

2019 SABR Annual Report
Appendix 2: Committee Reports

Ballparks Committee

1) Green Cathedrals 5th Edition: An ebook to be published this year by SABR; the final revisions to the PDF were submitted to SABR Publications in mid-May 2019. The 5th Edition covers 582 total ballparks, of which 249 are current or former MLB parks and 354 Negro League parks (Regular Season or Post-Season Only). There were 22 ballparks used by both MLB and the Negro Leagues. Included are more than 160 ballpark photos.

New MLB parks added since Green Cathedrals 4th edition in 2006 :Pastime Park, Canton, OH; Fort Bragg Field, Fort Bragg, NC; Hamilton Park, New Haven, CT.

Negro League parks added: More than 150.

Author: Phil Lowry

Editor In Chief: Ron Selter

Negro Leagues Editor: Kevin Johnson

Photos Editor: Paul Healey

2) Minor League Ballparks Database: Work continued on making additions to this database.

(3) SABR Ballparks Facebook Group-now has over 900 members who post ballpark research findings, photos, and links to on-line items about ballparks

(4) Committee Newsletter-edited by Richard Smiley; two editions in past 12 months

— **Ron Selter and Kevin Johnson**

Baseball and the Arts Committee

The year since the last convention has been a memorable time for the Baseball Arts Committee, as we have been working diligently to put together a new baseball literary journal that will reflect the work of contemporary writers as well as include literary gems from the past. There have been several journals of baseball literature over the past 30 to 40 years. Most of the literary collections have faded away, and we decided to begin again with a new journal of literature that would reflect how writing about baseball as changed, but also, has remained true to its heritage.

The new journal, *Turnstyle — The SABR Journal of Baseball Arts*, will finally make its official debut at the San Diego convention in June. The Journal has overcome publishing delays, and we heartily commend Cecilia Tan for sticking with it, and bringing the Journal into fine form. We also congratulate and thank all the contributors who patiently waited as the months ticked by and were rewarded when our hopes were finally realized when the final publication date was announced. We all invite SABR members to acquire a copy of this first edition, and read what we offer to enhance baseball literature.

— **Joanne Hulbert and Jay Hurd**

The Baseball Index Committee

The Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org) continues to grow and be used by SABR members as a starting point for their research.

With the help of some new volunteers, the database now contains information about 258,062 articles, books, book sections and other items that can be used by baseball researchers. Many of the new entries come with URLs to make internet research easier. We had 253,572 entries a year ago.

The new volunteers were led by Joe Wanchow and Bruce Slutsky. Joe keeps adding all the products of the Bioproject publishing program to the database. Bruce Slutsky has begun the process of adding all the Games Project articles, almost 2,000 in the past year. Kevin Larkin has begun work on doing the same for BioProject articles that haven't been published in books.

We continue to have solid support from other volunteers, especially Bill Lamb, who catalogs research articles from several committee newsletters. Other volunteers keep us current on the SABR publications Joe doesn't do, as well as Base Ball, Black Ball, NINE, Memories and Dreams and current books.

Our main targets for further entries are Sports Illustrated, Sport and Baseball Digest. New volunteers are a critical need for the project.

I am attempting to find a programmer who can improve our current software. The database needs a search system which will allow more than one term to be searched at a time. The software needs to be able to distinguish between terms when one search term is included in another (i.e. a search for World War I will turn up everything about World War II). And, the database needs a user-friendly data entry system with appropriate filters to ensure the integrity of the search terms. I am working with F.X. Flinn of the board of directors to find such a programmer, but if you know of someone, please inform me.

When we do find a programmer, we will be seeking donations to pay him. This past year, I designated my regular donation to SABR to be used only for improvements to TBI. You might consider doing the same.

— **Andy McCue**

Baseball and the Media Committee

The SABR Baseball and the Media Research Committee has just completed its sixth year of existence. In April, Chuck Hildebrandt stepped down as chair and is now chair emeritus. Chad Osborne serves as committee chair.

The Baseball and the Media Research Committee strives to conduct and publicly provide research pertaining to baseball coverage by the media (i.e., the story of baseball journalism and its impact on the evolution of the game as a cultural and commercial phenomenon) and as an event (i.e., the story of the in-game coverage of baseball games, from telegraph to radio to television to internet and social media).

