



Society for American Baseball Research

Annual Report
June 30, 2006

President's Report

Much has happened in SABR since we met in Toronto last August. The Society completed another successful year with operating results again showing a surplus. The most important event was the hiring of Rod Nelson as Research Services Manager in February. Nelson has brought a great deal of enthusiasm to the job and has explored a number of areas that will enhance our research capabilities. In the next few months he'll be developing plans for what SABR should do in providing research tools to its members over the next several years, and he will also be looking at ways to increase electronic publishing.

During the past year the Board has placed greater emphasis on the policy of acquiring more research assets for SABR, and at the April meeting attention was given to possible acquisitions in the future. The Board approved an arrangement with the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles where the two organizations will partner in the digitization of *Sporting Life*, the well-known sports paper of the early 20th century. This project will take several years to complete, but when it is finalized, SABR members will have complete access to this important publication.

Some things were not done so well. The American League Deadball book was scheduled to be in the members' hands by the end of 2005, but that did not happen. Delays have occurred for one reason or another through virtually every turn, a number of mistakes were made in the planning process and the book is not close to completion as this is written. The best estimate at the moment is that AL Deadball will be the hands of 2005 members by late August.

In early June SABR was advised by ProQuest that the company has made a business decision to cease offering remote access to genealogical or historical societies when their current subscription expires. That means that effective January 1, 2007 SABR members will no longer have remote access to the historical newspapers included in our current subscription and will not have access to the HeritageQuest databases as well. This is unfortunate news for the many members who have found ProQuest to be a vital research tool. We'll continue to search for available research assets and tools to aid people doing baseball research. In the meantime some of the same Proquest databases are available in many public libraries.

Dick Beverage, President

Message From the Executive Director



The past year has been spent doing a lot of the ground work necessary to make SABR an even better organization, enabling its mission to help people do baseball research and to provide outlets to share it, while also maintaining an aspect of fun.

On February 1, 2006, the SABR staff expanded to include for the first time, a staffer whose job is to keep an eye on the baseball research ball and to give the executive director and the board a clearer look at where SABR should be investing its time, tools and talent to best advantage. Rod Nelson is SABR's first Research Services Manager, and in addition to making recommendations on what research tools SABR needs to develop, rent, or buy, he is helping committee chairs and chapter leaders to better network the membership.

The first several months have been exciting, and I look forward to even more progress as Rod adjusts to his new environs (not being able to see the sun for weeks at a time during the late Winter and Spring was an adjustment for the Coloradan).

The rest of the SABR staff, Ryan Chamberlain and Eileen Canepari, continue to do an excellent job in working with the membership and keeping things running smoothly. With their help, I can focus on developing and executing new plans and "big picture" initiatives with the SABR Board that will make SABR an even more valuable and relevant organization.

SABR is in a strong position today thanks to individual SABR members who share their time and resources with me and our fellow SABR members. I intend to continue to capitalize on this strength so that SABR's contributions to baseball research and scholarship are ensured for generations to come.

Thank you for your support.

John Zajc, Executive Director

Membership Report

SABR ended its 2005 Membership Year with 6,982 members worldwide, a 0.17% increase from the previous year (6,970). There were 841 new members in 2005, up from 794 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 27, 2005 was 54.84. On that date, over 84.2% of members had e-mail addresses on file. About 94% of members are male.

By the Numbers, June 1, 2006

Members, By State (includes DC and Puerto Rico)

| ST | 6/1/2006 | 7/1/2005 | 7/2/2004 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| New York | 723 | 713 | 705 |
| California | 698 | 693 | 690 |
| Ohio | 443 | 450 | 463 |
| Pennsylvania | 394 | 400 | 410 |
| Massachusetts | 390 | 366 | 363 |
| Illinois | 349 | 319 | 326 |
| New Jersey | 295 | 292 | 298 |
| Texas | 294 | 281 | 275 |
| Virginia | 267 | 257 | 248 |
| Maryland | 244 | 238 | 243 |
| Florida | 235 | 216 | 206 |
| Washington | 180 | 150 | 148 |
| Michigan | 175 | 183 | 182 |
| Connecticut | 148 | 155 | 153 |
| Minnesota | 138 | 140 | 134 |
| Wisconsin | 127 | 126 | 133 |
| Missouri | 121 | 123 | 129 |
| Indiana | 113 | 109 | 118 |
| North Carolina | 106 | 108 | 100 |
| Colorado | 105 | 107 | 118 |
| Arizona | 100 | 96 | 96 |
| Georgia | 97 | 104 | 96 |
| Oregon | 78 | 73 | 65 |
| Rhode Island | 68 | 73 | 74 |
| New Hampshire | 56 | 55 | 52 |
| Kansas | 56 | 65 | 54 |
| Tennessee | 54 | 54 | 46 |
| Iowa | 50 | 47 | 45 |
| Kentucky | 47 | 51 | 52 |
| Maine | 46 | 49 | 52 |
| Washington, DC | 45 | 40 | 40 |
| Vermont | 39 | 34 | 36 |
| Louisiana | 38 | 39 | 34 |
| South Carolina | 36 | 37 | 33 |
| Alabama | 35 | 36 | 34 |
| Nebraska | 33 | 32 | 35 |
| Nevada | 31 | 26 | 22 |
| Arkansas | 25 | 20 | 24 |
| Oklahoma | 24 | 17 | 20 |
| Delaware | 22 | 27 | 30 |
| New Mexico | 21 | 22 | 21 |
| West Virginia | 18 | 16 | 16 |
| Utah | 13 | 10 | 9 |
| Montana | 11 | 12 | 9 |
| Hawaii | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| South Dakota | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Puerto Rico | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| Mississippi | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| Idaho | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| North Dakota | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Wyoming | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Alaska | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Members, By Country

