



Society for American Baseball Research

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## President's Report

During the last twelve months, the Executive Board has made several decisions which will have a major impact on SABR affairs for years to come. In April the Board approved the creation of a staff position, to be known as the Research Services Manager (RSM). The individual who fills this position will seek ways to support and encourage research activities, and help shepherd them to publication, either in print or on the web. We anticipate that this position to be filled by the last quarter of this calendar year. It will further strengthen our very fine office staff.

At the same meeting the Board authorized the Executive Director to finalize an agreement in principle to license the Pete Palmer database for incorporation into the online SABR Encyclopedia. The Palmer database is generally thought to be the most complete and accurate of its kind, and in conjunction with the SABR Player Demographics of the Biographical Committee SABR will stand as the only online source for verifiable player data. In combination with tools slated to come online in 2006 that will enable non-technical users to query the data in plain English, the value of SABR membership to baseball researchers will be enhanced even more than it was when we added the ProQuest Historical Newspapers.

During the past year the Board spent some time in studying the SABR publications program and gained some insights from a wide circle of members. We learned that in general they are satisfied with the program as it currently exists. There was recognition of the need to develop an electronic publishing program as well. Creation of the Manager of Research Services position will be the first step in its development.

Once again, SABR operations provided a surplus in 2004, and this pleasant condition will continue this year with the dues increase that took effect on January 1. Our financial condition is the strongest it has ever been, and SABR now has the flexibility to invest in assets such as the Palmer historical database that will be of great value to the existing members and undertake important new projects. We are investigating the possibility of digitizing some of the SABR holdings, which would be of great benefit to serious researchers.

As Vin Scully might say, there's a lot going on here at SABR. Be part of it.

Dick Beverage  
President

## Message From the Executive Director



I am privileged to serve as SABR's Executive Director because the SABR membership is such a remarkable group of people. Whenever help is needed to make the organization stronger, members step up to the plate. Due to a talented and determined group of board members, dedicated research committee chairs and chapter leaders who donate so much of their time, and members who give of their time, money, and expertise, my job is made easier and many excellent outcomes result.

SABR is in a strong position today thanks to you. And I intend to continue to build on this strength so that SABR and the game of baseball and its history are here for generations to come.

Thank you for your support.

John Zajc  
Executive Director

## Membership Report

SABR ended its 2004 Membership Year with 6,970 members worldwide, a 3.69% increase from the previous year (6,722). There were 794 new members in 2004, up from 673 the year before. The all-time high for SABR membership was 7,155 in 1998.

SABR members are on average middle-aged men, college-educated, and electronically connected. The average age of a SABR member on December 31, 2004 was 54.29. On that date, over 80.8% of members had e-mail addresses on file. About 94% of members are male.

### By the Numbers, June 30, 2005

#### **Members, By State** (includes DC and Puerto Rico)

<b>ST</b>	<b><u>7/1/2005</u></b>	<b><u>7/2/2004</u></b>
New York	713	705
California	693	690
Ohio	450	463
Pennsylvania	400	410
Massachusetts	366	363
Illinois	319	326
New Jersey	292	298
Texas	281	275
Virginia	257	248
Maryland	238	243
Florida	216	206
Michigan	183	182
Connecticut	155	153
Washington	150	148
Minnesota	140	134
Wisconsin	126	133
Missouri	123	129
Indiana	109	118
North Carolina	108	100
Colorado	107	118
Georgia	104	96
Arizona	96	96
Oregon	73	65
Rhode Island	73	74
Kansas	65	54
New Hampshire	55	52
Tennessee	54	46
Kentucky	51	52
Maine	49	52
Iowa	47	45
Washington, DC	40	40
Louisiana	39	34
South Carolina	37	33
Alabama	36	34
Vermont	34	36
Nebraska	32	35
Delaware	27	30
Nevada	26	22
New Mexico	22	21
Arkansas	20	24
Oklahoma	17	20
West Virginia	16	16
Montana	12	9
Hawaii	11	12
South Dakota	10	10
Utah	10	9
Mississippi	7	11
Idaho	6	6
Puerto Rico	5	4
Alaska	4	4
Wyoming	4	3
North Dakota	3	3

#### **Members, By Country**

USA	6,509	Hong Kong	2
Canada	177	Netherlands	2
Japan	45	Czech Republic	1
Great Britain/UK	25	Dominican Rep	1
Australia	8	France	1
Germany	3	Jordan	1
Italy	3	Korea	1
Mexico	3	Sweden	1
Taiwan	3	Switzerland	1

#### **2005 Members, By Year Joined**

1971	36
1972	19
1973	25
1974	29
1975	35
1976	42
1977	41
1978	46
1979	66
1980	107
1981	96
1982	176
1983	263
1984	192
1985	337
1986	210
1987	205
1988	139
1989	116
1990	134
1991	181
1992	214
1993	210
1994	301
1995	222
1996	220
1997	269
1998	298
1999	203
2000	287
2001	324
2002	296
2003	322
2004	441
2005	685

## Outreach Overview

SABR's purpose is to help people do baseball research and to provide an outlet to publish it. To properly fulfill this mission, SABR must have several outreach programs. Typically, SABR spends over half of its revenues on outreach. The main components of SABR outreach are:

Publications	Web Site	Awards Program
Chapter Meetings	Research Committees	National Convention

In 2004, SABR published *The National Pastime #24, The Baseball Research Journal 2004, The Fenway Project* (with Rounder Books) and *Road Trips: A Trunkload of Great Articles From Two Decades of Convention Journals*.

The SABR web site continued to grow in functionality and use in 2004. Throughout 2004, SABR added selected ProQuest Historical Newspapers that members can access through the members-only site. The Internet Committee report covers progress on the web site in greater detail.

SABR honors the best in baseball research through its Awards Program. See the Awards section for a fuller description of the awards and the recent winners.

SABR has over three dozen active chapters throughout the world. At the chapter level, members can easily get to know one another and share their research interests more easily.

SABR held its 34th annual membership gathering in July of 2004 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Over 640 members from around the world met at the Westin Hotel for several days of baseball research and fellowship. MLB.com was on site to tape material for its online show. The convention is the highlight of the year where members gather to honor the award winners and renew old friendships.

## SABR Research Library Report

From June 1, 2004, to May 31, 2005, the SABR Research Library received 116 requests for copies of articles. These requests range from a single article to 100 or more. This is somewhat less than in past years. It's worth noting, however, that as the word about SABR gets around, I have received occasional requests from non-members (I always enclose a membership brochure in the envelope).

Fulfilling the requests is taking a little longer these years, due to work demands and some minor health problems in the household. I hope that by the time SABR members read this report, the backlog will have been cleared up.

The library, which resides in my house in Providence, R.I., continues to grow. The number of articles now approaches 5,000. The steady growth is a result of many SABR members' thoughtfulness in sending me original articles or copies from newspapers and magazines, plus my own combing of sources, especially on the Internet. Also, I work with local convention committees to get copies of presentations given at the annual convention. In addition, I have made it a practice to ask regional groups for copies of research presentations given at their meetings,

One of the most significant recent additions to the Research Library is a photocopied set of the 1882-1891 histories of baseball compiled by Preston Orem from newspaper accounts. This came through the generosity of SABR member Mark Pattison, who donated it to the Research Library. I received this only recently and haven't yet listed it in the SABR Bulletin.

I want to acknowledge the contributions of material to the Research Library by Jim Mallinson, Phil Gawthrop, Phil Bergen and Bob Bluthardt, among others. My apologies to those whose names I can't remember at the moment.

The cost of copying and mailing articles remains at 12 cents a page for 1 to 99 pages and 11 cents a page for 100 or more pages. Though the cost of envelopes and materials inevitably rises, I have maintained as a goal keeping the cost to SABR members from going up.

Len Levin

# SABR Research Committees

## Asian Baseball

The Asian Baseball Committee has grown to 49 members. We produced a newsletter in December 2004 and the summer 2005 newsletter is nearly completed. We incurred no expenses in 2004 and none so far in 2005. A volunteer or volunteers are being sought to take over either the web site or the newsletter from the chair, so that the committee can accomplish more.

Robb Fitts, Chair

## Ballparks Committee

The SABR Ballparks Committee was established in 1982 to research and document the heritage of past and present ballparks on all levels, with special emphasis on the professional levels of the Major, Minor, and Negro Leagues. The Committee has about 300 regular members plus we are told a huge "reserve squad" of 1,424 potential members. These folks reflect a wide range of interests that produces original research, creates and refines data bases, and assists other projects in writing and various artistic expressions.

Over the past year the Committee produced several newsletters sent to its regular and potential members, covering ballpark news on major and minor league levels, books and publications, research needs and notes, attendance/statistics, preservation efforts, architecture and urban planning, education and exhibit news, articles from the past, reviews, miscellaneous news notes, and items in the marketplace. The Committee handled about 150 research requests with either a quick e-mail, a reference to another person or resource, or copies of materials from its vast vertical files (to which folks are always contributing!)

The Committee remains supportive of any thoughtful commitment to ballparks preservation and any program for a marker at a ballpark site. Over a dozen individuals and groups requested advice, material, or direction regarding a proposed or fledgling ballparks preservation or memorial project for cities large and small.

In the past year the Committee accepted a wide range of photos, news articles, books, pamphlets, and other printed matter for the swelling files. David Mitchell updated his Ballparks Bibliography List; Francis Kinlaw maintained the "Ballparks in TV and Movies" list (and we think he has caught most of them), Gary Jarvis has worked on a definitive list of old ballparks; and Paul Healy is creating a data base of ballparks photos. Maury Brown has been energetic and very patient in creating a committee web site. We also thank Mike Dempsey for caring for the Committee's photo collection that has just been shipped to the chairman in Texas for some inventory work.

Since the last annual meeting we have assisted several tv and radio productions; advised more than a few newspaper and magazine writers; lent direction to college and graduate school students; provided key research bits for authors and artists; and tracked down more than our

share of trivia. The Committee is sponsoring a panel discussion at SABR/Toronto on SkyDome and its place in ballparks design history.

So many ballparks and so little time! The chairman thanks the many, many folks who have sent him interesting materials. He also thanks Joe Favano for assisting at the 2004 committee meeting and chairing the 2005 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Bluthardt, Chair

## Baseball And The Armed Forces

Since its inception on February 16, 2004, the Baseball and the Armed Forces Committee has striven to research, compile and make available as much information as possible concerning the relationship between professional baseball and the armed forces.

The Committee currently has 29 members on SABR.org (up from 21 members last year at this time); and the Committee has 47 participants on its Yahoo E-mail Group [<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/SABRVets/>] (up from 30 participants last year).

Our highest priority task has been the building of a relational data base of baseball personalities who either served in the Armed Forces or had their careers affected in some way by wartime or military service. This data base includes, or will include, players, managers, coaches, umpires, scouts, administrators, broadcasters, etc. of the Major Leagues, Minor Leagues, Negro and Japanese Leagues who served in the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, the Afghan War, both Gulf Wars and all periods in between. Thus far, we have identified over 5,000 individuals (including minor leaguers) in this dataset. We have posted an Excel file of this dataset as a work-in-progress (which is a composite of research done by individual members), and it can be accessed in the CMS area of the SABR web site and on the Yahoo Group web site. Recent efforts have focused on the Viet Nam era, World War II, and military baseball teams and games.

Other Committee projects include viewing activity in baseball during wartime as a microcosm of Society as a whole; baseballs hit into the stands during World War II collected "for the boys overseas"; military spending on recreation including baseball; tools for the "what if" subject(s) (e.g., what if Ted Williams had been 4-F?); the so-called "replacement players"; research into the Journals of the National Baseball Congress; mining TBI and the SABR library for information; players whose Hall of Fame qualifications were enhanced or diminished by participation during World War II; integration of World War II military teams; and collection of statistics of wartime baseball teams (in the military itself).

John Heer, Co-Chair

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### **Baseball Records Committee**

The Baseball Records Committee was created in 1975 to reconcile differences and pursue a greater degree of accuracy in baseball's "historical record." The word "record," as we use it, has two meanings. We use it in the sense that some player, or some team, has the most or least of something for an inning, or a game, or a season, etc. For example, Bill Gray of the 1943 Chicago White Sox holds the Major League record for Most doubleheaders played in a season (44).

We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Larry Dierker pitched 99 innings in 1967, or Sam Leever had 241 career complete games. Both aspects of baseball's historical record are of equal importance to us, and we are as diligent with regard to accuracy for the "unknown" players as we are for the Hall of Famers.

Beginning with our formation, committee members have contributed countless corrections, additions, and deletions to the record books. Our ultimate goal of finding all the errors in the historic record, or at least achieving a full reconciliation of differences among all the record books and encyclopedias, remains unlikely for the near future; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap.

Since our last annual report, committee members in perusing the encyclopedias and record books, have found errors, additions, subtractions, and typos in the listing of the playing records of, or listings of, the record performances for several players. Among these are Roberto Alomar, Barry Bonds, Jack Chesbro, Johnny Cooney, Bill Dickey, Chick Fraser, Burleigh Grimes, Pink Hawley, Roy Hughes, Davy Jones, Joe Judge, Chuck Klein, Freddy Leach, Pedro Martinez, Mike Matheny, Dan Miceli, Steve O'Neill, Babe Ruth, and Herb Washington.

We continue to be aware that recent developments in baseball—strikes, shortened seasons, wild cards, interleague play, expansion, realignment, and relocation have placed a special burden on those of us who not only research the game's numbers, but also treasure the history that accompanies those numbers. Nevertheless we continue in our efforts to make the baseball record as factual as possible, while serving as an advocate for maintaining its integrity.

Recent disclosures regarding steroid use by some players raised the question of how the Baseball Records Committee would treat the accomplishments of the players mentioned. One committee member remarked, "we again heard the word asterisk, referring to the supposed asterisk that is affixed to Roger Maris's American League single-season home run record." Of course there is no asterisk next to Maris's name, and there won't be one next to the accomplishments of any of the accused players.

This is not to say that many people won't make mental adjustments to these records and determine to their own satisfaction just how valid they are. However, while ev-

eryone is entitled to his own set of opinions, everyone is not entitled to his own set of facts. A record is a record. It is not our role to decide the purity of the conditions under which those records were achieved. We are not moralists. Our role as SABR's Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

Meanwhile, progress continues on the compilation of a SABR Record Book and the implementation of a Records Committee web site.

Lyle Spatz, Chairman

Joe Dittmar, Vice Chairman

### **Bibliography Committee**

The Bibliography Committee's major project, The Baseball Index, completed its third year of Internet availability during the past year. The site, [www.baseballindex.org](http://www.baseballindex.org), became available on the Internet on May 27, 2002. During the past year, the database moved past the 210,000-record level. And, information from The Baseball Index is completely free.

When it opened, The Baseball Index contained about 175,000 books, articles, book sections, videos, art works, sound recordings and other items. The researcher may search it for references to a player, umpire, owner or executive. It may be searched for terms, such as Baker Bowl or Cotton States League or Umpire Baiting or Changeups. Over 2,000 separate terms are included as well as the names of leagues, stadiums and baseball groups. We have been receiving over 4,000 visits a month since last December. In May, we had risen to over 6,000 visits.

Joe Murphy, Steve Milman and Brad Sullivan were major volunteers in cataloguing and providing new items for the database. New volunteer Tom Zocco began to make substantial contributions.

The Index's inspiration and manager, Ted Hathaway, and Andy McCue, continue to oversee the project.

While The Baseball Index, is our major effort, the committee continues with other projects. The Bibliography Committee was founded in 1983 by Frank Phelps and seeks to discover, organize and provide information about books and other research materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball researchers.

The committee currently has 82 members working on a variety of projects in addition to TBI.

Two long-time committee members continued to produce the committee's two longest-running projects. Committee vice-chair Skip McAfee has edited the committee's quarterly newsletter since 1988 and continues to make improvements. Book reviews from Terry Smith and other committee members highlight the newsletter. The newsletter was converted to electronic distribution during the year.

Rich Arpi started his 18<sup>th</sup> year of researching and edit-

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ing Current Baseball Publications, the quarterly listing of baseball books and periodicals which the committee has produced since 1986. Current Baseball Publications has been mounted on SABR's web page to make it more accessible to all SABR members.

We are still seeking efficient ways to turn some of the committee's older, paper-based research into web-available documents. This is especially true of Frank Phelps' Index to Sporting News Registers, which is being worked on by Joel Dinda. Jim Lannen has continued to update and improve the cache of annual reports, newsletters and CBP onto the SABR web site. He is also working to expand the number of book reviews from our newsletter that are available electronically. He posted Joe Murphy's updated Index to SABR Publications as soon as it was ready earlier this year.