The committee has 222 members as of May 31, 2019.

We continue to maintain four key databases:

- ! Major League Baseball Broadcaster/Flagship, detailing all radio and TV flagship stations as well as broadcasters for each MLB team back to 1921. This database is currently being updated through the 2018 season.

- ! Network TV Broadcasts, with details for every one of those back to 1947. This database is maintained independently by committee member Tony Miller.
- ! Radio Station Affiliates, for every MLB team starting with 2013.
- ! Baseball Writers, a database of beat writers, columnist and sports editors stretching back to 1909 that commenced late in the summer of 2017, with the help of several volunteers.

The committee provides relevant baseball media content through its website, SABRmedia.org, and we continue to maintain our Twitter feed @MediaSABR, which is used primarily to inform followers of new content as well as tweet and retweet interesting items related to baseball media, as well as baseball in general.

The committee's goal is to continue to build on the content it has developed and identify other projects that will spark interest and activity of SABR members who have signed up for the Baseball and the Media Research Committee, and also of other SABR members who have interest in contributing to the building of a rich and substantial store of information, analysis, insight and reference material about baseball media. In particular, committee members hope to interest members of other SABR research committees to undertake projects or feature stories that contemplate the baseball media angle to the committee of which they are already a member.

— **Chad Osborne**

Biographical Research Committee

It has been a pretty slow year for the biographical committee. That is not to say that we haven't made some great finds, but the players we have left are very difficult to locate. I suppose if they were easy, we would have found them already. In the past year, we have located six missing players. One of those, Edward Coughlin, had previously been found, but had been eliminated due to the lack of adequate proof. We were able to determine that the man we had previously identified was, in fact, the ballplayer.

John F. Grady had been misidentified as John J. Grady from Lowell, Massachusetts. John J. Grady, a player from Philadelphia, was the actual man who played for Altoona in 1884.

Other players found during the year were James Foran, Charles Matthews, Thomas Maher, and Eugene Vadeboncoeur. All played in the 19th century, except for Maher, who played with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1902.

There are still new papers being digitized that will soon be available online. Hopefully, that will lead to more ballplayers being discovered. There are now 165 players on our "missing" list.

— **Bill Carle**

BioProject Committee

Leadership: Rory and Gregory became co-heads of the committee at the end of 2016. Rory maintains his role as Chief Editor. He coordinates with Gregory and other key committee members on questions that may arise. Gregory also remains closely involved in day-to-day operations, for example, with coordination of final posting once the review process is complete. He also continues to publicize assignments that have been freed. These are the result of an ongoing campaign to monitor requests

taken on but not completed.

Volume: The number of biographies remains impressive. As of this writing, there are nearly 4,900 bios on the site, a considerable increase over last year. The base of authors has also widened. More books have been published in 2018 and 2019. Another book with Latin American subjects is being translated into Spanish. Other new projects are in the works, with an eye toward a high proportion of new bios generated.

Review Workflow

Vetting: In March 2019, we added a new first stage to the review process — vetting — as part of the ongoing effort to maintain high standards of quality. Vettors check for coverage of all basic requirements, sourcing and formatting (including endnotes), and quality of writing. The fact-checking stage has been moved ahead of the copy-editing stage. The process overall follows what's done with bios that go into SABR's themed books with biographies. This is similar to the quality-control practice in magazines and good newspapers — at least two pairs of eyes see every story. We're also allocating a scarce resource — the time of our limited volunteer staff — more efficiently.

Fact-checking: This phase of the operation, which now comes after the initial vetting, also remains a smooth process, thanks to Warren Corbett and his team. Work on most bios is completed within 2-3 days. This stage is also helpful in identifying occasional quality lapses. However, Warren notes a “continued shortage of eyeballs.” Anyone willing to help should contact Warren at wpcorbett@hotmail.com.

Editing: Still generally works well, but the addition of the vetting stage is aimed at avoiding quality lapses and sharing the load. Vettors look at the article as a whole. Copy editors are responsible for the details of syntax and style. Vettors can also tip off the editors about what to look out for. Reviewers may act in either capacity but do not play both roles on any single bio. We continue to add new and well-qualified reviewers. However, still more would be desirable. Even with the broader team, the load could be shared more widely. Turnaround time could also be improved. Technical capability of certain authors remains an opportunity for improvement. “Tip sheets” with instructions remain available on the BioProject resources page.