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|------------------|-------|----------------|---|
| USA | 6,645 | Taiwan | 2 |
| Canada | 180 | Hong Kong | 2 |
| Japan | 41 | Netherlands | 1 |
| Great Britain/UK | 25 | Czech Republic | 1 |
| Australia | 10 | Dominican Rep | 1 |
| Germany | 3 | Switzerland | 1 |
| Italy | 3 | South Africa | 1 |
| Mexico | 3 | | |
| Sweden | 2 | | |

2006 Members, By Year Joined

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| 1971 | 36 |
| 1972 | 19 |
| 1973 | 23 |
| 1974 | 26 |
| 1975 | 33 |
| 1976 | 42 |
| 1977 | 41 |
| 1978 | 45 |
| 1979 | 63 |
| 1980 | 103 |
| 1981 | 90 |
| 1982 | 169 |
| 1983 | 257 |
| 1984 | 183 |
| 1985 | 322 |
| 1986 | 201 |
| 1987 | 201 |
| 1988 | 134 |
| 1989 | 107 |
| 1990 | 128 |
| 1991 | 173 |
| 1992 | 203 |
| 1993 | 214 |
| 1994 | 277 |
| 1995 | 213 |
| 1996 | 200 |
| 1997 | 248 |
| 1998 | 288 |
| 1999 | 194 |
| 2000 | 261 |
| 2001 | 287 |
| 2002 | 268 |
| 2003 | 278 |
| 2004 | 380 |
| 2005 | 489 |
| 2006 | 725 |

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:

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| Publications | Web Site | Awards Program |
| Chapter Meetings | Research Committees | National Convention |

In 2005, SABR published *The National Pastime #25*, *The Baseball Research Journal 2005*, and *Dominionball: Baseball Above the 49th*. Also on the publication schedule for 2005, but not completed by June 1, was *Deadball Stars of the American League*, a collective effort of SABR's Deadball Era Committee that hit quite a few hurdles late in the process.

The SABR web site continued to grow in functionality and use in 2005. In 2005, SABR added selected ProQuest Historical Newspapers that members could 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. In the past year, several new chapters were established.

SABR held its 35th annual membership gathering in August of 2005 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Over 460 members from around the world met at the Holiday Inn on King for several days of baseball research and fellowship. 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, 2005, to May 31, 2006, the SABR Research Library received 220 requests for copies of articles. These requests ranged from a single article to 100 or more. Most of the requests are generated by the list of newly added articles that appears in *The SABR Bulletin*; some come from something a non-member has seen on the SABR web site; and a few are directed to me from the SABR office.

Occasionally the backlog piles up, but I do my best to send out articles as quickly as I can given the other demands on my time. I hope that by the time SABR members read this report, the backlog will have been cleared up.

As I have written in almost all of my previous reports, the library, which resides in my house in Providence, R.I., continues to grow. The number of articles has topped 5,000. I continue to solicit texts from presenters at the convention and at regional meetings, and to scan the Internet for likely articles. Also, there is a core of SABR members, too numerous to mention, who keep me in mind when they spot published articles.

Though postage rates have risen again, I keep the cost of copying and mailing articles at 12 cents a page for 1 to 99 pages and 11 cents a page for 100 or more pages. Any deficit I make up out of my own pocket and through the generosity of SABR members who sometimes enclose a little extra in their remittance.

Len Levin

SABR Research Committees

Asian Baseball

2005 was a positive year for the Asian baseball committee. We grew to 56 members, but more importantly several people have volunteered to help with the newsletter. We now have “country heads” for Japan, Taiwan, China, and Korea. We also have a director for the 1934 MLB tour of Asia project- although there was no forward movement on the project. At the last annual meeting we spoke about possibly terminating the Asian committee. Based on our growth this year, I believe that the committee should stay in existence. Hopefully, the committee will continue to grow and members will become more active in the next few years

Rob Fitts, Chair

Ballparks Committee

There is some symmetry to the Committee’s report for the past year. Nearly twenty-five years ago the Ballparks Committee was founded as a result of a stirring presentation by Phil Lowry at the 1982 annual meeting in Towson, Maryland. Phil was briefing the attendees on his years of ballparks research which a few years later became the first edition of *Green Cathedrals*, a SABR publication.

In 2006, *Green Cathedrals* will be re-published with the assistance of many Committee members, and special thanks goes to Ron Selter whose untiring efforts have improved Phil’s already impressive research. The 1986 version of *Green Cathedrals* sparked a flurry of ballparks research projects, and it won’t surprise anyone if this new edition does the same.

The other big news since last year is the committee web site created and operated by the energetic Maury Brown. Photos, interviews, project summaries, news notes, and other ballparks material form the website’s content that is accessible to all.

The Committee also sponsored a panel session at SABR 35 on the topic of “Doomed or Domed” Stadiums.

Research requests covered the usual topics of older park locations, photo assistance, advice for students writing papers or advanced thesis topics, ballparks attendance and dimensions, and preservation/marker projects. It is especially gratifying to see the interest in marking old parks or the sites of parks not so forgotten.

Hundreds of articles were received for the committee files; hundreds of photos of major and minor league parks have been cataloged; and the list of ballparks books and other publications updated by David Mitchell.

Thanks to all who have contributed materials, expertise, and assistance for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Bluthardt, Chair

Baseball And The Armed Forces

On February 16, 2004, SABR’s Executive Board approved the formation of the SABR Research Committee, Baseball and the Armed Forces, whose mission is to research, compile and make available as much information as possible concerning the relationship between professional baseball and the armed forces.

For example, one high priority task which the Committee expects to undertake, is the building of a relational data base, linkable to other such data bases, as complete and as accurate as resources allow, of baseball personalities who either served in the Armed Forces and/or had their careers affected in some way by wartime or military service of themselves or others.