The committee's project to provide indexes for baseball books published without them made slow progress during the year. Committee member Paul Cammarata is producing the index to the two-volume Deadball Stars series. That index will be published in the AL volume later this year. In the past year, committee members provided indexes to McFarland (Roger Erickson, Lanigan's Baseball Cyclopedia) and Southern Illinois University Press (John Spalding, Lieb's Baltimore Orioles) for baseball publications, or re-publications.

Andy McCue, Chair

### Biographical Research Committee

The Biographical Research Committee has had a very good year. One of our projects has been to identify the date of the last game played for all 16,000+ major leaguers. We are now 100% complete on this project. Another project has been identifying the cemetery for all deceased players. This has been a very interesting effort. We are approximately 89% complete and have identified over 3,700 different cemeteries where major leaguers are buried. Obviously, a lot of work remains to be done. Thanks to new Mexican member Galo Gonzalez, we have identified the Mexican state of birth and death for all players who were either born or died in Mexico. Previously, we had simply listed the town and Mexico for the place, roughly equivalent to listing Springfield, USA.

As always, the main focus of the committee has been tracking down missing ballplayers. We have made some very interesting finds this year. We discovered that George Winkelman's record was actually 2 different players, George Winkelman and George Winkleman. Joseph Yingling's record was actually 2 players as well: Joe and his brother Charles. Also, Joe Yingling's death date was the death date of a different Joe Yingling. The death for John Galligan that we had listed was actually the death date for his brother James. We found John's correct date. For years we had been searching in vain for John Parsons, the 1884 Cincinnati player. We didn't need to waste our time. That game was actually played by Phil Powers.

One of baseball's most nightmarish teams for researchers was the 1872 Brooklyn Eckfords. We found one of the two Al Martins on that team, Albert DeGroot Martin. We also identified the players previously only known as Leutz as David Lenz. Other missing ballplayers that we found during the past year include Eddie Kolb, Paul Russell, Harry Little, Stephen Matthias, Charles Reilley, and John Hayes.

It is getting more and more difficult to track down these missing players. Last year's report listed over 40 players that had been found in the previous year. This year it's only about 12. But if they were easy, we would have found them by now. There are still over 300 ballplayers missing death information. Some of these players we know a lot about; others, we know nothing about. Hopefully, the upcoming year will provide some new breakthroughs.

Bill Carle, Chair

June 22, 2005

### BioProject Committee

The 2005 convention marks the third anniversary of the founding of the BioProject committee. The committee houses the Baseball Biography Project, whose purpose is to solicit, write, edit, and maintain high quality journal-length biographies of every player who ever played in the major leagues, as well as any other person connected with baseball in a significant way.

As of this writing we have 296 biographies posted on the site and another 691 assigned and in progress. Our biggest accomplishment this year was the introduction of our new web site, an attractive interface designed by Glenn LeDoux and implemented by Daniel Levine. We also posted versions of many of the articles from the first Deadball book, and distributed our first two newsletters (Mike Cooney, editor).

With membership currently at 312, the BioProject Committee looks forward to an even more productive junior year.

Mark Armour, Chair

June 27, 2005

### Business of Baseball Committee

The Business of Baseball committee was founded by the late Doug Pappas in 1994. Our mission is to study Organized Baseball off the field: the economic, labor, legal and organizational side of the national pastime. We publish a quarterly newsletter, *Outside the Lines*.

This year saw a considerable shift after the passing of Doug Pappas last year. Gary Gillette and Maury Brown were selected as Co-Chairs of the committee while Don Coffin holds the vice-chair position. John Ruoff took over as the editor of *Outside the Lines*, as well as editor for other published pieces within the committee.

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The biggest news was the founding of a new committee web site. The new site, [BusinessofBaseball.com](http://BusinessofBaseball.com), pulled a great deal of research material that Doug Pappas had been displaying on his personal Web site. Many other resources have also been added. In addition, the committee operates a listserv, [businessofbaseball@yahoo.com](mailto:businessofbaseball@yahoo.com).

Since July 2004, the Business of Baseball committee has published eight interviews with important people within the business of baseball. Those interviews include Fred Claire, Bob Costas, Kevin Towers, Marvin Miller, Andrew Zimbalist, Janet Marie Smith, Bowie Kuhn and Buzze Bavasi.

The committee web site now includes an extensive documents library with nearly 100 recent and historical documents pertaining to the business of baseball. We will see this library double by the end of 2005 with the addition of court documents from SABR's research library. To add to this, there is an extensive collection of data, suggested readings and a facilities section within the new site.

The committee will release on July 4 the long-awaited first version of its GM Project, which has compiled a complete, chronological list of all general managers in baseball history. A complete list of team owners and presidents has also been compiled and will be published later this summer.

Maury Brown, Chair

Gary Gillette, Co-Chair

## Collegiate Baseball Committee

No report at presstime.

## Deadball Era Committee

Now in its fifth year of existence, the Deadball Era Committee continues to grow and fulfill its mission of researching and chronicling baseball history from 1901 to 1919. Over the past year, the Deadball E-Group has grown by 19 members, to 221. Total membership in the committee has expanded to 238, up by seven members from last year. Meanwhile, much of the Committee is hard at work putting together *Deadball Stars of the American League*, the companion volume to *Deadball Stars of the National League*, which was published in 2004.

Ninety one committee members are writing the 137 biographies for the Deadball Stars of the AL. As of this writing, 88 percent of the biographies have been submitted, and 82 percent have been edited. David Jones is serving as editor for the project, with Eric Enders fact-checking the biographies. The book's layout is being done by Glenn LeDoux, who also served as layout editor for the first volume. The *Deadball Stars of the American League* will be published in the same style as its predecessor, with photos and signatures accompanying each biography where possible. To date, the committee has obtained signatures for 123 of the book's subjects, and is working on finding

as many as possible. As with *Deadball Stars of the National League*, the book's chapters will be organized by team, with eight different members of the committee serving as team editors: Mike Foster (Boston), R.J. Lesch (Chicago), Steve Constantelos (Cleveland), Trey Strecker (Detroit), Eric Enders (New York), Norman Macht (Philadelphia), Stu Shea (St. Louis) and Tom Simon (Washington). We expect to have the writing and editing for the book finished before the end of this summer, and plan to have the book, which will be jointly published by SABR and Potomac Books, Inc., out by the beginning of 2006.

In other news, at last year's SABR Convention in Cincinnati DEC founder Tom Simon resigned as chairman of the committee after four years of hard work. David Jones assumed the chairmanship, with Eric Enders becoming Vice-Chair. Dan Desrochers and Charles Crawley serve as editors of the committee's newsletter, *The Inside Game*, publishing four issues of TIG within the last year. Also last year Scott Cowan took over for R.J. Lesch as manager of the E-Group. Paul Wendt has continued in his capacity as editor of the committee's web page.

With the completion of *Deadball Stars of the American League* in sight, the DEC is now contemplating the Committee's future direction, and hopes to use the committee meeting at the upcoming SABR convention in Toronto to discuss various proposals, and also to brainstorm ideas for future fundraising projects. Whatever lies in store for the DEC, however, the committee members remain committed to fulfilling its mission and to continue in the same free-spirited vein which has been so critical to the committee's success to date.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jones, Chairman

## Latin America Committee

The Latin American baseball committee has concluded a very successful year, in which two new officers were installed to streamline the group's efficiency. **Edwin Fernandez** was named co-vice chair and **Anthony Salazar** came aboard as the committee's co-vice chair and newsletter editor.

To improve communication among committee members, a logo was created for the committee's newsletter, which is published on a quarterly basis. This past issue represented volume one, number four. *La Prensa del Béisbol Latino*, in English means the Latino Baseball Press, includes articles, features and lists written by various members of the committee. Specific newsletter sections include:

- Two front page stories
- Interview with various baseball personality
- Color stories
- Latino ballplayer vital statistic & related commentary
- Latino baseball business news
- Member spotlight



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- Resources
- Research needs and announcements
- Trivia challenge
- Note from the Editor/chair

To foster communication and discussion between committee members, we have created a YahooGroups! group where news articles and comments are posted by anyone of several dozen members of the discussion group. We expect that as time goes on, we will enroll more committee members in the discussion group.

To increase in membership & participation we are reaching out to old members to re-activate their membership in SABR and the Latino baseball committee. To increase new members outside the United States, we have begun negotiations to create a new chapter in Puerto Rico. At the end of the 2005 fiscal year, a meeting is being planned to invite members and potential members. We anticipate that the new Puerto Rico chapter will be a vibrant addition to SABR and the Latin American committee.

In looking to the future of the committee, we are undertaking the planning of future events. These include the creation of a Latino baseball anthology. This publication would include roughly 15-20 scholarly articles, featuring historic photographs and related pictures. The anthology would be a first of its kind, as SABR looks to include the book in its 2007 publication cycle. A co-publisher is currently being considered.

The committee may also consider the creation of an organized Latino baseball conference, where the anthology may be released at a possible one- or two-day event, where participants would celebrate the rich diversity of the contribution of Latinos in baseball history.

To promote the Latin American baseball committee and serve its members, we shall undertake the creation of the committee's web site, where news and information on Latinos in baseball will be distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

Eduardo Valero, Chair

Anthony Salazar, Co-vice chair; Editor, *La Prensa del Béisbol Latino*

Edwin Fernandez, Co-vice chair

### Minor Leagues Committee

The committee has produced two newsletters thru June, 2005 and should have the third by late July, 2005.

Members have been active throughout the year answering inquiries from other SABR members, journalists, students, player's relatives, public relations personnel and others as they arrive. This has been a great service shared by those with expertise to solve problems as well as create a sound service reputation by SABR.

Many research projects continue: examples include Lloyd Johnson's coordination of the Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball. This massive undertaking has had many contributors to its update.

Other efforts are part of larger projects, as Marc Okkonen's roster compilation; Bill McMahon's team affiliations through the years; Carlos Bauer's guide to minor league statistics; Brent Gambill's researching minor league teams who have their own Halls of Fame and their members; and Ted Lukacs' update of his ballpark research.

There are many other individuals researching player, team, league and general histories of the minor leagues.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Schleppe, Chair

### Music & Poetry Committee

The committee continues to promote the research of the rich history of music and poetry related to baseball. As of June 1, 2005, the Music & Poetry Committee has 70 members. The committee's three primary projects are:

- 1) Compile an index of songs related to baseball;
- 2) Compile a list of players, past and present, who are known for their musical talents;
- 3) Compile an index of poetry related to baseball.

The committee has compiled a significant listing of baseball songs and poetry that will be entered into the Bibliography Committee's database. The list of players known for their musical talents continues to grow.

Jeff Campbell, Chair

### Negro Leagues Committee

The Negro Leagues Committee was formed as an original SABR Research Committee in 1971. There are currently 55 members active within the NLC. We lost another 17 veterans in the last twelve months but enjoyed many successes. Among the events were the following:

1. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference was held in Cleveland, Ohio, and through the efforts of Bob Zimmer, Morris Eckhouse, Jim Kastro, and Ike Brooks was a great success.

2. Nine new Robert Peterson Awards were given to Bob Bailey, The Baseball Heritage Museum, Michael Everett, Jorge Figueredo, Jeremy Krock, Neil Lanctot, Louis Manley, John Russell, and Lucky Smith.

3. We presented the NLC's first Find Of The Year Award to Peter Morris for his work to recognize William White as the first Black player.

4. The John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Celebration was outstanding.

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5. The Grave-Marker Project dedicated markers for four players in September and another eight in June of 2005.
6. New books on our subject where:
  - A. Negro League Baseball
  - B. Negro League Scrapbook
  - C. Satchel Paige's America
  - D. Beisbol Cubano
7. Six other books had important material within them on the Negro Leagues.
8. Exhibits, honorings, and presentations, were very much in evidence throughout the year. Milwaukee's Wall of Honor, the Detroit Tigers Negro League Night, and Judy Johnson Night were again prominent.

Thirteen honorings around the country.

The Negro League Researchers and Authors Group concluded the historic study on the Negro Leagues for The National Baseball Hall Of Fame Museum and Library. We expect to report on the potential publications, findings and possible Hall of Famers in next year's report.

Finally, we just concluded the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference in Chicago. Headed by Eddie Bedford, Leslie Heaphy, and Ike Brooks was the best yet. 2006 will be in Kansas City, July 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Satchel Paige's 100th birthday.

As always we welcome all interested researchers to join us in the NLC efforts.

Dick Clark, Chair

Larry Lester, Vice-Chair

## Nineteenth Century Committee

The Nineteenth Century Committee (19c Cmte) was proposed by John Thorn and Mark Rucker in a September 1982 letter "To Whom It May Concern" that suggested a focus on "photographic and factual records of individuals and clubs from the New York Knickerbockers to the end of the century."

Our official purpose today is "to recover the record of and to interpret base ball through 1900, both for ourselves and for the baseball public generally." That baseball which is descended from the Knicks has been the object of study for all of our official projects, as it is for the vast majority of members privately. (Publicity is another matter. Thorn's work with local confederates to unearth the 1791 'Pittsfield Prohibition' probably garnered more outside attention than all other work by members combined. David Block's *Baseball Before We Knew It* garnered more than any other book.)

The 19c Cmte is principally an interest group and "serious interest in 19c baseball" is the only requirement for membership. Most of the 358 members are unknown to most others and known to the Chair only from descriptions of their interests, many quite brief. The roll increased about 10% late this winter when I added and greeted every

nonmember who lists in the SABR membership directory an expertise, research focus, or interest in any 19c baseball subject.

Most committee-sponsored activity in this millennium has been 19cBB activity. 19cBB is a mutual distribution e-mail list with some extra features available on the web, mainly an archive of past messages. It is the principal medium for research exchange regarding private projects and in that respect it is the feather in our cap. More about our Internet resources including 19cBB is relegated to the end of this report.

The 19c Cmte officially undertook six large projects in the 1980s and 1990s; three were completed and three languished, of which Pre-1871 Rosters was abandoned. See the web site and the introduction to newsletter 2004:1.

The Early Baseball Music project was approved by the Music & Poetry and 19th Century committees at the 2004 meetings, to be directed by Jeff Sackmann in consultation with Jeff Campbell (M&P Chair) and John Thorn. Unfortunately, no description of the project that explains how others may contribute or no progress report has been received since then. Recording early baseball music on CD-ROM is the component of EBM that clearly sparked interest during advance discussion on 19cBB. Two other components may be writing scholarly articles and cataloguing works in a way compatible with *The Baseball Index*. The latter, at least, would require volunteers to rearrange and enter catalogue data that is at hand. Anyway, Early Baseball Music does not have either of the two features I identified last year as desirable in a new group project, (1) the opportunity for new researchers to make small contributions and (2) the expectation of useful intermediate products, or of bearing fruit throughout the season rather than only at the end.

The Early Rules and Practices project ("Early Rules" for short) is directed by Chip Atkison. Playing rules and practices may be the most common 19cBB theme, but the project is invisible there. Last year I observed that beside one leader who uses e-mail daily and focuses on utilizing it effectively, Early Rules needs a vision of the fruit: what should we produce? I believe in a variety of fruit, which ripen on different schedules and end up on different plates. While it is not for me to say that a project has been abandoned, I suggest that we act as if we have no project on playing rules or practices and we consider undertaking both a pilot project and a review of what has been done by others—that is, undertaking what should be prior to or the first stages of what we usually call a project.

The American Association History project ("AA History" for short) was approved in 1993 with the goal of writing a narrative history of the league by 1998. 80% of the team-seasons were covered by the microfilm phase of the project. The director resigned last spring and five people responded to my call for volunteers to assess the research materials: David Ball, Cliff Blau, Irv Goldfarb, Jack Little, and Paul Olubas. They have identical copies of a selection

from the research materials, about 10% that reasonably represents about 40% of what was submitted.

Consolidation of 19c Cmte archives is complete, so far as practical. Bob Tiemann retains the research materials of the completed National Association (NA) project and occasionally makes revisions. I have everything else, including a copy of the NA summary reports. On the NA project, see the web site and newsletter 2004:2.

SABR reimburses the cost of Committee business including the distribution of research materials. We have a small fund replenished by donations that covers the cost of distributing small “finished” materials. Submission of such items is welcome.

The complete run of newsletters from August 1987 was deposited with the Library of Congress this spring. That archive is available to SABR members at cost. A complete publication record is maintained and a brief guide to contents was prepared upon first distribution of the whole last year. See the web site.