Committee Newsletter: Andrea Long remains editor. Since her first issue was published in April 2018, she has put out two more, in October 2018 and May 2019. She already has the next issue in development.

Social Media: Our presence in this area remains visible. Follow the BioProject on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/129878527118723/>

J.G. Preston continues to serve as our resident Facebook guru, offering daily posts highlighting biographies. These continue to draw plenty of interest and interaction. We encourage you to “like” and “share” the posts. We'd still be happy to see more members become active and post their own comments

We kicked off the Twitter feed in mid-January 2017. As of the beginning of June 2019, there were approximately 7,000 followers. That's a 90% increase from nearly 3,700 this time last year.

Our goal is to reach 10,000 followers by next year's convention.

Follow us [@SABRbioproject](https://twitter.com/SABRbioproject). Like and especially retweet our tweets and help promote SABR

Hyperlinking: We continue to equip all bios with hyperlinks to players named. This includes those who have just “stub” BioProject pages as well as those with completed bios. This helps readers navigate the site and move seamlessly from one bio to the next. It is also another way for readers to

determine if a bio has been assigned. Authors have been willing to do this, typically before submitting their drafts (which is the norm we encourage).

We'd welcome new volunteers to the group (overseen by Gregory) that is retroactively inserting hyperlinks into all previously published bios on the BioProject website. There are only two people doing this actively.

Areas to address

Bottlenecks: We're still encouraging more bios to be written, so we must continue to consider whether the volunteer infrastructure is adequate. Even now we need more vetters, editors, and fact-checkers – qualified people who do a thorough job. Authors can in some cases do more to format, edit, and fact-check their own work before submission. BioProject Resources web pages have been updated. Updating the page concerning endnote format is a target area.

If capacity remains as it is and volume increases, then authors must recognize that turnaround time will be longer – at each stage of the process. Quality standards have been buttressed and won't erode.

— **Rory Costello and Gregory Wolf**

Black Sox Scandal Committee

Since our last annual report, the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee has been taking advantage of this once-in-a-century opportunity to shine a spotlight on “baseball's darkest hour” for the 100th anniversary of the 1919 World Series.

The publication of our special [Eight Myths Out](#) project at SABR.org in March 2019 was a stirring success. The project was intended to correct many common errors and misconceptions about the fixing of the 1919 World Series. It uses groundbreaking research and resources to provide a more complete understanding of what happened a century ago. In addition, we compiled an extensive list of historical inaccuracies, large and small, that appear in *Eight Men Out*, with links to articles, artifacts, and other resources that are now available online. This includes accurate player and team salary information from the 1919 season, legal documents and transcripts from the Black Sox grand jury proceedings and criminal trial, hundreds of interviews with players from the Chicago White Sox and Cincinnati Reds, and newsreel film footage from the 1919 World Series games.

Eight Myths Out brought an outpouring of attention to all of the new research that our committee members have been doing, with media coverage featured in stories by NPR Illinois, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *National Post* in Toronto, The Athletic, and other news outlets throughout the first half of 2019.

We continue to make plans for a special research symposium at the Chicago History Museum for the 100th anniversary of the 1919 World Series. The event is scheduled for the weekend of September 27-29. The museum is home to an extensive collection of Black Sox artifacts and documents, and we'll gather in the beautiful Morse Genius Chicago Room event space on Saturday, September 28 to discuss the continued relevance of the 1919 World Series and its aftermath with panels and presentations. The weekend will also include a visit to see a Chicago White Sox game, a walking tour of downtown Chicago baseball history sites, and book signings with SABR authors, including our own *Scandal on the South Side: The 1919 Chicago White Sox*, and a post-event gathering at Nisei Lounge near Wrigley Field.

On March 23, Bill Lamb, Jacob Pomrenke, and Jim Margalus also spoke at the SABR Connecticut

Smoky Joe Wood Chapter meeting for a Black Sox Centennial panel discussion. Listen to an audio recording of our panel here, which included a lot of interesting questions from the audience:

<http://bit.ly/2019-sabr-ct-black-sox-panel>

On June 27 during the SABR 49 convention in San Diego, Jacob Pomrenke, Rick Huhn, Bruce Allardice, and Bill Felber are scheduled to participate in a panel discussion about the Eight Myths Out project and the 100th anniversary of the 1919 World Series.