Specifically, this would include players, managers, coaches, umpires, scouts, administrators, broadcasters et al. of the Major Leagues, Minor Leagues, Negro, Hispanic and Japanese Leagues who served in the Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, Mexican Border War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, the Afghan War, both Gulf Wars, and all periods in between.

This Committee currently has 36 members (and counting). We have members dedicated to the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, KIA’s and 19th century research.

To date, our focus has been on building our data base of individuals linked to baseball and the military. Thus far, we have identified over 5,000 individuals (including minor leaguers) in this dataset.

We have posted an Excel file in the CMS area of SABR which is a composite of research done by individual members. In addition, the research of Walter Kephart, Frank Russo and Gary Bedingfield (not a SABR member) has been added and the Commissioner’s Lists of 1943 and 1945 are being processed.

The work of the committee was set back this year when the Chairman’s computer and website was vandalized. All files have been recovered, but the committee is currently under suspension for not producing newsletters or having annual meetings.

Ongoing projects include:

1. Post Original SABRVets file to CMS – done.
2. Post SABRVets I file to CMS – done.
3. Post SABRVets II file to CMS – will be done by Convention time.
4. Post SABRVets III file to CMS – may be done by Convention time.
 - A. Building of the disambiguation file – completed.
 - B. Assignment of retro and Lahman ID’s - methodology resolved - not much work to complete.

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C. Incorporate BioComm changes Newsletters to SABRVets BioComm file.

D. Processing of EGroup postings during my absence – 90% complete.

E. Posting of Walter Kephart's entries from *The Baseball Necrology* by Bill Lee- complete through the R's - 30 to go.

F. Establish format of CMS file as CSV with separate sections for the EXCEL worksheets - done.

G. Crosscheck Walter Kephart's file with main file.

H. Process RCN commingled records - a slow and tedious field-by-field, record-by-record process - quite a ways to go here - cancelled.

I. Mine Gary Bedingfield's new website.

J. Process hundreds of Emails in member filing cabinet that have been shoved aside "for now" - mostly this concerns non-players, minor leaguers, Negro Leaguers, Nippon players et al.

K. Mine Biographical Encyclopediae.

L. Mine the Historical Register.

M. Mine the eight Daguerreotypes.

N. Finish mining 90 years of Who's Who in Baseballs.

O. Finish mining 67 Baseball Registers.

P. Finish mining 22 years of Who's Who in the Major Leagues.

Q. Post Frank Russo's latest files on WW I and the Civil War - this will involve over 500 new entries.

R. Continue monitoring the Bullpen for additions.

S. Mine the 1943 & 1945 Commissioner's lists – mostly minor leaguers.

T. Reconstruct auricle.net with lists of Veterans by War and by Branch of Service.

U. Build file of Replacement Players.

V. Mine *The Baseball Necrology* by Bill Lee for all Military activity other than World War II - complete through the L's.

W. Mine "American Association Almanacs" by Rex Hamann.

X. Mine *Bury My Heart at Cooperstown* by Frank Russo.

Y. Mine thedeadballera.com.

RCN1- Build initial file – completed

RCN2- Process deaths in VA Hospitals and burials in National Cemeteries – completed.

RCN3- Crosscheck files against main SABRVets file.

WK1- Mine TSN at Proquest.com (1941-1960) for World War II.

WK2 – Mine *The Baseball Necrology* by Bill Lee for World war II – complete.

WK3 - Crosscheck files against main SABRVets file.

FR1 – Complete building Civil War file.

FR2 – Complete building Spanish American War File.

FR3 – Complete building World War I file.

FR4- Crosscheck files against main SABRVets file.

JK1 – Complete building Vietnam file – complete.

CS1 – Complete and distribute Newsletter I.

CS2 – Complete and distribute Newsletter 2.

Two newsletters are in the process of being written and will be distributed, coordinated with Releases of SABRVets files to CMS, hopefully before the Convention.

Annual meetings continue to be a problem. Most of the committee members are limited physically and/or financially and do not attend Conventions. Alternative methods such as teleconferencing or Chat Rooms are being investigated.

Projects that have been identified but not yet begun 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).

Ron Henry, Chair

26 May 2006

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, Hal King of the Houston Astros holds the Major League record for Most innings caught in a game, with 24. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Curtis Wilkerson had 484 at bats in 1984, or Cal McLish had a career won-lost record of 92-92.. 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

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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 Billy Gilbert, Mike Grady, Stuffie McInnis, Marty McManus, Bob Meusel, Bing Miller, Jim O'Rourke, Roger Peckinpaugh, Wally Pipp, Del Pratt, Earl Smith, Jim Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Elam Vanglider, Aaron Ward, and Buck Weaver.

We continue to be aware that 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. These disclosures 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. Nevertheless, record is 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.

Recently, Trent McCotter set up a Yahoo! eGroup, strictly for the Baseball Records Committee and its members and potential members. The purpose of the eGroup will be to: 1) Discuss happenings in the Records Committee (information on the convention, newsletters, etc.). 2) Provide a place for SABR members to send in, keep track of, seek assistance with, or inquire about possible errors in the historical record and also about various record-setting and record-tying achievements in Major League Baseball. Questions like, "What's the record for most passed balls in a season?" and "How many hits did Ty Cobb really have?" are examples of proper subjects for this group.

Much progress was made this past year on the committee's project, The SABR Book of Lists and Records and I want to thank all those who either contributed lists or fact checked those lists.

Lyle Spatz, Chairman

Joe Dittmar, Vice Chairman

Bibliography Committee

The Bibliography Committee's major project, The Baseball Index, completed its fourth year of Internet availability during the past year. The site, www.baseballindex.org, became available on the Internet on May 27, 2002. During the past year, the database moved past the 220,000-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. Usage continues to rise steadily as more people try it and find how useful for research it is. We have been receiving over 4,000 visits a month since last December. In May, we had risen to over 6,000 visits.