*Nineteenth Century Notes* is now delivered in print to four institutions: New York Public Library, National Baseball Library, Western Reserve Historical Society (the SABR archives), and Library of Congress.

The first 2004 newsletter was posted just before the last meeting. That is a Special Issue covering a score of outside projects from a 19c perspective. It remains recommended reading for everyone, and those who would like to participate in 19c Cmte research or its planning should consider it required. The belated 2003 Anniversary number alone was completed during the SABR year, July to June. John Thorn leads off on “1853” followed by “The First Knick-Era Box Score” (also 1853) and the establishment of the 19c Cmte in 1983.

Following planned for July, only a few of the principal newsletter components will still be in the pipeline at Annual Meeting time in numbers that will sustain a regular issue: my coverage of “Resources” and outside “Projects” and our “Reviews” of new books. Articles on 1855 will be especially welcome this year—not only long articles (by our norms) but tidbits. Some members without e-mail hope to read more of those “Help Wanted” items that reveal what others are working on. (Help Wanted potentially reaches a group of new people as large as 19cBB reaches, because so many e-mail users abstain from 19cBB.) Volunteers are solicited, including two who will simply but regularly cover the e-mail distribution lists 19cBB and SABR-L as journalists.

Several “all time” baseball research projects now focus on the 19th century as a reflection of their success or maturity, because the 19th century is where most missing data or unexplored resources remain. Others will soon reach that stage. Let’s help them out.

Let’s undertake some new work ourselves. Our history plainly tells me that we should precede projects with pilots; if the pilot is successful, take it up full scale. So

let’s organize some pilot projects!

APPENDIX. The mutual distribution e-mail list ‘19cBB’ (a Yahoo Group) is a medium for members to ask and answer particular questions, to discuss matters of broad historical interpretation, and to announce or review events, books, web sites, and so on. My contributions from the chair include many notices of “Resources” such as those covered in the newsletter. There is also some business such as what projects to undertake, and how (expect more of that).

19cBB is now four years old with 230-odd subscribers; volume is 2 to 6 messages per day measured monthly. A ‘Daily Digest’ option is available—each day’s incoming traffic is compiled in a single message. More than 90% of 19c Cmte members use e-mail but a majority do not subscribe or have elected ‘No E-mail’—authorization to contribute and to read the archive without getting any e-mail. I encourage everyone to subscribe and to try the Digest before dropping out because traffic is too heavy.

The web site “19th Century Resources” (<http://world.std.com/~pgw/19c/>) publishes some original research, especially David Ball’s pioneering “Nineteenth Century Player Transactions” (3d ed., 2004). More frequently, it holds exhibits for 19cBB reference, since only plain e-mail is distributed to subscribers. It also advances Committee business by making some documents available to every web browser, and provides some baseball material that will interest many general visitors.

More than three years ago, David Block and SABR published two articles in the “SABR Committees: 19th Century” section of the SABR Forums, an essay on the rounders theory of baseball’s origin and the translation from German of a 1796 article on English Base-Ball. This year, Block completed his book, *Baseball Before We Knew It* (Nebraska). The Forums have been practically abandoned—even I no longer check them regularly and I don’t advise using the 19c Cmte forum—but Block’s articles are still available and they provide a taste of what his book covers. Locate them via the “Special Feature: 1796 Rules” on the 19c Resources web site.

Paul Wendt, Chair

July 2005

### Oral History Committee

At last year’s National Convention, Oral History Committee Vice-Chairman Bill Nowlin conducted a “live” interview with Tim Naehring, former major league player and current Director of Player Personnel for the Cincinnati Reds. The interview was attended by 50-60 SABR members. We hope to continue this “live” interview approach at the SABR convention in Toronto.

Some of the Oral Histories on tape we received include Moe Drabowski, Dutch Fehring, Gus Zernial, Tony Morante (Yankee Stadium Tour Director), Ralph Caballero, Susan Dellinger (Edd Roush’s granddaughter), Tom

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Browning, Carmine DeRenzo, Ron Menchine (Senators' radio announcer), Lester Rodney (sports editor of the Daily Worker), Herb Hash, Dick McAuliffe, Joe Wood, Jr., Walt Dropo, Dick Tettelbach, Don Leppert, Casey Wise, Steve Boros, Mickey Vernon, Wilmer Fields (Negro League Player), Marvin Miller, Ray Burris, Charlie Brotman (Senators' P.A. announcer), Frank Howard, Anthony Bongiovanni, Nate Oliver, Erik Johnson, Stan Brand (V.P. of Minor League Baseball), Kevin Uhlich (Business Manager of the Nats), Ernie Fazio, Rob Andrews, Chris Haughey, Colin Mills (president of the Nats Fan Club), and George Solomon (former sports editor of the Washington Post).

Also, we have transcripts of Harry Danning, Joe DiMaggio, Larry Doby, Hub Kittle, Jose Rafael Santiago, and Reggie Cleveland. In addition, we have videos of Ned Garver, Roy Sievers, and Art Richman.

Over the years, SABR has sent nine boxes of taped interviews to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Through a misunderstanding, the Hall of Fame claims they are not on loan but belong to the Hall of Fame. After long negotiations, the Hall of Fame agreed to send us copies of our tapes. Prior to this year, they had returned four boxes. Several months ago, a fifth box arrived. Some of the more prominent players include Al Lopez, Bing Devine, Earl Weaver, Harvey Haddix, Joe Nuxhall, Johnny Vandermeer, Ralph Houck, Red Barber, and Red Schoendienst. We will endeavor to obtain the final four boxes. Member Tom Hetrick has undertaken the Herculean task of transcribing the tapes. We now have transcripts of Bobby Brown, Reggie Cleveland, Frank Howard and Gil McDougald.

Member Matt Doublestein has converted eight boxes of tapes to CDs which will help to preserve the tapes for a much longer period.

Respectfully submitted,

David Paulson, Chair

## Origins

The SABR Origins Committee rises as a rather middle-aged Phoenix from the still-warm ashes of the UK/Europe History Committee.

Those who have followed the past activities of the old committee, either in the pages of the *SABR/UK Examiner* or through members' contributions to other SABR publications, will be aware that a large proportion of its energies have been devoted to exploring the antecedents of baseball and its related games. In his monumental, recently published work *Baseball Before We Knew It*, David Block (whom we are delighted to welcome as a member of the new committee) has generously acknowledged his appreciation of the research carried out by members of the UK/Europe History Committee.

The most palpable result of these researches has been the final dispelling of the twin transatlantic delusions concerning the origins of baseball. On the American side, al-

though the Doubleday tarradiddle has long been discredited, there has been a residual belief (shared by even so astute an observer as J.M. Ward) that somehow the game sprang, *ex nihilo*, "full grown" like Topsy from the native genius of the American Boy. On the British side there is the parrot cry of "Oh, you mean rounders", which holds that baseball is a direct development of "the ancient English game of rounders". The problem with this theory – put forward by (again, knowledgeable) figures such as Henry Chadwick and Robert Henderson – is that no one has ever been able to adduce any historical evidence whatsoever that there is such a thing as a single "ancient English" game of rounders. To believe that one sport gives birth to another in a direct lineal fashion is to fundamentally misunderstand how games develop. What recent research has underlined is that we are dealing with a family of bat, ball and running games, with numerous names and a multitude of regional and localized variations. There seems to have been a primordial human instinct that leads a child, when presented with a spherical object that can't be eaten, to either kick it, throw it or hit it with a stick. And those versions of the basic formula of striking a ball with a bat and running between fixed points that have evolved to the status of being thought suitable to played by the most highly skilled professional athletes – notably baseball and cricket – are those which have best adapted themselves to their physical, social and, indeed, political environments. In short we take a basically Darwinian rather than a creationist view of baseball's origins.

In this spirit of sporting anthropology we hope to continue exploring the history and nature of these various members of the bat, ball and running game family, which has ancestors and children everywhere in the world.

In conclusion, we should say that the research that members have carried out into the *more modern* history of baseball in Britain, Ireland and Europe will continue under the auspices of the Bobby Thomson Chapter.

Patrick Carroll

## Pictorial History Committee

The primary focus of the Pictorial History Committee is to develop the Player Image Index. The goal of this project is to catalogue at least one photo image of every man who has played in the major leagues. When we are able to catalogue an image, that means that we know where it has been published or in what collection it has been seen. We have been able to catalogue images for over 94% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of about 24,000 records describing image sources for over 15,300 major league players.

At the end of May, 2002, there were approximately 2,650 major leaguers on our Missing Players List. During the year leading up to May 2003, we cut the size of the Missing Players List in half. As of mid-June, 2003, there

were approximately 1,320 players who remain uncataloged into the Player Image Index because we have not yet found sources of photo images for them. As of early May, 2004, there about 1,000 players on our Missing Players List. As of mid-May, 2005, there were about 875 players on our Missing Players list. At the same time as we have reduced the number of missing players, we have kept up with cataloguing images for all the new players who have recently debuted into the major leaguers.

Mid-2003 to mid-2005 has been a period of broadening participation in the development of the Player Image Index. Ninety different individuals are now credited with making contributions of at least one player image to this index. We are particularly appreciative of the numerous images submitted by Marc Okkonen, Richard Ulrich, Lefty Blasco, Duane Behm, Bob Richardson, Patricia Kelly, and Steve Gietschier.

During the past year, the Player Image Index was placed in downloadable form on the Pictorial History Committee's portion of the SABR web site. We are appreciative of F.X. Flinn's help in making this happen. We expect that the Player Image Index will become part of the SABR Encyclopedia in the near future.

For general information about the Player Image Index project, contact Bill Hickman. For information about the computer aspects of the data base, which resides in Excel spreadsheet format, contact the Committee Vice Chair, Cary Smith.

In early 2004, the committee launched a joint project with the Ballpark Committee. The aim of the project is to develop a Ballpark Photo Index. Paul Healey is leading the project and is hard at work building the data base. During the first phase of this project, we are concentrating on photos of major league ballparks, both past and present. As the project progresses, we will start cataloguing photos of minor league and other ballparks.

In early 2005, the committee launched a third project. The new project is the development of a Manager Image Index. Its objective is to catalogue at least one image of every man who has managed in the major leagues. The project is in its early stages, and Dave Davis is managing the project.

Other Committee activities over the past year included the publication of three newsletters and the response to numerous requests for leads on photo sources.

Bill Hickman, Chair

Cary Smith, Vice-Chair

### Science and Baseball Committee

No report at presstime.

### Spring Training

In the last year the Spring Training Committee has enjoyed the diligent work of its 65 members. The project that was announced last year, the Spring Training Player Inventory Index is fast being an important tool for research among committee members. We are hoping that we will soon make it an important tool for all SABR members. The Professional Teams in Training project is making its progress as well. We are also working with the Lee County, Florida Government, which is hoping to open a Spring Training Museum at Lee County Sports Complex, spring home of the Minnesota Twins, in the next few years. Our work with other committees is progressing as well. We are hoping that this next year will be as good of a year as the past year as been. We do not expect to need any funds from the SABR office in the coming year to complete our projects.

Faithfully Submitted,

Kevin M. Saldana, Chair

June 5, 2005

### Scouts Committee

The Scouts Committee marks the 2005 Annual Convention as the changing of the guard. After five years of stewardship, Chairman Bill Clark announced his intention to resign in April. The Executive Board of SABR unanimously approved Rod Nelson and Jim Sandoval to carry on as Co-Chairs effective in May. We acknowledge Ol' Clark's considerable contributions and will miss him in Toronto while he promotes and administers a major amateur boxing tournament in his hometown of Columbia, MO where his twice-a-week column appears the Columbia Tribune (<http://www.columbiatribune.com/Columnists/>)

The ongoing work of the committee involves two projects maintained by the Co-Chairs; "The Who-Signed-Whom Database" developed and managed by Rod Nelson and "The Scouts Roster" developed and managed by Jim Sandoval.

This year, "The Who-Signed-Whom Database" has been integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia on the [www.sabr.org](http://www.sabr.org) web site with technical assistance provided by F.X. Flinn and Daniel Levine of the SABR Internet Committee. The information can be accessed from the SCOUTING tab of each player page and cross-referenced by Scout as well, showing his list of player signings. There is built-in functionality for readers to submit Additions and Corrections which is reviewed by the chairs on a same-day basis. In addition, data for players debuting in 2005 as well as several hundred new "Who-Signed-Whoms" have been added to the master file along with the addition of details in regard to college and/or high school attended, bonus money, etc.

"The Scouts Roster" remains a work-in-progress and it is hoped that in the following year will also be integrated

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into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia. The dataset includes a listing of scouts by organization, by year with title and territory when known. The primary source for this information has been the annual *Sporting News* Guides but also now includes data compiled from early *Baseball Bluebooks* by SABR stalwart Frank Phelps.

The chairs also respond to a handful of research requests from fellow SABR members and the baseball media every month.

The addition of new research tools such as the ProQuest Historical Newspapers and The Paper of Record's archive which includes the complete run of *The Sporting News* have been a boon to member-researchers. As great as they are, there is no substitute for the painstaking methods employed by Craig Lammers of Dayton, Ohio. Craig's remarkable diligence with regard to deadball era ballplayers is inspiring and we recognize his contribution by naming him our 2005 Scouts Committee Researcher of the Year.

As was reported in last year's committee report, work on a book of Scouts' Bios is still in the formative stage. The intent is to produce a work following the format of the Deadball Era Stars of the National League (and the forthcoming American League volume) utilizing the style guide developed by the BioProject Committee (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>). The committee seeks a project leader to assume the reins on this, with the Co-Chairs to provide research assistance and the past chairman offering his considerable moral and editorial support.

The SABRscouts eGroup is an online discussion forum provided to members for interactive communication. Subscribers are also encouraged to post research requests and the URL's, titles and/or brief summaries of "Baseball Scouts in the News" articles that they believe would be of interest to other committee members. To subscribe: [SABRscouts-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:SABRscouts-subscribe@yahoo.com).

Rod Nelson, Co-Chair

### **Statistical Analysis Committee**

It has been a full year for the Statistical Analysis Committee, SABR's home of empirical analysis and evaluation of the statistical side of baseball. Founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer – both still esteemed and active members — the SAC is SABR's fourth-oldest research committee, and its largest. SAC members propose and test statistical models and evaluation techniques, with the aim of describing and analyzing the existing record of baseball data and developing models to study potential futures for the game. The SAC emphasizes the value of peer review in fostering high quality research. Under editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC's quarterly newsletter *By The Numbers* offers members the opportunity to present their research and to participate in critical discussion of research ideas.

SAC members play vital roles in writing and produc-

ing the major preseason annual analytic publications. Many of the most popular and valuable online baseball datasets and analytic tools continue to be developed by SAC members. The recognition of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasing, both inside the baseball community and in the media. For example, throughout the 2005 season SAC member Jeff Angus has been writing a weekly sabermetric analysis column in the *Seattle Times*; partway through the season, the *Times* started augmenting his column by printing sabermetric leaderboards created by Angus and Sean Forman.

In early 2005 we started the *Statistical Analysis* Yahoo Group, an e-mail list open exclusively to committee members. Led by list manager Dan Levitt (the prime force behind its creation), the list has been a rousing success. Just about half of the SAC's 376 members currently subscribe to it, and nearly 300 messages have been circulated in the first five months of *Statistical Analysis*. Between the e-mail list and the committee's webspace at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com/>, the Statistical Analysis Committee's cyber-presence is strong and well-established.

We continue our efforts to raise our visibility in the general SABR community, and encourage Committee members to contribute manuscripts to the *Baseball Research Journal*. In addition, we urge SAC members to consider making proposals for financial support of their research projects under the recently-created Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant program.

Neal Traven, Co-Chair

Clem Comly, Co-Chair

### **Umpire and Rules Committee**

The Umpire and Rules Committee, which had been moribund for approximately two years, had its first newsletter sent out in April 2005 and a new chairperson, Richard Carletti. Response to the initial newsletter, while limited was encouraging and hopefully the participation of the membership will return to previous years' level

The current goals of the committee are:

1. Find a Vice-Chairman to ensure the continuity of the committee.
2. In collaboration with Retrosheet and David Vincent, continue the process of the compilation of a daily log of umpires for all ML games.
3. Encourage the continuation of research projects. The following research projects are ongoing by our members:
  - A. Ted DiTullio is working Playoff Stats
  - B. John Schwartz has sent 1909 and 1949 Crew Summaries
  - C. New member Neil Raymond in conjunction with his project on the Montreal Royals will be compiling a list of IL and EL umpires that worked in the Royals years.