The committee has also published two newsletters with a number of interesting articles that help enhance our understanding of the Black Sox Scandal.

In the December 2018 newsletter, we began fine-tuning the Eight Myths Out project and the edition included articles by Geoff Gehman on “Shoeless Joe, The Babe, and Bethlehem Steel;” Bill Lamb on Black Sox defense attorney James “Ropes” O'Brien; Jacob Pomrenke on Lyria Williams, wife of Lefty; and Jeff Kallman on the 1919 Cincinnati Reds. We also previewed a new art exhibition by Thom Ross on the Black Sox Scandal at Chicago's Beverly Arts Center and an upcoming film project, *Shoeless Joe: The True Story*.

The upcoming June 2019 newsletter will include articles by Kevin Braig analyzing the 1919 World Series betting odds; Thomas Merrick on Swede Risberg playing “outlaw” ball in Jamestown, North Dakota; Bill Lamb on White Sox team counsel Alfred Austrian; and Bruce Allardice on the release of *Collyer's Eye* online and more evidence of 1920 game-fixing by the White Sox.

— **Jacob Pomrenke**

Business of Baseball Committee

The Business of Baseball Committee is your concierge-like service for the history of the business of baseball.

Currently underway, Andy McCue leads up the Team Ownership Histories project, which is a cool joint effort of the Business of Baseball committee and the BioProject. Here is a link to the project: <https://sabr.org/bioproj/topic/team-ownership-histories>

A completed set of team ownership histories will provide substantial coverage of a previously-lacking-in-attention realm of the business of baseball. In the meantime, if you're one of those people who wakes up in the morning and says to yourself, “I wish there were several thousand pages of reading available on the business of baseball,” we've got you covered!

Like the morning paper, access your copy of both volumes of the history of the Winter Meetings books at <https://sabr.org/ebooks>. Hint: The Nineteenth Century Committee produced a third volume, available at the same link, and providing additional realization of the winter meetings picture.

Then relax on the porch and indulge in more than 2,000 pages of documents related to the 1915 Federal League Case Files. Here's the link that will guide you to the case files:

<https://sabr.org/research/business-baseball-research-committee>

Looking to do some more sightseeing related to the business of baseball? Delve into all the past editions of the long-standing foundational publication, *Outside the Lines*. Make sure you include the two publications from the last year; read the works of Bob LeMoine, Michael McAvoy, Lisa Giddings, Kenneth Winter, Andy McCue, and Michael Hauptert. And make sure to check out the newsletter's hidden gem: *Recently Published Research* keeps you abreast of the latest academic research emerging from many business of baseball fields. Current and past editions of the newsletter can be found at

<https://sabr.org/research/business-baseball-research-committee>

Live entertainment is more your style? Come check out Roberta Newman in San Diego, as she talks about the history of baseball and advertising. And, who knows, we may even have a surprise guest to offer up extra excitement.

Still not covering enough business for you? If you are interested in getting involved, or believe there is a cross-committee opportunity, let us know.

— **Steve Weingarden, Michael Hauptert, and Dan Levitt**

Collegiate Baseball Committee

The Collegiate Baseball Committee held its Annual Meeting at SABR 48 with approximately 10 attending. The main focus of the meeting was the topic of making the Committee’s data available to other researchers, the information to present, and presentation format.

The decision to post committee collegiate team guidess on the SABR site in the research section was completed. A total of 7 schools were loaded initially: Alabama A&M, Arizona Christian, Arkansas Baptist, Cosumnes River, Grambling, Westminster (MO) and Yale. Texas Tech was subsequently added. Four additional colleges have been assigned and one school needs final editing before completion.

As of June 1, 2019, new files have been created for a total of 1,066 college programs an increase of 187 over June 1 2018. The breakdown by category:

Category	2019	2018	Change
Sr. College active	660	591	69
Jr. College active	336	221	115
Sr. College inactive	58	48	10
Jr. College inactive	35	29	6
TOTAL	1,089	889	200

The Fall Newsletter became available for distribution in March 2019.

