly gift is deducted from your bank account or charged to a credit card until you tell us to stop. No more email, mail, or phone reminders.

Research Circle - \$1,000

Baseball research and recognition of the research is the pillar upon which SABR was founded almost 50 years ago. Our 32 research committees represent a diverse spectrum of interests, including the BioProject Committee, Baseball and the Arts Research Committee, Statistical Analysis Research Committee, and many more.

Preservation Circle - \$2,500

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

Scholar Circle - \$5,000

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

Future of the Game Circle - \$10,000

Future of the Game Circle members play a special role in ensuring the future of SABR by providing support for membership growth and student scholarships. Your participation in the Future of the Game Circle will help SABR develop networking opportunities for students aspiring to work in baseball. And by joining the Future of the Game Circle, a scholarship for a high school or college student to attend the SABR Analytics Conference or Annual Convention will be awarded in your name.

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, 2018 and June 1, 2019. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2018-2019. 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

The Legacy Circle members support the long-term sustainability of SABR and its' mission to foster the study, discussion, and understanding of all aspects of

baseball. The exploration and preservation of baseball history is cultivated through support from the Legacy Circle. This group of donors is comprised of those who are seeking to leave a legacy by remembering SABR in their estate planning. Currently, the Legacy Circle includes:

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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 Ben Rose at (602) 496-1465 or brose@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.

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