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D. As mentioned above, David Vincent is continuing the compilation of day-to-day umpire stats.

E. Chairperson Richard Carletti is working on the day-to-day stats and ejections for the 1906-1911 seasons.

4. Facilitate the posting of research related results on the Umpire and Rules Committee SABR site.

Richard Carletti, Chair

### Women in Baseball Committee

Since the publication of the 2004 Annual Report we have had a number of things happening. It all started with our committee meeting last year which was quite a treat for those who attended as they got to hear from former AAGPBL player Patricia Scott. After returning home we have had three newsletters come out this past year with lots of information about the growing number of teams and series that exist for women playing baseball today. Included in the information was a no-hitter by an eleven year old, and the strong play of the U. S. Team at various international and national tournaments. Committee member Jean Ardell published *Breaking Barriers*, chronicling some aspects of the history of women's baseball.

As chair I continue to receive a variety of requests for information from students and researchers alike. Our help turned up in a few articles and may be seen in some upcoming articles as well. Our committee project that turned into a much larger endeavor as an encyclopedia is coming along nicely and McFarland has actually started to advertise it as upcoming.

Leslie Heaphy, Chair

## **Chapter Development Committee Report**

There have been two new chapters formed in the past year, the Connecticut Chapter and the chapitre SABR-Québec. Both had their applications approved by the Board and both have held subsequent meetings.

At least one chapter, the Jesse Burkett chapter in Worcester, Massachusetts, has been inactive but hopes to hold more meetings before too long. Burkett chapter members are always invited to, and often attend, both the Rhode Island and Boston chapter regionals.

This time two years ago, the Harold Seymour Chapter of Naples, Florida was just getting started. This past year they have presented speakers and also a presentation by the daughter of Barry Stein, who was the official photographer for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1938-1968.

The first new chapter created under the new bylaws was the Brooks Robinson-George Kell Chapter (Arkansas/Memphis) chartered the previous year, has continued to meet, and has a meeting coming up in early September. They have even created their own chapter T-shirt.

The group hoping to organize a Tampa area chapter has planned their first meeting for August or September.

Bill Nowlin

# Internet Committee Report

## Overview

In 2004, SABR's web presence has matured, the SABR-L list has functioned smoothly, a number of member-created web sites have come under the SABR umbrella, internal technology use has flourished, and the effort to promote the use of SABRs online tools has shown modest success. The structure of a web-centric organization is in place and the challenge of getting everyone moved in now takes center stage.

The key efforts underway now are threefold: to deploy database editing tools for use by research committees in maintaining datasets attached to the "SABR Encyclopedia" deployed in 2003 (currently both the Scouts and Pictorial committees use these tools); to pursue a major digitization project as an exemplar for the process and cost of digitizing SABR research collections; to continue to encourage the membership to take full advantage of the resources being created under the auspices of the IC.

Volunteer time continues to be the principle limiting factor in our efforts. The IC supports the notion of increasing staff hours to offset this fact. Most SABR members want to do research, not perform value-added work for the organization.

## Task Area Recaps

### **Internal Consulting**

The IC continues to provide technical assistance to staff. Internal functioning of the LAN and the broadband connection has been essentially trouble free for the past year. The reengineering of the membership system continues to accrue significant administrative benefits to SABR, lowering the cost of acquiring and maintaining membership. Online credit card processing facilitates membership retention, sales of special items such as the Deadball hardcover, and reduces staff cost for processing checks. A sophisticated copier/printer/fax/scanner has reduced overall expenses while providing LAN-based scanning for the staff.

### **SABR-L**

The listserv discussion group continues to be a significant member benefit. The list is run on a daily basis by Mike Emeigh, who attends to the listowner functions such as approving subscriptions and solving end-user problems, while a rotating group supervised by Daniel Levine and Gary Collard handle moderator duties.

The SABR-L archives through 2004 have been converted to a SQL-server table and reconciled with the membership system. Later in 2005 the SABR-L archives will be added to the members-only web site and will be searchable as individual pages on the site are.

## **Web-based Services**

### *Administrative*

#### *Online Bulletin functions*

All are now reflected on the web site. The use of the classifieds is particularly interesting. All current content is online but older content isn't. Unfortunately the office is not posting materials as intended; for example, the PRES Box entry simply has the current content and older columns are not available online. The posting date shown in the contents is a deceiving April 2004 when the content is post-Cincinnati, more like August 2004. This will be rectified in coming months. All bulletin content should accrete in a visible manner.

#### *Membership System*

Functioning smoothly and delivering on its promise to free staff time and organizational cost. Staff seems to have made a concerted effort to keep e-mail addresses updated – complaints from users about bounce e-mail has dropped significantly during the past 6 months. Use of the directory has soared among the membership and eliminated any pressure for a published directory – a recurring savings of \$15,000 in biannual expenditure.

#### *Online Store*

New membership prices are online. Upgraded software has reduced administrative effort to use and maintain this area.

#### *Contact Management*

Most research committees and about 80% of the chapters are regular users of the member contact tools. This use promotes other use and few who decide to take advantage of the system take more than a few minutes to get up to speed. Detailed how-to's are available on the members-only site.

## **Content Management**

### *Internal use*

The CMS is being used effectively by the office to create and post materials to the web site on a regular basis. It is not being used quite as effectively to create archives of material, as discussed in the online bulletin comment above. This is mainly a matter of having enough staff and volunteer energy to attack the task.

### *Committee use*

Although most of the material on the web site in the committee areas has been posted by the ongoing efforts of the office, some committees have begun exploiting the system for themselves. Others elect to maintain their own web sites (such as Business of Baseball committee) because their webmaster is fluent in tools for making web pages. In these situations, SABR hosts the committee web site and the



contents of the web site are fully searchable via the SABR search function.

*Chapter use*

The Ann Arbor Chapter has been using the system exclusively and are a good model for future. Few other chapters have really dug in, mainly because ones with an existing online presence naturally prefer to continue using it, and others because there is a paucity of materials being generated. Some chapters maintain their own sites, and for many of these SABR hosts the committee web site and the contents of the web site are fully searchable via the SABR search function.

*Training*

Two IC volunteers provide training-on-demand for use of the Content Management System.

*SABR hosting*

SABR gets a terrific deal from DMLCo for server storage space and bandwidth, the two aspects of web hosting that form the basis for pricing these core services – storage because the web sites ultimately are on a computer with a harddrive, and bandwidth because these servers are in turn connected to a high-speed Internet connection.

SABR uses its deal to host its related sites, such as the Baseball Index and BioProject and has started to add others, such as the Milwaukee and New York chapters, the Business of Baseball committee, and others. Once a site is hosted by SABR its content integrates into the search function on the SABR site. Currently we have:

baseballindex.org,  
roadsidephotos.com,  
sabr.org (which is divided among admin, Arizona, fieldofdreams, kenkeltner, members, nyc, rockymtn, sabermetrics, sandiego, and store), thebaseballindex.org, and thedeadballera.com. We are also hosting the Jack Graney chapter and the Lajoie chapter sites, and several miscellaneous things (FTP site, beta site, etc).

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*Baseball Index*

TBI is now maintained within the context of other SABR web work and budgeting. It is now a free service.

*BioProject*

The BioProject is deployed in the same way as TBI and integrates with it in a great demonstration of the power of the web. Read any bio and a link on the page delivers the result of a lookup on the player's TBI info.

*ProQuest*

A huge hit with the membership, it may be responsible for our outstanding membership numbers and in an of itself completely justifies the membership cost. Two new papers were added this year, the Boston Globe and the Atlanta Constitution. SABR continues to work with ProQuest on additional selections and has a standing request for papers of the pre-expansion MLB cities.

*Encyclopedia*

The crown jewel of SABR database holdings is of course the Biographical Committees player demographic table. This core asset of the Society is the basis for all published encyclopedias. This, combined with the Home Run Log, was the principle raison d'etre for creating the SABR Encyclopedia. The player performance databases are based on the work of the baseball-databank group but the IC, board and ED are in the process of negotiating an agreement with Pete Palmer to use his player performance data instead.

With the encyclopedia deployed, research committees such as Scouts and Pictorial have had their holdings con-

	HeritageQuest Users	Avg # of uses	Median # of uses	Pro Quest Users	Avg # of uses	Median # of uses	Times any Resource Used
<b>Mar-04</b>	220	3.19	1	452	7.398	3	4,046
<b>Apr-04</b>	201	4.15	2	436	8.24	3	4,428
<b>May-04</b>	175	4.64	1	472	14.57	3	4,880
<b>Jun-04</b>	209	3.9	1	472	9.72	4	5,402
<b>Jul-04</b>	197	3.66	1	518	8.83	4	5,297
<b>Aug-04</b>	216	4	2	550	9.86	4	6,296
<b>Sep-04</b>	179	3.39	1	510	10.55	4	5,987
<b>Oct-04</b>	187	3.06	1	522	9.26	4	5,408
<b>Nov-04</b>	202	3.18	2	570	9.99	4	6,339
<b>Dec-04</b>	196	3.13	1	566	10.71	4	6,678
<b>Jan-05</b>	249	2.77	1	707	11.36	4	8,979
<b>Feb-05</b>	212	3.11	2	680	10.96	4	7,911
<b>Mar-05</b>	199	2.45	1	646	11.42	4	7,562
<b>Apr-05</b>	144	2.77	1	586	10.62	4	6,402
<b>May-05</b>	185	2.76	1	645	12.21	4	8,126
<b>Jun-05</b>	165	3.2	1	628	12.48	4	8,132

*In March 2004, SABR began counting the number of members accessing ProQuest Historical Newspapers and the HeritageQuest databases. These research tools made baseball research much easier and in the first twelve months of their use, many new discoveries were made.*

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verted to fully normalized SQL tables and deployed as part of the Encyclopedia. Maintenance take place via special administrative tools made available to trained designees of the committee chair.

### *SABR Search*

All materials posted on SABRs own sites, plus hosted sites, is cross referenced and accessible through one search function.

## Web Administration and Maintenance

### *Admin Tools*

These are mature enough to allow SABR to organize material on the sites effectively and without the need to ask for help. The principle use of the Admin tools, though, are to manage membership contacts. As discussed earlier, this use has skyrocketed during the past year.

### *CMS Tools*

The CMS system is gaining more users each month as members with access become more comfortable with the

## Use of the SABR Web Site, December 2001 -- June 2005

	Bandwidth	Hits	Visits	Google Referrals	Most Hits	Date	Fewest Hits	Date	Most Visits	Date	Fewest Visits
Dec-01	0.91	226,014	19,957	313	10,725	12/5/2001	3488	12/25/2001	885	12/4/2001	309
Jan-02	1.00	234,012	21,067	362	14,742	1/23/2002	169	1/26/2002	1,154	1/23/2002	12
Feb-02	2.37	535,960	40,251	620	33,926	2/5/2002	9,987	2/16/2002	1,814	2/12/2002	1,064
Mar-02	2.45	444,631	44,027	1,044	21,402	3/5/2002	8,881	3/16/2002	1,791	3/5/2002	1,053
Apr-02	2.89	479,143	48,633	1,254	21,541	4/22/2002	6,900	4/18/2002	2,040	4/22/2002	769
May-02	2.48	426,109	48,977	1,236	18,790	5/15/2002	7,156	5/11/2002	2,045	5/13/2002	1,113
Jun-02	2.22	406,791	43,505	1,033	25,499	6/25/2002	7,701	6/15/2002	1,939	6/20/2002	956
Jul-02	2.61	472,145	51,470	1,054	23,567	7/2/2002	8,308	7/21/2002	2,197	7/24/2002	1,122
Aug-02	2.97	427,772	51,321	1,000	20,585	8/16/2002	6,868	8/18/2002	2,164	8/22/2002	1,035
Sep-02	3.2	480,525	53,133	410	28,949	9/10/2002	6,187	9/7/2002	2,280	9/26/2002	1,076
Oct-02	3.06	465,847	72,596	1,617	21,137	10/28/2002	6,947	10/19/2002	3,183	10/28/2002	1,369
Nov-02	3.18	480,878	59,448	1,349	24,591	11/11/2002	7,618	11/28/2002	2,744	11/7/2002	1,082
Dec-02	3.16	509,915	64,267	264	36,612	12/19/2002	6,399	12/25/2002	3,881	12/19/2002	1,129
Jan-03	3.47	512,149	68,129	1,317	27,171	1/24/2003	9,204	1/4/2003	2,707	1/13/2003	1,376
Feb-03	3.32	503,631	70,842	1,376	33,181	2/24/2003	10,151	2/15/2003	3,627	2/24/2003	1,599
Mar-03	3.26	490,583	70,063	1,618	25,017	3/5/2003	8,643	3/22/2003	2,837	3/5/2003	1,413
Apr-03	3.61	545,257	74,362	2,036	29,566	4/29/2003	8,365	4/5/2003	3,268	4/29/2003	1,601
May-03	3.47	517,219	72,711	2,001	25,950	5/13/2003	8,522	5/10/2003	3,100	5/7/2003	1,030
Jun-03	3.17	466,510	68,469	1,218	25,830	6/20/2003	9,490	6/15/2003	2,906	6/4/2003	1,534
Jul-03	3.42	498,754	66,646	1,370	26,816	7/15/2003	8,246	7/12/2003	2,822	7/15/2003	1,458
Aug-03	3.48	458,714	64,376	1,310	33,221	8/19/2003	7,169	8/17/2003	3,534	8/6/2003	1,404
Sep-03	3.13	460,696	74,713	1,455	27,997	9/27/2003	8,217	9/6/2003	3,384	9/29/2003	1,606
Oct-03	3.75	590,350	101,216	1,318	34,539	10/28/2003	8,724	10/11/2003	4,544	10/16/2003	2,091
Nov-03	3.78	510,289	74,086	2,126	24,606	11/19/2003	8,374	11/27/2003	3,377	11/19/2003	1,623
Dec-03	3.07	437,916	69,950	1,856	23,967	12/3/2003	7,071	12/25/2004	3,050	12/1/2003	1,345
Jan-04	3.97	621,196	72,673	2,439	27,994	1/5/2004	11,064	1/1/2004	3,409	1/6/2004	1,654
Feb-04	3.64	597,934	67,647	2,635	30,807	2/23/2004	12,834	2/21/2004	3,075	2/23/2004	1,557
Mar-04	4.2	688,108	74,436	3,335	36,280	3/4/2004	13,761	3/27/2004	3,256	3/4/2004	1,557
Apr-04	4.45	675,484	78,986	3,397	39,536	4/12/2004	12,011	4/10/2004	3,390	4/13/2004	1,684
May-04	4.79	782,068	85,925	3,941	59,846	5/24/2004	13,066	5/15/2004	4,402	5/24/2004	1,628
Jun-04	3.53	598,630	58,462	3,194	27,559	6/2/2004	10,361	6/19/2004	2,487	6/2/2004	1,245
Jul-04	4.31	643,201	56,672	3,134	34,502	7/14/2004	10,957	7/31/2004	2,923	7/26/2004	1,357
Aug-04	4.56	608,962	64,953	2,821	33,413	8/26/2004	12,754	8/15/2004	2,797	8/25/2004	1,554
Sep-04	5.4	613,479	67,081	3,402	44,353	9/28/2004	11,480	9/18/2004	4,388	9/28/2004	1,440
Oct-04	3.85	506,244	67,204	2,976	31,166	10/28/2004	13,026	10/16/2004	4,089	10/21/2004	1,767
Nov-04	6.06	634,947	68,251	2,675	28,739	11/9/2004	14,228	11/20/2004	2,925	11/10/2004	1,559
Dec-04	7.51	566,404	71,062	2,001	24,768	12/9/2004	9,282	12/25/2004	3,074	12/14/2004	1,352
Jan-05	11.47	753,905	82,222	2,906	40,119	1/7/2005	14,530	1/1/2005	4,499	1/7/2005	1,700
Feb-05	11.19	713,403	69,335	3,312	41,823	2/27/2005	14,867	2/6/2005	3,745	2/27/2005	1,726
Mar-05	11.93	939,917	95,205	3,892	123,255	3/30/2005	15,577	3/26/2005	6,387	3/30/2005	1,840
Apr-05	4.08	757,771	76,428	1,489	57,635	4/24/2005	0	4/14/2005	4,473	4/28/2005	0
May-05	5.59	744,943	92,339	2,222	31,570	5/3/2005	14,879	5/29/2005	4,209	5/26/2005	1,936
Jun-05	7.93	712,609	96,055	2,241	30,884	6/1/2005	14,731	6/4/2005	4,151	6/29/2005	2,331

The SABR web site ([www.sabr.org](http://www.sabr.org)) saw more traffic in the past 12 months than the 12 months prior. Total number of hits were up 18.4% (8,195,785 vs. 6,920,139) and total number of visits were up 1.99% (906,807 vs. 889,116). Bandwidth used was up the most in this comparison, increasing by 85.5% (83.88 Gb vs. 45.21 Gb), showing the increased use and offerings of the site.