Our major problem with the project is the need for more volunteers to continue to expand the database.

The Index's inspiration and manager, Ted Hathaway, and Andy McCue, continue to oversee the project. Steve Milman and Brad Sullivan remain major contributors.

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 84 members working on a variety of projects in addition to TBI.

Our major change during the year was committee vice-chair Skip McAfee's decision to step down as newsletter editor, a role he had filled since 1988. Ron Kaplan stepped into the breach in January and has been bringing fresh ideas to the publication. 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 18th year of researching and editing 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 website. 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.

Andy McCue, Chair

Biographical Research Committee

Once again, the Biographical Research Committee had a very good year. New sources on the Internet have been very helpful and have given us new leads on several different players. We can only hope that at some point the state

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of Pennsylvania will allow some of their records to be put online. Pennsylvania allows no genealogical research into death records. Access to Pennsylvania records would enable us to find a lot of different players.

One of the most interesting players we found in the past year was Mike Kelly. Kelly was the most recent player for whom we had no biographical information. Kelly pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1926 and we discovered that he died in Modesto, California in 1982. The other post-1900 player we found was George McAvoy. This was made tougher by the fact that he changed his name to George Carey. He died in 1952 in Miami, Florida. We found two non-playing managers: Lou Phelan, manager of St. Louis in 1895, and James Price, manager of New York in 1884. Price previously had a death date listed, but it was wrong.

There were five other players for whom we had a death listed, but the death was for the wrong man. Ed Duffy had been listed as dying in 1889 in Brooklyn, but the ballplayer actually died in 1888 in Brooklyn. John Shearon had originally been listed as dying in 1923 in Bradford, Pennsylvania. He actually died in Chicago in 1932. Elmer Horton was not the man who died in Vienna, New York in 1920; he died in Newark, Ohio in 1918. Henry Austin did die in Amityville, New York, but not in 1895 as had been listed. He died in 1904. Ed Buckingham was not Edward Taylor Buckingham who died in Bristol, Connecticut, but Frederick Bristol Buckingham who died in Washington, D.C.

We also completely eliminated one ballplayer. Emil Michael Geis had been listed as pitching for Baltimore in 1882. This was actually William J. Geis. We had a player who played with Cleveland in 1872 known simply as Mullen. We discovered that this was Martin Mullen and that he died in Cleveland in 1915. Other players we found in the past year include William Rexter, John Ricks, Charles McCullough, Nate Kellogg, Patrick Sullivan, Ed Ford, Michael O'Rourke, Joel Wright, and Ed Harting (previously Ed Harding). We have several more that we believe to be found. We are just waiting for the appropriate documentation to tie the loose ends together.

As of this writing, there are only 307 ballplayers that are missing complete death information out of over 16,000 players. They are tough, but we keep plugging away. One of these days we may have all of them (except those who died in Pennsylvania).

Bill Carle, Chair

May 22, 2006

BioProject Committee

The 2006 convention marks the fourth 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 341 biographies posted on the site and another 740 assigned and in progress. In addition to the new bios, we also introduced a more flexible web-site this year, including a way to recognize the authors and editors. In the coming year we should be hosting the bios from the Green Mountain Boys of Summer and '75 (two regional projects), as well as the AL Deadball book. There are a couple of other Boston regional projects underway.

Lyle Spatz (Vice-Chair) is in charge of maintaining and organizing our list of subjects and authors. Jan Finkel (Vice-Chair) heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products. There are another 20 biographies in the editorial pipeline.

With membership currently at 328, the BioProject Committee looks forward to an even more productive fifth year.

Mark Armour, Chair

May 26, 2006

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*.

Gary Gillette and Maury Brown continued as Co-Chairs of the committee in the past year as John Ruoff, editor of *Outside the Lines*, was added as a third co-chair. Don Coffin holds the vice-chair position.

The Business of Baseball committee continued to publish interviews with major figures in the world of baseball and broadcasting. Interviews conducted over the course of the last year include former commissioner Fay Vincent; president of the Mariners, Chuck Armstrong; president of the Marlins, David Samson; Fox Sports broadcaster and analyst, Steve Lyons; primary architect of HOK, Earl Santee; new president and co-owner of the Nationals, Stan Kasten; and, most recently, Dick Moss, agent and former general counsel of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

The committee also continued to publish more documents and data for researchers on the committee Website at <http://www.BusinessofBaseball.com>. Marginal Wins/Marginal Payrolls data for the 2004 and 2005 seasons were added to the site in the past year.

Outside the Lines continued to publish high quality research on the business of baseball, including Michael Hauptert's comparative study of Yankee finances in the periods 1914-1943 and 1985-2004. Other contributors included Gary Gillette, Maury Brown, Yoshihiro Koda, and Vince Gennero. The committee has begun assembling a team of reviewers to enhance further the quality of its publications.

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In July 2005, the committee published Version 1 of its groundbreaking General Managers Project, which is an ongoing effort to compile a complete, chronological list of all general managers in major league history. An updated version of the GM Project was published in December. Work continues on the project, mostly to confirm the exact start and end dates and the official titles of older general managers as well as to identify executives serving as de facto and interim GMs.

Version 3 of the GM Project, updated through the start of the 2006 season, will be released at the SABR convention in Seattle. A complete, chronological list of all major league club presidents in baseball history—an offshoot of the GM Project—will also be released at that time.

The committee's discussion group <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/BusinessofBaseball/> has a regular diet of lively discussion on business of baseball topics. The discussion group was limited to SABR Business of Baseball committee members this year as committee membership increased from 287 on August 1, 2005, to 317 at the end of May 2006.

Submitted by the committee co-chairs:

Maury Brown

Gary Gillette

John Ruoff

Collegiate Baseball Committee

No report at presstime.