The Spring Newsletter will be available for distribution around June 15, 2019.

The Fall newsletter published all collegians who attended either a Senior or Junior college making their Major League debuts in 2017.

We continued publishing a “necrology” of former collegiate baseball coaches who passed away.

The committee records before 2011 retained by previous chair Rick Benner (and no longer a member) were retrieved by member Mike Gustafson and are now stored in Lubbock Texas. Gustafson is the Executive Director of the College Baseball Hall of Fame Foundation.

— **Karl Green**

Educational Resources Committee

The Educational Resources Committee had a stimulating meeting in Pittsburgh but we are hampered by the small number of members who attend the meetings or participate on the committee listserv. The committee will be undergoing a change of leadership. I have chaired the committee for the past four years but I have just retired from my position at Colby College and have decided to step down as Chair. Allison Levin will assume the Chair at the San Diego meeting and we will seek to find a co-chair for her. Allison has some exciting ideas including the development of a webpage where teaching materials (arranged by age of students from grammar school through college) can be shared. We look forward to a discussion of long-term goals at the San Diego committee meeting.

— **Herb Wilson**

Games Project Committee

The Games Project Research Committee has been publishing game articles online since 2014. We are still gaining momentum with interest among SABR members. Mike Huber has chaired the committee since the beginning of 2018, supported by a strong group. Mike provides information about the project and manages game assignments for book projects. Steven Weiner assigns and manages the status of games for publication to the SABR website. Len Levin oversees editing of articles and he has been assisted by Laura Peebles. Bruce Slutsky manages a team of fact checkers, to include Kevin Larkin, Brandon Lewis, Joe Wancho, Tom Brown, Jack Zerby and Mike Huber. Jacob Pomrenke manages the SABR website, posting games, linking to other pages. Other individuals support the Games Project on a routine basis. We maintain a spreadsheet to manage committee flow work and account for all article work from assignment to publication/posting.

The mission of the committee is to support those who wish to research, write, and publish accounts of major-league regular season, postseason, and All-Star games, along with other games of historical significance such as in the Negro Leagues, minor leagues, or international or exhibition contests. These game accounts complement Retrosheet and Baseball-Reference box scores, as well as SABR BioProject essays on the players involved.

As of June 19, 2018, there have been 2,711 games assigned to individuals or editors of book projects. Some articles are posted both to the website and are part of book projects. Of the total number, 1,560 completed articles are posted on the SABR Games Project website. An additional 279 articles have been completed and published in books (not yet posted to the web). Approximately one year after publication, these articles are then posted onto the SABR website. This means that about 1,150 games have been requested and are either awaiting publication in a book project or have not yet been submitted to our team for editing and fact-checking. More completed games are added to the website each week.

Our team is actively engaged in supporting the Games Project in several ways. An average of one book is published each month (or at most, every two months), and another book project is started each month, providing SABR members with research and writing opportunities. Many of the recent SABR book projects incorporate a larger number of games than previous books. The book editors aim to recruit as many authors as possible. Other members pursue opportunities for direct posting to the Games Project website. This means that there continues to be a large number of games which we manage.

A major undertaking in the past year was completed, where every article that is posted online became hyperlinked, connecting player names in the article to their biography pages on the SABR Biography Projects website. Our spreadsheet has been updated and improved to better manage our objectives. Several committee members stepped up for this massive effort. Authors now submit articles with names hyperlinked. In addition, all articles contain links to both Retrosheet.org and baseball-reference.com box score and play-by-play pages, when the game is requested. In June 2018, I sent Retrosheet a list of all posted articles, linked to the Retrosheet box scores. Now, games with summaries on the Games Project website are hyperlinked to box scores and play-by-play on Retrosheet. I will send another list soon.

We have revitalized the Games Project's presence on Facebook. Tom Brown is our director for this effort.

Finally, we continue to work with book editors and the BioProject to explain to members how each works and to discuss writing techniques and opportunities. This year we started a program called "It Happened In ...". The goal is to craft a short paragraph or two to be published in a section's newsletter, advertising the Games Project and encouraging section members to write. A secondary goal is to get more SABR members involved in all aspects of the Games Project – writing, editing, fact-checking, and supporting.