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system. The barrier is not the tool, it is instead the more time consuming nature of preparing and organizing material for the web. As with any authoring task, there are many steps between idea and publication. Just as there are dozens of great research ideas and even completed projects out among our membership that have made no progress toward becoming a book because the member is too busy to write or organize. It's the same with the CMS: there are lots of good ideas on how to exploit it (let's digitize the Roth collection and post that material), but getting the resources of time and talent focused on the task isn't easy. What the CMS tool does is to eliminate the need for a special level of technological competence to get decent results.

### **DMLCo**

Our arrangement with DMLCo provides for regular quarterly payments for hosting services and web development services, the latter consisting of development efforts such as coding an interface between the membership system and the store, ongoing support activity such as providing CMS training, and general webmaster type activity (backups, troubleshooting, that sort of miscellaneous activity). The hosting services are a fixed cost of about \$300 a month, the development services are based on variable hourly rates that average about \$43 per hour. At the end of each quarter we check the hours to see if they are significantly more or less than the average and if so adjust the next quarterly payment.

### **Expenditures and Future Investments**

Having completed the initial project, the IC recommends that SABR continue to budget \$15,000 annually for what we loosely refer to as 'web' projects (after all the first \$40,000 we spent was mainly on business reengineering work). On a going-forward basis this will allow for smaller projects to be tackled directly, for example, last year we agreed to revise the BioProject site and do some TBI upgrades, things that we didn't contemplate during the budget process but which certainly fall within this particular task domain.

Where individual projects would take up more money than this level of funding allows, the committee would create a proposal for review by the executive director and board. In 2005, we anticipate doing this for a project digitization project. Such an expenditure would clearly be a one-time non-recurring asset-creating act funded out of our war chest instead of ongoing revenues.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. X. Flinn, Chair  
Internet Committee  
July 12, 2005

## SABR Education Committee Report

The Education Committee revised features of the The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Research Award. Three categories have been established: Middle School (students in grades 6-8); high school (grades 9-12) and college (undergraduates 21 and under.) Dean Hoke, Tom Mueller, and Bob Palazzo served as judges for the 2005 research paper submissions.

The Education Committee requests Regional Chapters to sponsor high school chapters. Suggested activities for high school chapters would be field trips to professional games, meetings with ball players or authors, fundraisers for ALS, organization of a vintage base ball game, and youth presentations at regional meetings.

A partnership with the National Baseball Hall of Fame Education and Public Program Department is under consideration. The Hall of Fame staff is always willing to assist students with research projects.

The Education Committee will create a baseball book reading program. Reading guides designed for high school students have been prepared for *Walter Johnson: The Big Train*, by Henry Thomas; *Willie's Time: A Memoir*, by Charles Einstein; *I Had a Hammer: The Hank Aaron Story*, by Hank Aaron & Lonnie Wheeler; and *The Player: Christy Mathewson*, by Philip Seib.

The Education Committee seeks SABR members to serve in the following capacities: Coordinator of the National History Day Program; liaison with the National Baseball Hall of Fame; coordinator of the Kavanagh Award; Chairman of youth programs for the National SABR Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard D. Hunt

## 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 six annual awards, two discretionary awards, and SABR's oldest honor, The SABR Salute. 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** (*first awarded 1985*)

The Bob Davids Award honors a SABR member of long standing (excepting current Executive Board members and 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.

**Dick Thompson** was named the Bob Davids Award winner in 2004.

### **The 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.

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, shall be understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. Among the kinds of works that do not meet the criteria are encyclopedias, novels, short story collections, statistical compilations, collections of documents, personal reminiscence, interviews, simple chronicles of events, edited works, and works by multiple authors (as distinguished from works by co-authors). “Biography” is the history of a person or persons. (November, 2001)

Single volumes of multi-volume works are eligible. Multi-volume works as a whole are also eligible if at least one of the volumes was published during the preceding calendar year and if the author has not received a medal for any of the works separately.

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.

There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

The winner of the Seymour Medal for books published in 2004 (chosen in 2005) is:

***Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution*** by Neil Lanctot (University of Pennsylvania Press)

Previous winners: ***Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan*** by Peter Morris (University of Michigan Press); ***Breaking the Slump: Baseball in the Depression Era*** by Charles C. Alexander (Columbia University Press); ***Early Baseball and the Rise of the National League*** by Tom Melville (McFarland); ***Past Time: Baseball as History*** by Jules Tygiel, (Oxford University Press); ***Baseball's Pivotal Era: 1945-1951*** by William Marshall (The University Press of Kentucky); ***Baseball's Last Dynasty: Charlie Finley's Oakland A's*** by Bruce Markusen (Masters Press); ***The Detroit Tigers: Club and Community, 1945-95*** by Patrick Harrigan (University of Toronto Press); ***Honus Wagner, the Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman"*** by Arthur D. Hittner (McFarland); ***Fleet Walker's Divided Heart***, by David Zang (University of Nebraska Press).

### **Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award** *(first awarded in 1995)*

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.

In July 2004, the following were awarded The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

Mark Armour and Dan Levitt, *Paths to Glory: How Great Baseball Teams Got That Way* (Brassey's)

Jim Vitti, *The Cubs on Catalina* (Settefrati 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.

There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

In July 2004, the following were awarded McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

**Charlie Bevis**, *Evolution of the Sunday Doubleheader and its Role in Elevating the Popularity of Baseball*

**Bob Gorman and David Weeks**, *Foul Play, Fan Fatalities in Twentieth-Century Organized Baseball*

**Robert H. Schaefer**, *The Great Baseball Match of 1858, Base Ball's First All-Star Game*

### **The Doug Pappas Research Award, Presented by USA Today-Sports Weekly Award** *(first awarded in 1993; awarded 1990-92 as the John Cox Award)*

The Doug Pappas Award, presented by USA Today-Sports Weekly 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.

At the July 2004 Convention in Cincinnati, Andy McCue was presented the Doug Pappas Research Award for *Rickey v. O'Malley and the Mysterious Buyout Clause*. Cecilia Tan was awarded its sister prize for her poster presentation, "*The Women's Baseball Marathon*."

### **SABR Hero of Baseball Award** *(first awarded 1996)*

The SABR Hero of Baseball Award honors someone connected with organized baseball who has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of others, and in doing so has brought credit to the national pastime. The honoree may be a current or former player, manager, owner, executive or anyone else connected to baseball. The honoree must have distinguished himself/herself by remarkable achievements in baseball or by outstanding service to others. Honorees may be living or deceased.

### **SABR Special Achievement Award** *(first awarded 1994)*

The SABR Special Achievement Award honors extraordinary work that has facilitated the dissemination of baseball research and has fostered the study of baseball.

### **SABR-Lee Allen Award (first awarded in 1996; named in honor of Lee Allen in 1997)**

The SABR-Lee Allen Award, named in honor of the late baseball historian, Lee Allen, honors the best baseball research project at the National History Day competition.

Winners of the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award include:

- **2004** *Girls of Summer: Paving the Way for Women in All Seasons* by **Corissa Westergard, Shelby Johnson** and **Mackenzie Heyl** of Davenport, Iowa.
- **2003** *Jackie Robinson: The Man Responsible for the Integration of Baseball*, **Alexander Hearn** of Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **2002** *Free Agency Revolutionizes the Business of Baseball*, **Steve Mason** and **Kevin Rowe** of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- **2001** Exhibit of *Jackie Robinson Integrates Baseball*, **Philip Beck**, Wisconsin.
- **2000** *Turning Points in Baseball History: Branch Rickey Hires Jackie Robinson*, **James McMahon** of Windsor, Connecticut.
- **1999** no award given.
- **1998** *Baseball's Migration to Latin America*, **Nicholas Condon** of Stamford, Connecticut.
- **1997** *Baseball's Hidden Half*, **Carl Leivers** and **Marcus Kret** of Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- **1996** *Curt Flood: Man Against the System*, **Alex Giannini**, **Ethan Schwart**, **Lane DeSimone** and **Brian Krost** from Stamford, Connecticut.

### **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 their achievement and the following, according to his/her category:

College (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership)

H.S. (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership)

Middle School (\$100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

Additionally, the winning entry shall be published on the SABR Web site and may be published in either *The National Pastime* or the *Baseball Research Journal*. All Finalists (3) shall receive one-year SABR memberships.

Winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award include:

**2004:** Not Awarded

**2003:** Wes Gapp, Clinton, New York

*Hank Greenberg and the 1938 Season*

**2002:** Aaron Feldman, East Brunswick, New Jersey

*Baseball's Transition to Professionalism*

**2001:** Christopher Devine, Norwalk, Connecticut

*Harry Wright: Was He the Most Important Baseball Figure of the 19th Century?*

*The Hall of Fame Induction Speech Harry Wright Never Gave*

**2000:** Barrie Ribbet, Flossmoor, Illinois.

*The Baseball War, 1900-1915: The Cubs, White Sox and their Fight for Survival and Supremacy*

# Finances

## Society for American Baseball Research, Inc. Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2004

<b>ASSETS</b>				
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and Temporary Investments		461,294	\$ 372,773	
Investments		52,256	43,196	
Accounts Receivable		1,670	18,238	
Publications Inventory		2,353	6,863	
Prepaid Expenses		11,076	7,619	
	<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>\$ 528,649</u>	<u>\$ 448,689</u>	
<b>Property and Equipment -- AT COST</b>				
Equipment		30,558	28,495	
Website		29,523	29,523	
	<i>Net Property and Equipment</i>	60,081	58,018	
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(47,398)	(38,862)	
		<u>\$ 12,683</u>	<u>\$ 19,156</u>	
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Research Collections		26,799	25,051	
Trademark		1,927	2,160	
Deposits		1,824	1,940	
	<i>Total Other Assets</i>	<u>30,550</u>	<u>29,151</u>	
		<u>\$ 571,882</u>	<u>\$ 496,996</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable		\$ 21,346	\$ 74,948	
Deferred Membership Dues -- current portion		228,088	176,667	
		<u>\$ 249,434</u>	<u>\$ 251,615</u>	
<b>DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>				
		67,315	40,206	
		<u>\$ 316,749</u>	<u>\$ 291,821</u>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
UNRESTRICTED		231,075	188,419	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		14,529	10,151	
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED		9,529	6,605	
		<u>\$ 255,133</u>	<u>\$ 205,175</u>	
		<u>\$ 571,882</u>	<u>\$ 496,996</u>	

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Formation and Operations

The Society for American Baseball Research, Inc. (the Society) is a not-for-profit membership organization exempt from income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. The Society was formed to cultivate, promote, and disseminate baseball research.

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION** -- Financial statement presentation follows the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-profit Organizations. Under SFAS 117, the Society is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** -- The Society considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Society had deposits with a financial institution in excess of the \$100,000 Federally insured limit.

**PUBLICATIONS INVENTORY** -- Publications are valued at the lower of cost or market.

**DEPRECIATION and AMORTIZATION** -- Depreciation and amortization of equipment and the web site are provided by the use of the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives: Equipment: 10 years; Web site: 3 years.

**RESEARCH COLLECTION** -- The Society has capitalized its collection since inception. If purchased, items approved into the collection are capitalized at cost, and if donated, they are capitalized at their appraised or fair value on the accession date.

**BASIS OF REVENUE RECOGNITION** -- Membership dues are billed in the last quarter of the year for the following year. Dues collected prior to year-end are recorded as deferred revenue and then recognized as income in the following year. Publications revenues and advertising and mailing list revenues are recorded at time of sale. Donations and convention revenues are recorded at time of receipt.

**USE OF ESTIMATES** -- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Complete financial statements are available upon request from the SABR office, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. The 2004 Year End compilation report was prepared by Skoda, Minotti, & Company.*

## 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 year since then, SABR members and friends have increased their philanthropy, with the most recent drive raising over \$50,000.

Two years ago, SABR took a more formal step to recognize its donors, revamping its gift levels and seeking more appropriate ways to recognize those who contribute money beyond dues. It has been very successful, increasing both overall annual giving and giving at the \$100+ gift level.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the following individuals and corporations who have made leadership contributions at several levels in the period between January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2004-05. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the year they joined SABR. The investment each and every donor has made to SABR helps to ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

### **Corporate Donors & Matching Gifts Companies**

bigg's

Cleveland Indians Baseball Club

Louisville Slugger Museum

McFarland & Company

Microsoft Corporation

Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts

polymer

Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Sports Publishing, LLC

W. W. Grainger, Inc.

[www.walteromalley.com](http://www.walteromalley.com)

### **\$2,500 and above**

Shayne Bradley

Dan Ginsburg

Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation

### **\$1,000 to \$2,499**

Stephen Milman

John Pardon

Tom Zocco

### **\$500 to \$999**

Anonymous

Maurice Bouchard

Arthur Campana

Jan Finkel

Vince Gennaro

Dale Hains

Alma Ivor-Campbell

Frederick Ivor-Campbell

Andy McCue

Bill Nowlin

Daniel Price

Tom Ruane

Joseph Simenic

Neal Traven

The Philip and Ann White Fund

### **\$250 to \$499**

Alan Blumkin

Robert Burdette

Stan Calderon

John Carter

Jason Christopherson

Thomas W. Clark

Robert C. Cochran

Harold Eggleston

Edwin Fernandez

Eddie Frierson

James J. Gallagher

Doron "Duke" Goldman

Michael Hartnagel

David T. R. Hastings

Tom Hufford

Douglas & Jane Jacobs

Glenn Johnson

Thomas Koegel

James Lannen

Dennis Lechman

Bill Lee

Tom Lee

Len Levin

Dan Levitt

Robert Long

Jonathan Lorsong

Frank Mooney

David Schollmeyer

David W. Smith

Philip Stefaniak

Steve Steinberg

Larry Taylor

Paul Vastola

Jeffrey Watson

Michael Wheat

Daniel Wukich

John Zambri



**\$100 to \$249**

Donald Adams  
 Ross Adell  
 David Alexander  
 Thomas Allen  
 Bill Arata  
 Mark Armour  
 Robert Axelrod  
 Orville Babcock  
 Robert Baird  
 James Ball  
 Larry Beebe  
 Mark Belgya  
 Stanley Belostock  
 Paul Bennett  
 Sam Bernstein  
 Richard Beverage  
 John Thomas  
 Blackburn  
 John Boucher  
 Herman Brunotte  
 James Burke  
 Douglas Burks  
 Peter Burnside  
 Arthur Cantu  
 Daniel Carmichael  
 Angel Castillo  
 Richard Catanzaro  
 Randall Chandler  
 William Clark  
 Bruce Cowgill

Elmer Cowley  
 Stephen Daniels  
 Gerald De Flippo  
 John Dillon  
 Robert Doyle  
 Allen Dwello  
 Harold Eggleston  
 Steve Elsberry  
 Vern Engbar  
 Donn Fasbender  
 John Ferguson  
 Brian Flaspohler  
 David Fleitz  
 Jack Flynn  
 George Gibson  
 William Gilbert  
 Frank Gill  
 David Ginzl  
 Jack Girardi  
 Alan Goldhammer  
 Barry Halper  
 Timothy Harner  
 Donald Harrop  
 James Hassert  
 Haruko Hasumi  
 Warren Henderson  
 John Horgan-Kung  
 Reed Howard  
 James Hughes  
 Rick Huhn

L. Peyton Humphrey  
 Doug Jacobs  
 Martin Jatlow  
 Harry Jebesen  
 Pat Johnson  
 John Kechejian  
 Donald Kurtz  
 Gary La Plante  
 Jeffrey Laing  
 William Lamb  
 Michael Levine  
 Ira Levinton  
 Daniel Levitt  
 Mitchell Lichtman  
 Jonathan Light  
 Jorge Lindenbaum  
 Raymond Luurs  
 Paul Marshall  
 John Marshall  
 Paul Mathews  
 Richard Mattera  
 John McConnell  
 William McCurdy  
 John McNeil  
 Jeffrey Meder  
 Lawr Michaels  
 Robert Mitchell  
 David Mitchell  
 George Moskal  
 Gary Mozenter