Deadball Era Committee

Now in its sixth year of existence, the Deadball Era Committee continues to grow each year while fulfilling its mission of researching and chronicling baseball history from 1901 through 1919. Over the past year, the Deadball Era Committee has added 12 members and now boasts a membership of exactly 250 people. All but nine of these members are also subscribers to the DEC's e-mail list. The DEC members and editor David Jones have spent the past year putting the finishing touches on the committee's second major publication, *Deadball Stars of the American League*, which will be published in summer 2006. This is the companion volume to *Deadball Stars of the National League*, which was published in 2004.

Ninety-one different committee members wrote the 136 biographies that comprise *Deadball Stars of the American League*. David Jones served as editor for the project, with Eric Enders heading up an intensive fact-checking effort. The book's layout was done by Glenn LeDoux, who also did an exemplary job designing the first volume. *Deadball Stars of the American League* will be published in the same style as its predecessor, with photos accompanying each

biography, as well as facsimile signatures where possible. The committee has obtained signatures for 125 of the book's 136 subjects, including hard-to-find examples such as Ray Chapman. 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). The book also features a foreword penned by SABR member Keith Olbermann. It is our hope that *Deadball Stars of the American League* will rank as one of the most interesting, accurate, and handsome publications in SABR annals, and will do the organization proud.

In other news, DEC chairman David Jones has announced that 2006-07 will be his final year as chairman of the Committee, as he prepares to relocate to the Southern African nation of Namibia in pursuit of his Ph.D. in African history. Since becoming DEC chair, Jones has served the Committee tirelessly and often thanklessly. We salute him for his efforts, congratulate him on an outstanding job editing *Deadball Stars of the American League*, and wish him well in his future endeavors, which we hope will still include significant involvement in the DEC. Meanwhile, Eric Enders continues to serve the Committee as vice chair. Charles Crawley and John McMurray serve as editor and assistant editor, respectively, of the Committee's outstanding newsletter, *The Inside Game*, with Dan Desrochers distributing the newsletter to members. Paul Wendt and Scott Cowan have continued capably in their respective capacities as editor of the Committee web page and manager of the e-list.

Having now concluded several years of intensive work on *Deadball Stars of the American League*, the DEC is contemplating the Committee's future direction. With a large and enthusiastic membership, and two major books under our belt in five years, the Deadball Era Committee appears to have a very bright future. Our members are eager to continue investigating and writing on issues related to the Deadball Era, although it remains to be seen what direction these efforts will take as far as publishing. Committee members have come up with various ideas for a third DEC publication, and now that our second publication is completed, we can begin discussing these ideas in earnest. Whatever lies in store for the Deadball Era Committee, however, the Committee members remain committed to fulfilling its mission and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein which characterizes both our Committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Enders, Vice Chairman, June 11, 2006

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Latin America Committee

The committee has undergone several changes this past year, seeking to create a more vibrant and robust arm of SABR's research collective.

To that end, we are reaching out to old members to reactivate their membership and participation in SABR and the Latino baseball committee. To increase new members outside the United States, we will welcome SABR's newest chapter in Puerto Rico, The Orlando Cepeda chapter, which will add much depth to SABR and the Latin American committee. Also we invite members of other related Committees, such as the Negro, Asians in baseball and Minor Leagues committees, to join us and work together.

Moving forward, 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 historical photographs and related illustrations. The anthology would be a first of its kind, as SABR looks to include the book in a future publication cycle.

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

This year, Edwin Fernández and Henry Martínó, authors of the book JONRON, will present the most productive 100 Latino Players of all time. Also, we will examine the impact of Latinos in Seattle. From Diego Seguí to Félix Hernández, each has made a significant contribution to the city of Seattle and the Mariners and Pilots baseball club.

The future of beisbol is looking more Latino than ever. Please join us in support of the Latino baseball committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Eduardo Valero, Chair (deceased shortly after report submitted)

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

Edwin Fernandez, Co-vice chair

Minor Leagues Committee

Committee members responded to many enquiries from SABR members, press and media personnel, and the general public during the past year

Members research include the history of major-minor league affiliations, the longest (in time and length) double-headers, and statistics for players with very limited time in organized baseball

Specialized league histories, as with the American Association, Pacific Coast League, Florida State League, Midwest league and others are being produced. Also, a number of individual teams' histories have been done; a number of which appear through Arcadia publishers.

The committee, through Bob McConnell, is promoting

an additional edition of Minor League Stars. An additional publication would include the statistics of players cited in the three previous books, plus the fourth edition.

The revised edition of the Encyclopedia of Minor league Baseball is nearing completion.

The committee is including the Independent Leagues in its discussions and the newsletter.

The committee provided three newsletters during the year.

A message was sent to 180 Committee Members and 800+ Potential Members on April 19, 2006 announcing the creation of the Minor League Committee Yahoogroup. In the first five weeks, 110 have subscribed, including over 30 who have gone from "Potential Members" to Full Members. There have been 133 posts, many with substantial research value.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Schleppe, Chair

Music & Poetry Committee

The poetry wing of SABR's Music & Poetry Committee has, over the past nine months, gathered together a substantial number of poetic works - many of them truly are masterpieces - of the deadball era. To date, there are more than 1500 poems placed into categories including specific players, ballplayers in general, fans and rooters, the "fair sex," umpires, parodies of classic poems, parodies and take-offs of Casey at the Bat, the Hot Stove League, Managers & Magnates, Kids, spring training, opening day, World's Series, end of season, war time, bushers, and.....much, much, more! When given the idea to look into researching dead ball era poetry, a vast amount of poems were found in such publications as Sporting Life and The Sporting News as well as numerous other newspapers and books, and 1500 is just the tip of the iceberg. That is not to say that before 1900, or after 1920 there are no baseball poems - quite the contrary - but for now, one need only concentrate on a span of time that can truly be called the Golden Age of Baseball Poetry. And so, if you find yourself in need of something to wax poetic over - opening day, a pennant race, or the World's Series, just drop us a line, we can accommodate.