— **Mike Huber**

Nineteenth Century Committee

Our Nineteenth Century Committee held its last annual business meeting during SABR 48 in Pittsburgh under the direction of Committee Member Bill Ryczek in June of 2018 and we will formally meet during SABR 49 in San Diego, CA on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 10:25–11:25a.m.

Our Research Committee has continued to publish its regular quarterly newsletter, "Nineteenth Century Notes" (which is never fewer than 12 pages) in a timely manner thanks to our Vice-Chair, Bob Bailey.

Since last summer the Committee has organized and hosted our 11th annual Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, a.k.a. "The Fred" which took place on April 26 & 27, 2019 at its usual venue, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (HOF) in Cooperstown, NY. "The Fred" was able to accept a record number of attendees (76 registrants along with another eight guests) this year due to our use of the newly renovated Grandstand Theater at the HOF. The 12th annual "Fred" is scheduled for April 24 & 25, 2020.

On November 10, 2018 we conducted, along with SABR's Jack Graney Chapter, our third city-specific, symposium, the Greater Cleveland 19th Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium, at the Main Branch of the Cleveland Public Library. The Symposium featured a Welcoming Address by MLB Official Historian / SABR Member, John Thorn. Our Interdisciplinary Presenter was Professor of History David J. Goldberg who spoke about the 1890s Cleveland Trolley Wars. We also were treated to an exclusive opportunity to view much of the sports collection of the Cleveland Public Library along with a Special Presentation by John Skrtic, the Library's Director of Public Service. Other presenters were Jeremy Feador, David Fleitz, Ken Kroslovic, Bryan Fritz and Joe Wancho.

Our Committee's fourth city-specific symposium, the Twin Cities 19th Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium is scheduled for November 16, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. This event is a joint partnership with SABR's Halsey Hall Chapter and the Hennepin County Public Libraries. The venue will be the elegant modern Minneapolis Public Library. Registration materials for the

symposium will be available at SABR 49 in the attendee packets for the Nineteenth Century Annual Business Meeting and in the early July, Summer Issue of “Nineteenth Century Notes”, the Committees newsletter.

Thanks to Chair, Adam Darowski and the Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends Project Committee the Committee completed its 9th Annual Overlooked Legends selection, Bob Caruthers (2018), which was announced at SABR 48 in Pittsburgh. Now, thanks to Co-Chairs Adam Darowski and Joe Williams and our newly reinforced Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends Project Committee our 10th annual Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends selection is underway, which has included a committee-wide primary election with a slate of 25 candidates in January/February 2019 and the (just launched at this writing) SABR-wide final election in late May/early June. The full 10th Annual (2019) Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend election results will be announced at our annual business meeting during SABR 49 in San Diego.

Our Nineteenth Century Committee’s, 19th Century Baseball Grave Marker Project Committee, chaired by Ralph Carhart dedicated its fourth grave marker at the previously unmarked grave of Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend Bob Caruthers (2018). SABR member Richard A. Smiley led a small contingent of baseball fans to Chicago’s Graceland Cemetery, the site of Caruther’s grave for the Sunday, September 30, 2018 dedication. The 19cBB Grave Marker Committee has already scheduled its fifth marker dedication for Hicks Hayhurst, to take place in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 14, 2019. In addition to SABR members’ donations, the project has strong support from MLB and its Commissioner’s Office and has received a sustaining grant from MLB.

Another book project (started in 2015) finally came to completion with the publication, in December 2018, of “Baseball’s 19th Century ‘Winter’ Meetings”. Co-Editors-in-Chief, Jeremy Hodges and Bill Nowlin (the latter, pitching in during the project’s final year due to a previous co-editor’s need to withdraw from the project) led more than two-dozen Nineteenth Century Committee members who served as writers, associate and copy editors and fact checkers; the book covers baseball’s annual, organizing and business meetings from 1857 through 1900. SABR’s Business of Baseball Committee has published two companion volumes spanning the 20th and 21st centuries. The book is available through the SABR website.