Joe Murphy  
 Stan Musial  
 Mark Nelson  
 Rod Nelson  
 Chris Nichol  
 Lee Ortenstein  
 Pete Palmer  
 Dave Paulson  
 Royse Parr  
 Gary Paslow  
 George Patton  
 Blair Perry  
 Jeffrey Pett  
 Pfizer Foundation  
 Matching Grants  
 Program  
 Steve Pletkin  
 Arthur Plourde  
 Patrick Ray  
 John Reynolds  
 Paul Rogers  
 John Ruoff  
 Ryan Foundation  
 Robert Rywick  
 Rick Schabowski  
 Michael Schell  
 John Scott  
 Vincent Scully  
 Mike Segal  
 Daniel Seligman  
 Robert Shapiro

Brent Shyer  
 Jack Siegel  
 Matthew Silverman  
 Leonard Sisitzky  
 Seymour Siwoff  
 John Sours  
 James Smith  
 John Stahl  
 Joel Sternberg  
 George Stewart  
 John Stryker  
 Ricky Swift  
 Mervyn Taylor  
 Paul Terry  
 Paul Theberge  
 Kevin Thompson  
 Matthew Thompson  
 Stew Thornley &  
 Brenda Himrich  
 Robert Tiefenbacher  
 John Tierney  
 David Vogel  
 Lloyd Wallace  
 Eileen Waitsman  
 Joseph Wayman  
 Kurt Weideman  
 David Wentroble  
 Larry Wolfe  
 Charles Zahn  
 John Zajc

**Donors****1971**

James Bready  
 Harold Esch  
 Daniel Ginsburg  
 Thomas Hufford  
 Robert McConnell  
 Pete Palmer  
 John Pardon  
 William Plott  
 Joseph Simenic  
 Thomas Zocco

**1972**

John Benesch  
 Jerry Gregory  
 Rudolf Haerle  
 Thomas Hanson  
 Thomas Hanson  
 Robert Potts  
 William Shlensky

**1973**

Joseph Costello  
 John O'Malley

**1974**

Alan Blumkin  
 Herbert Feiler  
 Masaru Ikei  
 Robert Levy  
 David Wyman

**1975**

Don Andrews  
 Damien Begley  
 Dale Hains  
 John McNeil

**1976**

Harry Jebesen

**1977**

Lowell Blaisdell  
 Leonard Levin

**1978**

Sy Berger  
 Stephen Daniels  
 Roger Godin  
 Barry Halper  
 John Horgan-Kung  
 Lewis Matlin  
 Richard Mattera  
 Helen Miller  
 Jerry Shroder  
 Kenneth Surabian

**1979**

John Ayoub  
 George Gibson  
 John James  
 James Kittilsby  
 Stephen Milman  
 Barry Nelson

Walter Robertson  
 Michael Sassi  
 Stew Thornley  
 Joseph Wayman  
 Peter Zanardi  
 Don Zminda

**1980**

Richard Beverage  
 James Brennan  
 Ted DeVries  
 Virgil Farley  
 John Ferguson  
 Charles Hilty  
 Glenn Johnson  
 Steven Lawrence  
 Robert Lynch  
 Julian McCracken  
 Robert Wood

**1981**

Paul Andresen  
 Arthur Cantu  
 Richard Catanzaro  
 Robert Dean  
 Ray Gehringer  
 William Hagginbothom  
 Frederick Heger  
 Lewis Levey  
 Yoshihiro Okubo  
 Barry Posin  
 Edward Small

**1982**

Larry Beebe  
 John Thomas Blackburn  
 Douglas Burks  
 Genevieve Duffin  
 Bernie Esser  
 Alan Goldhammer  
 James Lou Gorman  
 John Herbold  
 Frederick Ivor-Campbell  
 John McConnell  
 Andrew McCue  
 Joe Murphy  
 Jim Odenkirk  
 Harry O'Donnell  
 Mathew Robins  
 Brent Shyer  
 Robert Smagula  
 Frank Ward

**1983**

Mark Armour  
 Robert Baird  
 Alan Barkin  
 Merton Benikoff  
 Henry Betzer  
 Clifford Blau  
 Rick Cambere  
 John Carter  
 Robert Composto  
 George Desko  
 Steven Elsberry  
 John Fain  
 Jerry Hannan

David Hastings  
 Joseph Heitkamp  
 Karl Hiester  
 Robert Kienzle  
 Bill Lamberty  
 Richard Lawrence  
 Daniel Levitt  
 A.J. Noftz  
 David Paulson  
 Blair Perry  
 Donald Robbins  
 Dennis Rossi  
 Harry Rothgerber  
 Jack Schofield  
 Mike Segal  
 James Sell  
 Robert Shea  
 Rowland Shepard  
 William Thompson  
 Daniel Van Horn  
 David Vogel

**1984**

Ross Adell  
 Stanley Belostock  
 Thomas Boyd  
 Scott Bushnell  
 Lee Cummings  
 Richard Durrell  
 Cort Engelken  
 F.X. Flinn  
 James Fogartie  
 William Gilbert  
 Steve Hamburg  
 Ross Horning

## Donors

Reed Howard  
David Ishii  
Thomas Kern  
Andre Lower  
Sheldon Miller  
George Moskal  
Lewis Scheider  
Jerome Swenson  
Neal Traven  
Michael Wheat  
Charles Wilkins  
Larry Wolfson

Howard Jones  
David Jordan  
Robert Kaiser  
Scott Lang  
Gary LaPlante  
Rob Neyer  
Peter O'Malley  
James Overmyer  
Roy Raemer  
Michael Wickham

## 1989

Thomas Allen  
Bill Arata  
Max Bernhardt  
Frank Nick Cilfone  
Douglas Dannay  
John Gaffney  
Charles Horne  
Marty Hughes  
John Stryker  
John Tierney

Arthur Plourde  
Peter Pogacar  
Daniel Price  
Roger Raepple  
Orville Redding  
Tom Ruane  
Jeffrey Staats  
Irving Stein  
Joel Sternberg  
Thor Stratton  
Brian Waits  
David Wentroble

Katharine Carr  
David Evans  
Sante Guatelli  
David Herlinger  
Toyoaki Hiruma  
Enrico Innocenzi  
Carl Isackson  
Alma Ivor-Campbell  
Rick Jones  
Gregory King  
Alan Klein  
David Kline  
Al Lackner  
William Lamb  
Paul Marshall  
Mark Pollak  
Jim Reid  
Robert Rieder  
Edward Seligman  
William Stewart  
George Strickland  
Peter Yee  
John Zablocki

## 1985

Donald Adams  
David Alexander  
Orville Babcock  
Stephen Bannen  
Eric Beck  
Paul Bennett  
Ed Booth  
William Clark  
E. Stephen Cunerd  
John Dietrich  
John Dillon  
Harold Eggleston  
Kenneth Ellis  
David Ginzi  
Roland Hemond  
Walter Hill  
Mark Kanter  
Bruce Ladd  
Michael Lotman  
Thomas Marquisee  
Bill McCaffrey  
Robert McCord  
William McMahan  
Robert Mitchell  
Will Moser  
Gary Olson  
Robert Olson  
Michael Resnick  
Stephen Roney  
John Scott  
Vincent Scully  
Jack Siegel  
Seymour Siwoff  
Richard Smiley  
Philip Stefaniak  
Larry Taylor  
Mervyn Taylor  
Joseph Termini  
Jack Weigel  
C. Norman Willis

## 1986

Steven Baker  
David Bates  
Henry Benoit  
James Burke  
Bruce Carrier  
Randall Chandler  
Alan Feinberg  
Malcolm Fraser  
Eddie Frierson  
Gerald Garte  
William Gladstone

## **Memorial Gifts**

In 2004 and 2005, SABR lost several members who were honored by their friends with memorial gifts.

Among those honored in this fashion were Paul Frisz, Robert Mack, and Doug Pappas.

Memorial Gifts are placed into SABR's Endowment Fund.

In the past 18 months, these gifts were made by:

Robert Bluthardt, Michael Cooney, Frank Gill, Colleagues of Richard Mack, B. Michael McCormick, Tom Nahigian, Dave Paulson, Jeffrey Pollack, Stephen Roney, Thomas Ruane, Ronald and Sylvia Swanson, and Neal Traven.

## 1987

Gerald Eskin  
Stephen Garger  
Carl Haas  
Warren Henderson  
Thomas Koegel  
Robert Long  
B. Michael McCormick  
Paul McGrath  
Philip Meneely  
David Mitchell  
Jon O'Hare  
William O'Neil  
Gene Oppenheim  
David Smith  
Robert Snyder  
Mark Stangl  
Joseph Thach  
Paul Vastola  
Robert Weintraub  
Daniel Wukich

## 1988

Larry Dobkin  
Allen Hye  
Kenneth Johnson  
Frank Jones  
Don Lagomarsino  
William McCurdy  
Glenn Morosco  
John Reynolds  
Douglas Stagner

## 1990

Robert Boynton  
Wallace Curley  
Jack Girardi  
Sam Hatch  
Eugene Heaton  
Doug Jacobs  
Douglas Jacobs  
Stanley Leshinski  
Mitchel Lichtman  
Paul Mathews  
Mark Millikin  
Chris Nichol  
Michael Pinneo  
Donald Pollock  
C. Paul Rogers  
Paul Rogers  
Alec Stais  
Ken Tillman  
Bill Weber  
Kurt Weideman  
John Zajac

## 1991

Thomas Biblewski  
John Cernocky  
Isao Chiba  
Rodger Coquette  
Bruce Cowgill  
Russell Diethrick  
Marshall Fogel  
Peter Hurley  
Daniel Lunger  
Gary Paslow

## 1992

John Agius  
Mark Blanchette  
Fred Burley  
Ken Carrano  
Joe Carter  
Joseph Cronin  
Harry Davis  
George Desorcy  
Katharine Drobile  
Jack Fraser  
Thomas Gates  
Kinglsey Gernon  
Tom Goldstein  
Timothy Harner  
Mayer Hecht  
John Herrmann  
Bill Kirwin  
Jorge Lindenbaum  
Alan Maxcy  
Jeffrey Meder  
Peter Morris  
Stanley Musial  
Rod Nelson  
Jeffrey Smith  
George Stewart  
William Stone  
Stephen Straight  
Norbert Wishowski  
Larry Zorn

## 1993

Peter Burnside  
Stanley Calderon

## 1994

James Ball  
Mark Belgya  
Robert Bowen  
Robert Burdette  
Al Cartwright  
Angel Castillo  
Ralph Christian  
Joe Dulle  
Donald Etheridge  
Stephen Ferenchick  
Jan Finkel  
Steven Glassman  
Doron Goldman  
William Gould  
Stanton Hamlet  
Rich Hansen  
Richard Hansen  
Morley Harris  
Fred Kajiwara  
Jeffrey Laing  
Rebecca Lasky  
Jonathan Light  
David Mack  
Owen Marredeth  
Rene Molina  
Frank Mooney  
Jim Moyes  
John Nolan  
Bill Nowlin  
Lee Ortenstein  
Anthony Puglisi  
Matthew Rejmaniak  
Jason Rosenstock  
Ernest Staudenmayer  
Jerry Sulecki  
Martin Taft  
Walter Tucker  
Larry Wagg  
Eileen Waitsman  
Mark Weiss  
Ken White  
Theodore Wohlson  
Paul Wysard

## **Donors**

### **1995**

Manolo Alvarez  
William Ayrovainen  
John Carroll  
Robert Chan  
Thomas Clark  
Allen Dwello  
Judson Hamlin  
William Hilsdorf  
Paul Hogan  
Ray Miller  
Michael Murphy  
Adam Palant  
Steven Roscoe  
Ruth Sadler  
Rick Schabowski  
Wilson Sherk  
Jim Storer  
Thomas Thompson  
Uwe Waeldchen  
Phil White  
Anthony Yoseloff  
Kitaya Yukio  
Richard Zunt

### **1996**

Thomas Allen  
Thomas Assicurato  
Louis Barella  
Bob Davis  
Vince Gennaro  
Mel Gorelik  
Donald Guthrie  
Jonathan Lorsong  
Edward Meyer  
Lawr Michaels  
Makina Mori  
Takeshi Moritaku  
Alan Novak  
Joye Ogradowski  
Dan Petricig  
John Ruoff  
Dale Schneider  
Robert Shapiro  
Andrew Singer  
Victor Sloan  
James Smith  
Lloyd Wallace  
R.E. Wilson  
Diamantis Zervos  
John Zinn

### **1997**

Paul Batesel  
Stephen Blank  
Donald Braun  
Dan Busby  
Fred Chisenhall  
Elmer Cowley  
Herbert Crehan

Dave D'Alessio  
Joe Dorinson  
Joseph Dorinson  
Robert Doyle  
Donn Fasbender  
Brian Flaspohler  
Edward Gardner  
Jim Hantschel  
Hugh Humphreys  
Mark Johnson  
Izzy Katzman  
John Kechejian  
Charles Levihn  
Jim Miller  
Wilmore Neiditch  
Doug Palmer  
Prisco Panza  
Royse Parr  
Ned Ribback  
Scott Robson  
Tim Rook  
Kevin Thompson  
Allan & Rochelle Wolf

### **1998**

Timothy Bane  
George Banister  
John Boucher  
Paul Browne  
Herman Brunotte  
Arthur Campana  
Jason Christopherson  
Todd Drew  
Vern Engbar  
John Goldsmith  
Michael Grahek  
Margot Hayward  
L. Peyton Humphrey  
Larry Johnson  
Jeffrey Katz  
Kevin Leniart  
Zigmond Maciekowich  
John Marshall  
Scott Mayer  
Tom Murrah  
Dale Norwood  
Ned Paynter  
Edward Rosenthal  
Robert Rywick  
Richard Scaran  
Michael Schell  
Kenneth Shouler  
Cary Smith  
Ulric James Suiter  
Rickey Swift  
Jack Walsh  
Jack Westervelt  
Michael Zahn

### **1999**

Martin Abramowitz  
Dan Barkley  
Sam Bernstein  
Maurice Bouchard  
Michael Cooney  
Joe Fraumeni  
Paul Gadke  
Arthur Johnson  
James Lannen  
Dennis Lechman  
Raymond Luurs  
Alfred Martin  
Jonathan Miller  
Hoby Millington  
Mark Nelson  
Vincent Ognibene  
John Rudy  
David Schollmeyer  
Matthew Silverman  
Steve Steinberg  
Jim Stringfellow  
Edward Strohmeyer  
Paul Terry  
Paul Theberge  
Thomas Verdon  
Cort Vitty  
Rick Whalen

### **2000**

Kristin Anderson  
Dennis Auger  
Robert Axelrod  
William Beisswanger  
Charles Charlton, Jr.  
Gerald Cohen  
Jerry Dipoto  
William Dowell  
James Drury  
Lewis Edgers  
Selig Eisenberg  
Edwin Fernandez  
Frank Gill  
Andrew Gonska  
John Greeley  
Anthony Grossi  
John Healey  
Pat Johnson  
Gene Kirby  
James Kutcher  
Chris Landels  
Todd Lebowitz  
Lee Leonard  
David Lundquist  
Rudolph Marzano  
Thomas Merrick  
Joe Mock  
Richard Morris  
Ronald Morse  
George Patton  
James Rebolini

Annie Russell  
Eric Thompson  
Joram Warmund  
Jeffrey Watson  
Charles Zahn  
Scott Zimmerman  
Richard Zobel

### **2001**

Robert Atwan  
Harvey Berger  
Douglas Brookbank  
Joel Brown  
James Buss  
Daniel Carmichael  
Robert Cochran  
Armen Derebegian  
David Fleitz  
Patrick Gallagher  
Stephanie Grober  
Donald Harrop  
Helen Harte  
Martin Jatlow  
Tom Lee  
Richard Letarte  
Lawrence Levine  
Denise Lytle  
Roland Mandat  
Jason Myers  
Ralph Noistering  
Thomas Shearer  
David Stewart  
Lynn Womack

### **2002**

Anonymous  
Jim Baker  
Ralph Beals  
Steve Beitler  
Joseph Ciarametaro  
Howard Danzig  
Richard Ellis  
Jack Flynn  
James Gallagher  
Haruko Hasumi  
James Hughes  
Rick Huhn  
Bruce Kalfus  
Autumn Keltner  
Warren Klein  
Ira Levinton  
Thomas Love  
Craig Lukshin  
H.W. Pease  
Jeffrey Pett  
Steve Pletkin  
Joseph Sheehan  
John Stahl  
George Stewart  
William Stout

### **2003**

Gerald De Flippo  
Leonard Drew  
Lorin Duckman  
Paul Edwards  
David Erb  
Floyd Fulmer  
Bob Gladhill  
Ronnie Goldfinger  
Gerry Hamilton  
Michael Hartnagel  
James Hassert  
Bill Lee  
Mel Marmer  
Edward Merz  
Gary Mozenter  
Thomas Mullen  
Pierre Nicolas  
Steve Ponedal  
Patrick Ray  
Daniel Seligman  
Leonard Sisitzky  
Dave Williams  
Larry Wolfe  
Herb Zakrison

### **2004**

Eric Abner  
Lloyd Cole  
Michael Darowski  
Steven Dohrmann  
Dennis Duquette  
Robert Gold  
Donald Kurtz  
Michael Levine  
John Lord  
Andrew Salmon  
Andrew Salmon  
John Sours  
John Sours  
Matthew Thompson  
Robert Tiefenbacher  
John Zambri

### **2005**

Shayne Bradley

**Thank you!**

## Endowment Fund

The SABR Endowment Fund was established in 1997 through donations received during the renewal drives where the donor checked off the "For Endowment" box on the renewal form when giving a donation.