The music wing of SABR's Music & Poetry Committee has continued to collect a wide variety of baseball songs, both obscure and popular. The most recent and interesting addition to the song archive is a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" by Bob Dylan. The rendition was from Dylan's XM radio show, which he recently did a baseball-themed show. He talk sings the lost verses and sings the popular verse a cappella. The Committee also continues to add its list of players who are musicians. Here are a few recent additions: Jimmy Rollins (rap), Ben Broussard (singer/songwriter/rock), Barry Zito (guitar), and Bernie Williams (guitar).

JoAnne Hulbert & Jeff Campbell, Chairs

Negro Leagues Committee

The Negro Leagues Committee was one of the original SABR Research Committees formed in 1971. There are currently 55 members within the NLC's rolls. The newsletter goes out to more than 650 interested readers. Eight more Negro Leaguers passed in the last twelve months. We also mourn the death of Robert Peterson, author of *ONLY THE BALL WAS WHITE*.

The NLC celebrated many successes among them were the following:

1. The 8th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference was held in Chicago. Minnie Minoso and Double Duty Radcliffe highlighted the player panels. Eddie Bedford, Leslie Heaphy, and Ike Brooks did a terrific job putting on the Conference.

2. New books on the subject where:

- a. *Barnstorming To Heaven*
- b. *Twilight Of The Long Ball Gods*
- c. *Who's Better Who's Best*
- d. *Shades Of Glory*

3. An additional three books contained Negro League related material.

4. The John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Celebration was another success as was The Judy Johnson Night annual celebration.

5. There were twelve other events, exhibits, honorings, and presentations, including ones in Harrisburg, PA, Detroit, Milwaukee, plus All-Star events in Detroit, among them the Nike Night.

6. Continued progress was made on The Grave-Marker Project led by Jeremy Krock.

7. Robert Peterson Awards were given to Wayne Stivers, Jeremy Krock, Joe Mitchell, and Gregg Truitt

8. Larry Lester's poster presentation on the East-West All-Star Game won the top prize at the National Convention in Toronto.

9. Four of our NLC members were involved in the screening process for the Hall Of Fame Special Election on Negro Leaguers. 97 candidates were reduced to 39 potential electees.

10. Nine NLC members were on the Voting Committee to select new inductees. Seventeen new inductees were elected during this process. Cum Posey, J.L. Wilkinson, Effa Manley, Alejandro Pompey, Sol White, Ben Taylor, Jose Mendez, Pete Hill, Louis Santop, Frank Grant, Cristobel Torriente, Jud Wilson, Biz Mackey, Andy Cooper, Ray Brown, Mule Suttles, and Willard Brown were the selections.

We look forward to the 9th Jerry Malloy Conference in Kansas City, this July and to the future publication of an encyclopedic volume of statistics on the Negro Leagues.

Dick Clark, Chair
Larry Lester, Vice-Chair

Nineteenth Century Committee

John Thorn and Mark Rucker proposed the **Nineteenth Century Committee** (19c Cmte) in a September 1982 letter "To Whom It May Concern." 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." We are chiefly an interest group and "serious interest in 19c baseball" is the only requirement for membership.

This year's reporting period is 11 months, July to May, but the numerical snapshot is prior to the Society's purge of lapsed members at end May, generally overstating the reality for any SABR year by something less than 10%. "Members" unqualified means the research committee in contrast to the society ("SABRen") and the egroup ("subscribers").

We have 405 members and 643 "potential members" who checked off interest in the 19c Cmte or listed some 19c baseball interest/expertise. That is more than 5% and 9% of SABR, jointly about one-seventh. 93% of members and 82% of potentials list email addresses; policy is one cause of that difference as I add all new subscribers to the membership roll. I write to all new potential members, welcoming them in about six annual batches by email and two by paper. There is a round of conversation, rarely by voice, with almost everyone who responds.

We have 245 subscribers including 211 members, 3 who have dropped from the Cmte while remaining in 19cBB, and 31 non-SABRen (some intermittent). Only about five of nine members belong to 19cBB; more than three use email but decline to join. Vice Chair Fred Ivor-Campbell and I *urge everyone with serious interest in 19c baseball to try subscription*

Egroup **19cBB** is five years old this month, a mutual distribution email list with a web archive. It is a medium for its subscribers to ask and answer particular questions, to discuss matters of broad historical interpretation, and to announce or review events, books, websites, and so on. My contributions include coverage of "Resources" as in that section of the newsletter. There is also some business such as what projects to undertake, and how (expect more of that). The 200-odd subscribers exchange 50-150 items monthly, perhaps 40 to 120 if "thank you" and other private tidbits are ignored.

Website **19th Century Resources** is available via the directory of research committees ("Research" at sabr.org), a route that should be easy at public libraries and should be permanent. It publishes original research and documents, holds exhibits for email reference on 19cBB and SABR-L, covers official projects completed, promotes other projects a little, maintains a publication record for the *19c Notes* with some guide to its contents, and now archives *19c Notes* from 2001. Some baseball content will interest general visitors.

Three issues of *Nineteenth Century Notes* summing 42 pages were distributed this year, numbers 2004:2 and

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2005:1-2 (but only five constituting volumes 2003-2005 in two calendar years, or three calendar years). Number 2006:1 will follow in June.

Nineteenth Century Notes needs you. Beside feature articles and book reviews, items on 1856 will be especially welcome this year—not only long articles but tidbits. Some members hope to read more of those “Help Wanted” items that reveal what others are working on. In your own interest, Help Wanted reaches a group of distinct people as large as 19cBB reaches.