Finally, our annual 2018 Nineteenth Century Committee “Chairman’s Award” was announced at last June’s annual business meeting in Pittsburgh. The 2018 recipient for service to our Committee was Matt Albertson. Matt oversaw our Committee’s leap to social media by developing and launching a Nineteenth Century Committee Facebook page. He also, nearly singlehandedly, had Philadelphia’s Jefferson Street Grounds, the once 19th-century baseball venue declared and marked a Pennsylvania Historical Site. This now neighborhood park with a rough baseball diamond is where the historic Pythian (African-American) v. Olympics (white) inter-racial game (1869) and, the first National League game (1877) were played. He is also a member of our Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends Project Committee. The 2019 Chairman’s Award recipient(s) will be announced at SABR 49 in San Diego, CA.

Chairman’s Award recipients receive an engraved reproduction 1880s vintage Burlingame model bat.

Thanks to all our committee members and the SABR HQ staff who helped our committee through this past year’s undertakings...because, baseball history is not only baseball history.

— **Peter Mancuso**

Official Scoring Committee

In 2018-2019, the Official Scoring Committee held its annual meeting at the SABR convention in Pittsburgh with Pirates official scorers Bob Webb and Evan Pattak as special guests.

The committee produced two newsletters with profiles on Sven Muencheberg, Pat Thompson, and Allan Spear.

The committee lobbied the developer of baseball-reference.com to include the names of the official scorer in the box scores it generates.

— **Stew Thornley**

Statistical Analysis Committee

The past year saw the Statistical Analysis Committee launch a blog, <https://sabrstatanalysis.blog/>, in which members and researchers can post short articles, research in progress, and other items of interest. It serves as a less formal research outlet than "By the Numbers," which the committee continues to publish when submissions are received. In the past year, the blog featured several strong research pieces, and we encourage members to check them out, if they have not already done so.

We also started tweeting in 2018 -- follow us at <https://twitter.com/SabrStat>.

Our online Yahoo! group for discussions of sabermetric interest continues. Committee members can join us by requesting membership at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/StatisticalAnalysis/info>.

As always, we continue to answer inquiries from individuals and organizations who find us through the SABR site or other channels. We are often asked how to get started in sabermetric research, or more specifically, about a specific research idea. In general, we refer prospective new researchers to SABR's Introduction to Sabermetrics, <https://sabr.org/sabermetrics>. In addition, we can usually find an experienced subject matter expert to advise on specific technical inquiries.

We often have committee members -- especially those new to SABR -- ask about joining a project, or helping the committee with our efforts. Because sabermetrics is more technical than historical, our work does not lend itself to joint efforts as well as, say, the bio project. But we continue to look out for suitable projects, and we should have a good number of volunteers to draw from should one arise.

— **Phil Birnbaum**

Women in Baseball Committee

Members and friends of the SABR Women in Baseball Committee contributed to the following live events/papers, publications and digital media activities that enhanced our collective knowledge of women in baseball and their participation in 2018-2019. Annual highlights include:

New Projects

Scholarship for a high school senior writing about women in baseball was awarded for fall 2018 to Caroline Webber.

Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award: 2019 recipient is Rachel Robinson. A donation

will also be made to the Robinson Foundation.

3rd year of Women on the Diamond Art Competition in cooperation with the International Women's Baseball Center.

Presentation/Panels

Individual/Group Presentations

Women's International Baseball: What About the United States?-**Cooperstown Symposium 2019**

Kat Williams (International Women's Baseball Center)

Perry Barber (Umpire)

Donna Cohen (Baseball World Cup Trophy Tour)

Andre LaChance (Team Canada)

The Secret History of Women and Girls on Baseball Cards--Tim Wiles (Guilderland Public Library)—**Cooperstown Symposium 2019**

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

J. Richard, "Playing with the Boys: Gender, Race and Baseball in Postwar America." Spring 2019 BRJ.

Contributions to an article in Ohio Connections about Alta Weiss.

Newsletter(s)

2 issues sent out

Other

Variety of articles and radio broadcasts featuring members and friends discussing their research, historical information, [Mamie Johnson](#), Ila Borders, the 25th anniversary of the Colorado Silver Bullets, Jackie Mitchell and the death of Penny Marshall.

A number of members attended the Annual Red Sox Women's Fantasy Baseball Camp and reunion game.

Planning for a fall conference in October 2019 underway.

Many attended the Women's World Cup in August 2019—first time on US soil.

May 23, 2019 opening of Broadway play about Toni Stone.

Provided resources for National History Day group projects.

— **Leslie Heaphy**