All Memorial Gifts are also placed into the Endowment Fund. Among the Memorial Funds comprising the Endowment are The Bob Davids Memorial Fund and The Doug Pappas Memorial Fund.

Bequests are also placed into the Endowment Fund. Through June 30, 2005, no bequests have been received, although one such gift was in probate at the time.

As of June 30, 2005, the SABR Endowment Fund stood at \$13,422.

On June 30, 2004, the total amount in the endowment funds was \$7,783.

In that 12 month period, \$4,981 in donations were made to the endowment funds, and investment income supplied the remaining gain in value (5.15%).

Per SABR Policy, none of the income generated by the Endowment Fund can be used for any purpose until it reaches \$50,000.

## Treasurer's Mid-year Report

Because of better than expected dues income, another year of outstanding support by donors, and having more investable cash in a rising interest rate environment, SABR's finances look very strong again for 2005.

We have good cost controls measures in place, and continue to refine our cash forecasting spreadsheet.

Having our dues increase in advance of revenue shortfalls has improved SABR's ability to make investments in its future.

F. X. Flinn, Treasurer

SABR Operations 1999 - 2005								
Summary	2005 Projected	2005 Budget	2004 Actuals	2003 Actuals	2002 Actuals	2001 Actuals	2000 Actuals	1999 Actuals
<b>Revenues</b>								
Administrative	\$431,704	\$417,041	\$391,058	\$369,643	\$365,161	\$382,647	\$363,396	\$371,265
Outreach	\$47,122	\$46,202	\$51,884	\$59,728	\$33,692	\$46,433	\$24,079	\$21,227
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$478,826	\$463,243	\$442,943	\$429,371	\$398,853	\$429,080	\$387,475	\$392,492
<b>Payroll</b>								
Administrative	\$134,070	\$132,213	\$118,039	\$115,737	\$98,592	\$127,641	\$95,128	\$117,570
Publications	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$30,000	\$47,208	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Payroll</b>	\$170,070	\$168,213	\$154,039	\$151,737	\$128,592	\$174,849	\$145,128	\$167,570
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
Administrative	\$88,515	\$87,461	\$104,627	\$93,618	\$86,211	\$94,654	\$89,467	\$82,275
Member	\$56,838	\$58,673	\$51,731	\$43,148	\$54,484	\$70,772	\$58,062	\$72,009
Outreach	\$142,700	\$144,950	\$89,736	\$115,712	\$79,815	\$114,111	\$97,461	\$73,736
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$288,053	\$291,084	\$246,094	\$252,477	\$220,510	\$279,537	\$244,989	\$228,020
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$20,702	\$3,947	\$42,809	\$25,157	\$49,751	(\$25,306)	(\$2,643)	(\$3,098)

## **SABR By-Laws**

### Articles:

- I. Preamble
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- V. Administrative Committees
- VI. Research Committees
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- VIII. Meetings of Members
- IX. Nominations and Elections
- X. Dues and Finance
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- XII. Rules of Procedure
- XIII. Dissolution of the Society

### ARTICLE I. PREAMBLE

1.1. Name. The organization shall be known as the Society for American Baseball Research, Inc. and hereinafter shall be referred to as the "Society" or "SABR."

1.2. Objectives. The purpose of SABR is to foster the research and dissemination of the history and record of baseball. SABR shall carry out that mission through programs:

- 1) To encourage the study of baseball, past and present, as a significant athletic and social institution;
- 2) To encourage further research and literary efforts to establish the accurate historical record of baseball; and
- 3) To help disseminate educational, historical and research information about baseball.

### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. Membership - Membership shall be open to any person or other entity, not otherwise disqualified under these Bylaws, having an interest in baseball research, statistics or history upon written or electronic application for membership and payment of dues.

2.2. Privileges of Membership - Every member shall be accorded the right, consistent with applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, and these Bylaws, to vote, to run for SABR office, to serve on SABR committees and to participate in SABR programs. The Board of Directors shall determine other benefits of membership and may establish different categories of membership with differing levels of dues and benefits.

2.3. Membership Year - The Membership year shall be a 12-month period fixed by the Board of Directors.

2.4. Duration of Membership - Membership in SABR shall continue until terminated by failure to pay the annual dues within 90 days after the start of the Membership Year, death, resignation, or expulsion pursuant to Section 2.5. A member's resignation takes effect immediately upon its receipt and verification. Members shall continue to be liable to the Society for any indebtedness due on the termination of membership.

2.5. Suspension and Expulsion of Members - The Board of Directors or the membership, voting at the Annual Business Meeting, may suspend or expel a member upon determining that the member has failed to abide by a provision of these Bylaws or that the member has engaged in conduct materially or seriously prejudicial to the interests or purposes of SABR. Expulsion or suspension shall require a two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors or of the membership voting at the Annual

Business Meeting. No vote to expel or suspend a Member shall be taken unless (a) written notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion and a copy of the charges preferred against such Member shall have been mailed to the Member, at the address given in the member's most recent membership application or any more recent address provided to the SABR office, at least 30 days prior to the date at which such proposed action shall be considered, and (2) the Member has been provided a reasonable opportunity to be heard orally or in writing. A Member suspended or expelled by the Board may appeal the decision to the next Annual Business Meeting of the Society, provided that if the suspension or expulsion is voted more than 45 days before the Annual Business Meeting, notice of intent to appeal is provided 30 days prior to the meeting. Overturning the decision to expel or suspend shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting. Any member expelled shall be ineligible to rejoin the Society for three years following his expulsion, unless the Board of Directors approves earlier readmission.

### ARTICLE III — OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

3.1. Officers and Directors. SABR's elected officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who along with four Directors shall collectively comprise the Board of Directors. All elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office. No person may hold more than one seat on the SABR Board. Any incumbent officer or director elected or appointed to a second office or director's position shall be deemed to have resigned the first office immediately upon assuming the second position.

3.2. President. The duties of the President, who shall be elected in odd-numbered years to a two-year term, shall include:

- (a) Presiding over the annual business meeting and chairing the Board of Directors.
- (b) Working with the Executive Director to ensure that the organization maintains positive and productive relationships with media, funders, donors, and other organizations.
- (c) Signing contracts and letters of agreement approved by the Board of Directors. The President may delegate signatory power, as appropriate.
- (d) Ensuring that the Board of Directors and its members: 1) are aware of and fulfill their governance responsibilities; 2) comply with applicable laws and bylaws; 3) conduct board business effectively and efficiently; and 4) are accountable for their performance.
- (e) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws or explicitly delegated by the Board of Directors, the President shall have no greater authority than any other member of that body.

3.3. Vice President. The duties of the Vice President, who shall be elected in even-numbered years to a two-year term, shall include:

- (a) Assuming all duties of the President in the absence of the President or in the event that the President is unable to accept or perform his or her responsibilities and duties.
- (b) Chairing the Chapter Development Committee and, in this capacity, submitting an annual written report to the membership.
- (c) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

3.4. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary, who starting in 2006 shall be elected to a three-year term, shall include:

- (a) Taking minutes at the annual meeting and at all Board of Directors meetings, distributing these minutes promptly to all Board members and making them available to the membership.

- (b) Maintaining and recording all changes in the policy manual.
- (c) Maintaining corporate files and records, either directly or by supervisory authority at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- (d) Having the authority to certify the bylaws, resolutions of the members and Board of Directors and committees thereof, and other documents of the corporation as true and correct copies thereof.
- (e) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

3.5. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer, who starting in 2005 shall be elected to a three-year term, shall include:

- (a) Enforcing policies and procedures to ensure that SABR's assets are protected, and that SABR's financial practices comply with applicable laws and bylaws, as well as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and other appropriate standards.
- (b) Ensuring that SABR's financial accounts and procedures are reviewed by an independent auditor, and that the auditor's report and recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors.
- (c) Working with the Executive Director to prepare an annual budget for the Board's approval which (1) represents the best possible current estimates of annual income and expenditures, and (2) links organizational income and expenditures to SABR's mission and priorities.
- (d) Advising the Board of Directors at each meeting, and the membership at the annual business meeting, of SABR's financial condition.
- (e) Monitoring and reviewing SABR's financial policies and procedures, and recommending an allocation of human and financial resources sufficient to meet these responsibilities.
- (f) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.6. Directors. The four Directors, who starting in 2004 shall be elected to three-year terms, shall serve on the Board of Directors and perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.7. Staffing. The Board of Directors shall hire an Executive Director, and may authorize the hiring of additional full- or part-time employees, contractors and/or consultants, to manage the Society.

- (a) The Executive Director has day-to-day responsibilities for the organization, including carrying out of the goals and policies established by the Board for the organization. The Executive Director shall report on the progress of the organization at all Board meetings, answer questions from the Board members, carry out duties as described in the job description, work with the Treasurer to prepare an annual budget, and carry out other duties as designated by the Board.
- (b) The Executive Director shall have hiring responsibility for all other staff, within budgetary and programmatic guidelines established by the Board of Directors and pursuant to personnel policies adopted by the Board of Directors, and authority to terminate all other staff subject to review by the Board of Directors pursuant to procedures which it shall establish.
- (c) Where these Bylaws say "employ," "hire" or "staff," those terms shall also apply to contractual arrangements, consistent with Internal Revenue Services rules distinguishing contractors and employees and the Policy Manual, with persons or entities to implement the strategic goals and objectives of the Society.
- (d) The Board of Directors shall establish a job description for the Executive Director, which shall be a part of the Policy Manual.
- (e) Members of the Board of Directors of the Society shall be ineligible for employment in or with the Society within one year of completion of their term of office.
- (f) Any person employed as staff shall be ineligible to be elected

to the Board of Directors until one year after the termination of their employment.

## ARTICLE IV — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of eight elected, voting members: the President (who shall serve as chairperson), the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and four Directors.

4.2. Compensation. Members of the Board of Directors do not receive compensation for their services, except for reimbursement of their reasonable expenses.

4.3. Vacancies. If there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors at the time of the Annual Business Meeting, or if the winner of an election declines or is for any reason unable to serve, a replacement shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting to serve until the next election, at which time the Members shall elect a replacement for the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors for any reason at any other time, it shall be filled by two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the Board until the next election, at which time the Members shall elect a replacement for the unexpired term.

4.4. Removal of Officers - An elected officer for reasons of cause (such as medical incapacity or gross improprieties) may be judged by the Board of Directors as unsuitable for service as an officer of the Society. The Board of Directors by unanimous vote (excluding the officer in dispute and any other director having a material conflict of interest, who shall not cast a vote) may remove an elected officer from their elected office. An officer so removed shall remain a director unless removed pursuant to the Bylaws. Officers also may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting or a special business meeting called for that purpose. The Board shall notify the Officer in question 30 days prior to the meeting and shall provide for a reasonable opportunity for defense. The vacancy created by the removal of an elected officer shall be filled in accordance with procedures in Section 4.3 of these Bylaws.

4.5. Removal of Directors. One or more of the directors may be removed, with or without cause. No director may be removed, except as follows:

- (1) A director may be removed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.
- (2) No director shall be removed at a meeting of members entitled to vote unless the written notice of such meeting is transmitted to all members entitled to vote on removal of directors. Such notice shall state that a purpose of the meeting is to vote upon the removal of one or more directors named in the notice. Only the named director or directors may be removed at such meeting, at which the director or directors shall have a reasonable opportunity to present a defense.

4.6. Authority and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors is the governing and policy-making body of the Society and shall have all the powers conferred on it by law, by the Articles of Incorporation and by these Bylaws, except as limited by these Bylaws.

4.7. Meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall hold at least four regular meetings, open to the membership, during the year, including two in connection with the Annual Convention (one prior to and one after the Annual Business Meeting). The time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors and notice shall be given to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance. Special

meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by twenty percent of the sitting members. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, each sitting Board of Directors member shall be given notice of the time and place of the Special meeting by telephone or electronic mail at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. The person or persons calling the Special meeting shall take reasonable efforts to notify the membership of the Special meeting. Notice of a meeting conspicuously posted on the Society's web site shall constitute notice to the membership. The Board of Directors shall report its actions to the membership.

4.8. Quorum and Voting. A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of five voting members. In the absence of a quorum, the Board shall not meet. If neither the President nor the Vice President is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the other members of the Board of Directors may elect a temporary presiding officer. A vote of a majority of Board members present shall be necessary for the transaction of any business unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws. Voting rights of a director shall not be delegated to another nor exercised by proxy.

4.9. Conflicts of Interest. The Board of Directors shall adopt and annually review a policy on conflicts of interest with respect to officers, directors, staff and others working for or on behalf of SABR which shall be part of the Policy Manual and which will be given in writing to each such person when they assume their position or when the policy changes. At a minimum, that policy will ensure that SABR and its officers, directors, and staff comply with all conflict of interest requirements of the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 (805 ILCS 105), as amended, and Internal Revenue Service regulations with respect to Excess Benefits Transfers as set out at 26 CFR Parts 53, 301, and 602, as amended.

4.10. Limitation on Individual Members' Authority. The Board of Directors manages and directs the affairs of the Society as a body. Except as provided in these Bylaws or explicitly authorized by resolution by the Board, no individual officer or member of the Board of Directors has authority to act on behalf of or bind the Society.

### ARTICLE V — ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

5.1. General. Administrative Committees shall be standing committees established to handle specific administrative needs and functions. All members of Administrative Committees must be members of the Society. The President shall be an ex officio (nonvoting) member of all Administrative Committees with the exception of the Nominating and Tellers Committees. Should a vacancy arise on an Administrative Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term. Each Administrative Committee shall submit an annual written report.

5.2. Nominating Committee.

5.2.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, including a Chairperson, all appointed by the Board of Directors for one-year terms. Members shall be appointed within 30 days after the Annual Business Meeting.

5.2.2. Members of the Nominating Committee must have been members of the Society for the four years prior to their appointment, and are ineligible to run for or hold SABR office while serving on the Committee.

5.2.3. The Nominating Committee is empowered to solicit nominations for SABR office and to formulate questions to be answered by the candidates, but it may not review or pass judgment on candidates' qualifications beyond establishing that

they meet the constitutional criteria to hold the office for which they are running.

5.3. Tellers Committee. The Tellers Committee shall consist of three members, including a Chairperson, all appointed by the Board of Directors to one-year terms. The Tellers Committee shall receive, validate, open and tally all ballots cast in Society elections in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Policy Manual, and shall report the election results to the Board of Directors. Members of the Tellers Committee are ineligible to run for or hold SABR office while serving on the Committee.

5.4. Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors other than the Treasurer, and shall in addition include as members the Treasurer, one other member of the Board of Directors and two other members of the Society, both of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for one-year terms. In making such appointments, the Board of Directors shall give preference to members with meaningful accounting experience. The Audit Committee shall (a) recommend SABR's independent accountants and discuss their scope of work; (b) review the annual financial statements with the independent accountants; (c) audit and validate the expense reports of the executive board; (d) evaluate SABR's internal accounting and management controls; and (e) report its findings, including any minority report, annually to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

5.5. Chapter Development Committee. The Chapter Development Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President and shall consist of such additional members as are approved by the Board of Directors. It shall serve to foster and aid the growth of local and regional Chapters, and shall actively seek to encourage the establishment of additional local and regional Chapters.

5.6. Executive Committees. In addition to the committees described in these bylaws, a majority of the Board of Directors may create one or more board committees and appoint members of the Board of Directors or such other persons as the board designates, to serve on the committee or committees. Each committee shall have two or more members of the Board of Directors, a majority of its membership shall be members of the Board of Directors, and all committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the board. To the extent specified by the Board of Directors and insofar as allowed by Section 108.40(c) of the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 (805 ILCS 105), as amended, each committee may exercise the authority of the Board of Directors.