We need someone who will simply but regularly cover 19cBB itself as an editor who selects and prepares occasional email articles for reprint. Other volunteers are solicited, such as journalists who each cover the web in some fashion.

SABR pays for print distribution of the newsletter, now fewer than 40 copies of each number. It also reimburses the reasonable cost of Committee business including distribution of research materials and review copies but not the cost of research or books. Having unlimited domestic phone service for six months I have reasonably used the phone more

We have a small fund replenished by donations to cover the cost of distributing small “finished” items: the fruit of our official projects, now chiefly the 1995-1996 summary reports of the NA project; unpublished works by others, now chiefly game and player data for IA/NA 1877-1880; and clippings from print publication, now few. The order of magnitude is \$20 in one year. Suitable unpublished works and clippings are welcome for listing in the newsletter.

We undertook six large projects in the 1980s and 1990s; three were completed and three languished, of which Pre-1871 Rosters was abandoned. Projects on the (major) American Association, on (playing) Rules and Practices, and on Early Baseball Music (new in 2004) languish today. See the website and newsletter, especially the first number in each volume from 2004.

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. The famous work on major league playing records, player biographical data, and player images by SABR’s Baseball Records, Biographical Research, and Pictorial History Committees is at the mature stage of slowly filling gaps and correcting errors. But it is time to learn the lay of the land in the Spring Training, Collegiate, and Negro Leagues fields, and that requires basic data-gathering: which clubs played where, against whom, with what outcome?

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

Beside the bibliography projects that I have suggested here and elsewhere in the past, covering print and internet

articles, basic data-gathering on clubs, writers, and newspaper coverage seems past due.

Paul Wendt, Chair

June 2006

Oral History Committee

This report covers the period from June 8, 2005 thru May 2, 2006.

Some of our new interviews include Boo Ferris; Wally Berger; Earl Santee (HOK architect); Alvin Dark, Ron Reed, and Dick Williams; Memo Luna (Mexican League pitcher); Gloria (Elliott) Cordes; (All-American Girls Baseball); Buck O’Neil; Preacher Roe; George Solomon (Sports Editor of the *Washington Post*); Carl Erskine; and Ernie Fazio.

Jim Sanders and Bill Nowlin have made many transcripts of their interviews available. Speaking of transcripts, Tom Hetrick is doing a fantastic job transcribing many of our older tapes (using a special machine). And Matt Doublestein has spent many hours converting our tapes to compact disks.

On a personal note: I plan to step down as Chairman of the Oral History Committee during the next 12 months. I will still continue to serve on the committee as a member. My successor will be Ed Attanasio. Ed has submitted many excellent interviews over the years and I’m confident that he will do a superb job as chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

David Paulson, Chair

Origins

A number of research challenges are posed by the transition/creation of SABR’s UK/Europe Committee into the wider remit of the Origins Committee. One – and let us face this dilemma immediately – is the very name of our Society. If a single salient fact has emerged from the most recent research into the origins of baseball it is that we are dealing with a sporting phenomenon that overlaps and transcends national and ethnic borders and boundaries. As Major League Baseball has recognized in its creation of MLB I as an international marketing and cooperative outreach entity, we in SABR must necessarily engage for our purposes with sources that are not American, nor yet, in many cases, English-speaking. One overriding lesson to be learned from our distinguished Committee member David Block’s to-date definitive work, *Baseball Before We Knew It*, is that in order to fully understand the origins of our game we must recognize and deal with the universality of its historical manifestations. It is not here suggested that the name of the Society be changed to SIBR, SAIBR, SAUBR or any other inane variation of the original acronym. However, it will be vital to the intended work of the Origins Committee that we recognize – as MLB does in the work of MLB I – that in many instances we will operate

in an international and multilingual context.

Among the first initiatives of the Origins Committee has been the organizing of an internet website as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information. One use of this facility would be to research, make contact with and invite participation by and suggestions from the following possible contributors to our purposes:

- The International Amateur Baseball Federation
- The national baseball governing bodies of as many countries that can be identified – especially those in Europe and Scandinavia
- Association of sports historians – both those informed by accredited academic scholars and by freelance professional and amateur enthusiasts.

Of course the website should not be regarded as the only method of broadening the Origins Committee's range of research sources and contacts. All existing relationships, both those of individuals and of groups, should be examined and, where possible, extended. In conclusion, like those who are working to make the playing and appreciation of baseball truly global, we need to cast our net widely.

Mike Ross, Chair

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 95% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of about 25,000 records describing image sources for over 15,700 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 remained uncatalogued into the Player Image Index because we had not yet found sources of photo images for them. As of early May, 2004, there were about 1,000 players on our Missing Players List. As of mid-May, 2005, there were about 875 players on our Missing Players list. As of mid-May, 2006, only about 740 players remained missing. 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-2006 has been a period of broadening participation in the development of the Player Image

Index. Over 100 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, and Bob Richardson.

During the past year, the Player Image Index was placed into the SABR Encyclopedia portion of the SABR website. A user simply needs to visit a particular player's entry in the Encyclopedia and then click on "Pictures" to access descriptions of where images have been found for that player. We are appreciative of F.X. Flinn's help in incorporating the Player Image Index into the SABR Encyclopedia.

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. Paul Healey, the project manager, has continued to move the project forward over the past twelve months.

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.

In the spring of 2006, we started another large project. We reached agreement with the staff of the Library of Congress that we would help them in making the captions of the baseball photos in the online Bain Collection more accurate. As an initial step, we reviewed all 41,000+ photos in the Bain Collection to develop an inventory of those related to baseball. We found 2,300+ photos which are linked to baseball in some way. All of these baseball photos have been assigned to committee members for a second level of review and the confirmation of the player identities, uniforms worn, and approximate year the photo was taken. We expect to complete this project well before the end of calendar year 2006. Credit goes to Tom Shieber and Marc Okkonen for the impetus to begin this project.