5.7. Advisory Committees. In addition to the committees described in these bylaws, a majority of the Board of Directors may create one or more advisory committees to advise the Board of Directors regarding specific aspects of SABR policy, and may appoint such persons as the Board designates to serve on such committees.

5.8. Ad Hoc Committees. Ad Hoc Committees shall be established by the Board of Directors to perform specific advisory functions for a specified period of time. The Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, appoint or reappoint members and chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees.

### ARTICLE VI — RESEARCH COMMITTEES

6.1. Definition. A Research Committee is a group of SABR members organized to investigate specific baseball-related subjects, in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Directors and in harmony with the Society's Bylaws.

All members of SABR shall be eligible to serve on Research Committees, subject to such limitations as may be imposed by a particular Research Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

6.2. Formation of Research Committees. The Board of Directors may approve the formation of a Research Committee on presentation of a petition from members of the Society in such form as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

6.3. Research Committee Governance. The Board of Directors shall prepare guidelines for the governance of Research Committees, which must operate within the parameters set by the Board of Directors. Research Committees shall submit annual budgets and financial reports to the Board of Directors. The Chairperson of a Research Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, which may remove the Chairperson at any time by majority vote.

6.4. Research Committee Activities. Each Research Committee shall be responsible for submitting an annual report of its activities to the Board of Directors. Research Committees may engage in other activities consistent with the guidelines set by the Board of Directors and applicable law; provided, however, that Research Committees may not incur debts or assume obligations in excess of the amount in their treasury without the prior express approval of the Board of Directors.

6.5. Dissolution of Research Committees. The Board of Directors may dissolve by majority vote a Research Committee which has ceased to function or which has violated these Bylaws, the governance guidelines provided in Section 6.3 or any provision of law governing SABR.

## ARTICLE VII — CHAPTERS

7.1. Definition of a Chapter. A Chapter is a group of SABR members within a defined geographical region, organized as an integral part of the Society in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Directors and in harmony with the Society's Bylaws.

7.2. Formation of Chapters. The Board of Directors may approve the formation of a Chapter on the presentation of a petition signed by five or more members of the Society residing within the stated region. One Member shall be designated as the Chapter Liaison Officer, who shall report to the Board of Directors.

7.3. Chapter Governance. The Board of Directors shall prepare guidelines for the governance of Chapters, which must operate within the parameters set by the Board of Directors. Chapters shall annually submit financial information to the Board of Directors in a manner prescribed by the Board of Directors.

7.4. Chapter Activities. Chapters shall conduct meetings as prescribed by the Board of Directors. Chapters may engage in other activities consistent with the guidelines set by the Board of Directors and applicable law; provided, however, that Chapters may not incur debts or assume obligations in excess of the amount in their treasury without the prior express approval of the Board of Directors.

7.5. Dissolution of Chapters. The Board of Directors may dissolve by majority vote a Chapter which has ceased to function or which has violated these Bylaws, the governance guidelines provided in Section 7.3 or any provision of law governing SABR.

## ARTICLE VIII — MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

8.1. Annual Convention. The Board of Directors shall schedule an Annual Convention of the Society, to be held at a time and place designated by the Board.

8.2. Annual Business Meeting. An Annual Business Meeting of the Society, chaired by the President, shall be held during the Annual Convention at a time designated by the Board of Directors. The quorum at the Annual Business Meeting shall consist of fifty (50) Members.

8.3. During the Annual Convention and before the Annual Business Meeting, the membership shall receive written reports from the Executive Director, the Treasurer, the Audit Committee and all Research Committees.

8.4. At the Annual Business Meeting, the membership shall receive oral reports from the Executive Director, the Treasurer, the Tellers Committee and an oral report regarding SABR's publications program, and shall conduct any other business which may come before it.

8.5. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, votes taken at the Annual Business Meeting do not establish official policy for the Society. However, they may be used to place matters before the Board of Directors or to propose amendments to the Bylaws. All matters placed before the Board of Directors in this manner must be voted on by the Board of Directors within six months. All amendments proposed in this manner shall be voted on by the membership within six months.

8.6. No proposal to place a matter before the Board of Directors, and no proposed amendment to the Bylaws, may be presented at the Annual Business Meeting unless the text of the proposal has been made available in writing to all members attending the Annual Convention by the later of (a) 4 p.m. local time on the first day of the Annual Convention, or (b) 24 hours before the scheduled start of the Annual Business Meeting.

## ARTICLE IX — NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

9.1. Nominations for Elective Office. The Nominating Committee shall submit a list of candidates for each elective office to be filled. Paid employees of SABR and major vendors of service to SABR shall be ineligible to serve as officers at any time within one year of completion of their term of employment or contract. Members of the Nominating Committee may not be candidates for elective office while serving on the Committee.

9.2. Election Procedures. The annual election of officers and directors shall be by mail ballot or by such other means as the Board of Directors may provide. The ballot shall be sent to all members of the Society at least 75 days prior to the Annual Convention at which the newly elected officers are to begin their terms of office. The ballots shall be accompanied by information about each candidate and instructions for voting. All mail ballots shall be returned to the Society's offices and maintained, unopened, until the deadline for voting has passed. As soon as practicable after that deadline, the Tellers Committee shall tabulate the results. No interim results will be disclosed to any person until the Tellers Committee has completed its tabulation.

9.3. Voting Procedures and Tabulation.

9.3.1. Voting Procedures. The annual election of officers shall be by ballot cast by mail, or by such other means as the Board may authorize. For each office for which more than two candidates are running, the voter shall be asked to rank the candidates in order of preference. A voter need not rank all the



candidates for an office. To win, a candidate must receive an absolute majority of valid votes as tabulated below. In the event that the above-defined procedure results in two candidates for any office tied with exactly 50% of the valid votes, the eligible candidate receiving the larger number of first-place votes shall be declared the winner. Any tie which cannot be resolved in this manner will be resolved by a runoff between the tied candidates at the Annual Convention.

9.3.2. Tabulation. As soon as practicable after the deadline for casting votes, the Tellers Committee shall meet to validate, open and tally all ballots. If no candidate receives an absolute majority of the valid votes cast for an office, the Tellers Committee shall reallocate the votes cast in favor of the candidate receiving the fewest votes, and shall thenceforth treat these votes as having been cast for the second-choice candidate identified on each of these ballots. If two or more candidates tie for fewest votes and their combined share of the total vote is less than 15%, all such candidates shall be dropped from the ballot. If their combined share is at least 15%, the tie shall be broken by examining the second-choice candidate identified on each ballot cast for the tied candidates, with the candidate receiving the fewest second-choice votes dropped from the ballot. If a tie remains after this procedure, all tied candidates shall be dropped from the ballot. If this reallocation fails to produce a majority of valid votes for a single candidate, the Tellers Committee shall repeat the process as many times as necessary, reallocating the votes cast in favor of the surviving candidate with the fewest votes until one candidate has received a majority of the valid votes. The Report of the Tellers Committee shall describe in detail the results of each round of reallocation.

9.4. Term of Office. The term of office shall be measured by Administrative Years. An Administrative Year is defined as the period between the end of one Annual Business Meeting and the end of the next. Newly elected members of the Board of Directors shall take office at the end of the Annual Business Meeting following their election.

9.5. Campaigning and Electioneering.

9.5.1. Definitions. "Campaigning" includes any statement indicating support for, or opposition to, a specific candidate for SABR office. "Electioneering" includes any statement supporting or opposing a group of candidates or officeholders, whether or not these individuals are identified by name.

9.5.2. SABR stationery, committee newsletters, and regional newsletters may not be used for any campaigning or electioneering material. The SABR Bulletin may not contain any campaign or electioneering material other than the candidates' statements and the answers to questions posed by the Nominating Committee. No campaign material may be mailed at SABR expense, nor transmitted on SABR-L, or other SABR-sponsored electronic media.

9.5.3. SABR's salaried employees and members of the Tellers and Nominating Committees may not engage in campaigning for or against any candidates or issues appearing on the ballot.

9.5.4. None of the foregoing limits or prohibits any other SABR members from supporting or opposing candidates or issues individually and at their own expense.

9.5.5. Any individual, candidate or not, who violates these rules, shall be subject to disciplinary action, sanctioned by the Board, up to and including expulsion from the Society.

### ARTICLE X — DUES AND FINANCES

10.1. Annual Dues - The amount of annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The date when dues are payable shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

10.2. Execution of Checks, etc. - All checks, drafts, notes, and orders for payment of money shall be signed by such officers or agents as the Board of Directors from time to time may designate.

10.3. Budget - The Board of Directors shall adopt, in advance of the Fiscal Year, an operating budget covering all the activities of the Society and report same to the Membership.

10.4. Financial Report - The Board of Directors shall provide for an annual compilation and review of the accounts of the Society by a certified public accountant, appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall provide a full financial report to the Membership during the second quarter of each fiscal year.

10.5. Bonding - The Board of Directors may require any officer, employee, or other member of the Society to be bonded in such amount and on such terms as the Board may determine.

10.6. Integral Parts of the Society - The assets, income, and disbursements of integral parts of the Society (such as the Chapters, Research Committees, and the Annual Convention) shall be the assets, income, and disbursements of the Society, although they are earmarked for the specific use of the integral parts.

### ARTICLE XI — VOTING

11.1. Voting at Meetings - Each Member shall be entitled to one vote on each question submitted at a Business Meeting of the Society. All questions at all meetings at which a quorum is present shall be decided by a majority vote of the Members present, except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws. A Member shall not be entitled to vote by proxy.

11.2. Voting by Mail or Other Means - The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting, by mail or by such other means as the Board may authorize, on at least 30 days' notice. Amendments may be proposed by the executive board of its own initiative, or on the petition of any 25 members addressed to the board. All such proposed amendments shall be presented by the board to the membership, with or without recommendation. For a proposed amendment to be adopted, at least 100 valid ballots must be returned.

### ARTICLE XII — RULES OF PROCEDURE

12.1. Parliamentary Procedure - The proceedings of the Society's Business Meetings, all Board of Directors meetings, and all other bodies of the Society shall be governed and conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, so far as applicable and when not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

12.2. Parliamentarian - The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian for the Annual Business Meeting.

12.3. Minutes of Meetings - For each meeting of any unit of the Society at which elections are held or minutes taken, the presiding officer of that unit shall be responsible for forwarding accurate minutes and/or reports of that meeting promptly to the Executive Director.

12.4. Policy Manual - There shall be a policy manual that specifies the operating policies and procedures of the Society and serves as the official reference on all matters of Society operations. The manual, which shall be made available to any

member of the Society upon request, may be amended or revised at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

12.5. Notices - Any notice to Members or any Officer shall be deemed sufficiently given if mailed to the last post office address furnished to the Executive Director.

12.6. Waiver of Notice - Any notice required to be given by these Bylaws may be waived by the person entitled thereto.

#### ARTICLE XIII — DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

13.1. Distribution of Property on Dissolution - In the event of dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be applied and distributed as follows: a) all just liabilities and obligations of the Society shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provisions shall be made therefor; b) the remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed in accordance with the Society's Articles of Incorporation, as amended; and c) no employee, officer, or private individual shall be entitled to share in the disposition of any corporate assets.

In effect beginning July 11, 2003

Change made effective July 15, 2004



SABR members love anything having to do with baseball, and the vendors room at the SABR convention is always a popular destination.



SABR President Richard Beverage with Marvin Miller and SABR Fundraising Committee member Paul Hirsch during a special donor reception at the SABR Convention in Cincinnati.



SABR donors gathered early Friday morning at the convention in Cincinnati to get an update on the State of SABR.

## SABR Executive Board, June 30, 2005

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SABR's Executive Board is an all-volunteer board. Elections are held each Spring, with the winners taking office after the Annual Business Meeting. In August 2005, Frederick Ivor-Campbell will replace Dan Ginsburg.

## History of SABR Officers

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>V. Pres</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>			
1971	Davids	Pardon		McConnell				
1972	Menchine	P. Frisz		Grosshandler				
1973	R. Allen	Simenic		Grosshandler				
1974	D. Voigt	Cramer	Shlensky	Simonsen	Davids	Grosshandler	McConnell	Kachline
1975	Davids	E. Rothe	Linthurst	Gonzalez	Cramer	Grosshandler	McConnell	Kachline
1976	Murdock	Grosshandler	Hufford	Gonzalez	Cramer	Davids	McConnell	Kachline
1977	Murdock	Grosshandler	Zocco	R. Burt	Cramer	Davids	McConnell	Grosshandler
1978	Kachline	Schott	Hoie	R. Burt	Cramer	Davids	McConnell	Grosshandler
1979	Kachline	Gustafson	Hoie	Phelps	Pardon	Davids	McConnell	Grosshandler
1980	Crissey	Gregory	Luse	Phelps	Pardon	Kachline	McConnell	Grosshandler
1981	Crissey	Gregory	Luse	Soderman	Pardon	Kachline	Phelps	Grosshandler
1982	Davids	T. Evans	Humber	Hugo	Pardon	Kachline	Phelps	McConnell
1983	Davids	Gagnon	Pardon	Hugo	Simonsen	Jozwik	Phelps	McConnell
1984	Gagnon	McCormack	Pardon	McGillen	Simonsen	Jozwik	Phelps	McConnell
1985	Gagnon	T. Smith	Salisbury	McGillen	Luse	Jozwik	Pardon	McConnell
1986	Sunnen	T. Smith	Salisbury	Gagnon	Luse	Jozwik	Pardon	Daniels, M
1987	Sunnen	Salisbury	Lowry	McAfee	Gagnon	Jozwik	Pardon	Daniels, M
1988	Sunnen	Salisbury	Levin	McAfee	Gagnon	Carle	Pardon	Daniels, M
1989	Topp	Gabriel	Levin	McAfee	Gagnon	Carle	Puff	Daniels, M
1990	Topp	Gabriel	Perry	Ruland	Gagnon	Carle	Puff	Rucker
1991	Johnson	Kavanagh	Perry	Ruland	Gerlach	Carle	Puff	Rucker
1992	Johnson	Kavanagh	Ruland	Macht	Gerlach	Ivor-Campbell	Puff	Rucker
1993	Pietrusza	Perry	Ruland	Macht	Gerlach	Ivor-Campbell	Vincent	Rucker
1994	Pietrusza	Perry	Ruland	Macht	Gerlach	Ivor-Campbell	Vincent	Salamon
1995	Pietrusza	Beverage	Ruland	Andresen	Gerlach	Ivor-Campbell	Vincent	Salamon
1996	Pietrusza	Beverage	Macht	Andresen	Gerlach	Riley	Vincent	Salamon
1997	Gerlach	Beverage	Pietrusza	Andresen	Gietschier	Riley	Shieber	Salamon
1998	Gerlach	Ivor-Campbell	Beverage	Andresen	Gietschier	Riley	Shieber	Nicholson
1999	Riley	Ivor-Campbell	Beverage	Levin	Macht	Johnson, R	Shieber	Nicholson
2000	Riley	Ivor-Campbell	Beverage	Levin	Macht	Johnson, R	Shieber	Nicholson
2001	Perry	Ivor-Campbell	Beverage	Flinn	Macht	Johnson, R	Rothgerber	Nicholson
2002	Perry	Thornley	Traven	Flinn	Macht	Johnson, R	Ginsburg	McCue
2003	Beverage	Thornley	Traven	Flinn	Macht	Johnson, R	Ginsburg	McCue
2004	Beverage	Nowlin	Traven	Flinn	Macht	Hufford	Ginsburg	McCue
2005	Beverage	Nowlin	Traven	Flinn	Macht	Hufford	Ivor-Campbell	McCue

## 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 over 6,800 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 is the brainchild of L. Robert “Bob” Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed free-lance articles to *The Sporting News*. When *The Sporting News* discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, “Baseball Briefs.” The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 “statisticians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group.

The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society’s objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information.

In addition to Davids (who passed away in February of 2002), the original members included Dan Dischley, Paul Frisz (deceased), Dan Ginsburg, Raymond Gonzalez, William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Tom Hufford, Cliff Kachline, Bob McConnell, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemec, John Pardon, Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic, and Keith Sutton (deceased).



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, Ray Nemec. Front row (left to right): Cliff Kachline, Ray Gonzalez, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, Bob Davids. Campbell, almost hidden behind Kachline, was a visitor at the meeting. Pat McDonough is the only founding SABR member not pictured.