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

Bill Hickman, Chair

Cary Smith, Vice-Chair

Science and Baseball Committee

The SABR Science and Baseball Committee has been relatively inactive over the past year. Our quarterly newsletter, *The Rising Fastball*, has not appeared since Fall 2004. The chair of the committee, Ken Heard, resigned in Spring 2006 due to lack of time. The vice-chair, Alan Nathan, has temporarily taken over as chair. The committee's web site,

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http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/SABR_Baseball_Science/, continues to attract new members as well as various messages throughout the year on issues related to the science of baseball. We are pleased to announce that two of our members, Alan Nathan and Dave Baldwin, will make oral presentations at the upcoming SABR36 Convention in Seattle.

Also, we expect a lively committee meeting in Seattle, with half the time devoted to a presentation by former MLB Cy Young winner Dr. Mike Marshall and the other half devoted to a scientific discussion of the effect of steroids on home run production.

Alan Nathan, Chair

Spring Training

The Spring Training Committee has enjoyed yet another fine year. We are now up to 90 members and our growth has steady continued throughout our history. We were greatly pleased this past year when Rod Nelson, who has been working closely with our committee, was named as SABR Research Director. The Congratulations goes out to Rod from every member of our committee. Our projects have continued to make progress, however none of our projects are close to their completion. We are continuing to work with some of the other committees on trying to set up joint projects.

Faithfully Submitted,

Kevin M. Saldana, Chair

June 5, 2005

Scouts Committee

The SABR Scouts Committee marks the 2006 Annual Convention as an exciting time with longstanding member Tracy Ringolsby of *Baseball America* and *The Rocky Mountain News* on hand to address SABR36 attendees before receiving the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in Cooperstown this July. Committee members are also encouraged by the inclusion of former Negro League executive and pioneering Latin American scout Alex Pompey in this year's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

The Scouts Committee recognizes the contributions to the scouting community of Seattle Mariners Scouting Director Bob Fontaine, Jr. with the presentation of the Roland Hemond Award. Mr. Fontaine was instrumental in the development of a scouts exhibit with Bill Guilfoyle of the National Baseball Museum over twenty years ago.

The ongoing work of the committee is primarily two projects which are 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.

"The Who-Signed-Whom Database" is integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia on the

www.sabr.org web site with technical assistance provided by F.X. Flinn and Daniel Levine of the SABR Internet Committee and ongoing fact-checking by Bill Hickman and Clifford Blau. The information is accessed from the SCOUTING tab of each player page can be 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 are reviewed by the chairs on a same-day basis. In addition, data for players debuting in 2005-2006 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 to be integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia in the coming year. The dataset includes a listing of scouts by organization, by year with title and territory when known. The primary sources for this information are the annual *Sporting News* Guides and data originally compiled from early *Baseball Bluebooks* by SABR stalwart Frank Phelps. The committee also corresponds with current and former scouts to verify details of their professional scouting careers.

The chairs periodically respond to research requests from fellow SABR members and the baseball media.

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 SABR's *Deadball Era Stars* volumes utilizing the style guide developed by the BioProject Committee (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>). The chairs are seeking a project leader and individual authors and are committed to provide research assistance while past committee chairman Bill Clark offers his insight and editorial support. The committee also welcomes research requests and contributions to the newsletter.

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@yahoogroups.com.

Rod Nelson, Co-Chair (rnelson@sabr.org)

Jim Sandoval, Co-Chair (CAsandman@aol.com)

Statistical Analysis Committee

The Statistical Analysis Committee is one of SABR's oldest research committees. Founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer (both still active members) to encourage the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data, the SAC has become SABR's largest committee with 433 full members. Statistical Analysis Committee members propose and test statistical models and evaluation techniques, with the aim of describing and

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analyzing the existing record of baseball data and developing models to study potential futures for the game. The SAC strongly emphasizes the importance of peer review as an essential component of high quality research.

Under editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC's newsletter *By The Numbers* offers members the opportunity to present research and participate in critical discussion. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in creating the major preseason annual analytic publications. The value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR, both inside the baseball community and in the media. Additional major-newspaper columns, e.g. in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, have joined the *Seattle Times* column mentioned in last year's SAC report.

Last year, we started the *StatisticalAnalysis* Yahoo Group, an email list open exclusively to committee members, which continues to be an important forum for discussion by SAC members. Nearly half of us subscribe to it, reading an average of about 50 messages per month. Between the email list, the committee's webspace – currently at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com/>, but likely to move into the [SABR.org](http://www.sabr.org) domain in the near future – and efforts to develop a sabermetrics wiki, the Statistical Analysis Committee's cyber-presence is strong and well-established.

We continue working to raise our visibility in the general SABR community, and encourage SAC members to contribute manuscripts to the *Baseball Research Journal*. We also urge members to consider making proposals for financial support of their research projects under the continuing Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant program.

Neal Traven, Co-Chair

Clem Comly, Co-Chair

Umpire and Rules Committee

Note the following highlights for The Umpire and Rules Committee:

1. A Vice-Chairman has been successfully found, Reid Duffy assuming this position.

2. In collaboration with Retrosheet and David Vincent, we are continuing the process of the compilation of a daily log of umpires for all ML games, which are being posted on the Retrosheet site. The 20th century should be completed by the June 30, 2006.

3. The following research projects are ongoing by our members:

A. Ted DiTullio is working on Playoff Stats;

B. John Schwartz is working on compiling 19th Century umpires;

C. Neil Raymond in conjunction with his project on the Montreal Royals is compiling a list of IL and EL umpires that worked in the Royals years;

D. The launch of a new project to enhance the

Pappas Database of Ejections is expected in late 2006. Richard Carletti will head up that project;

E. Maintenance of the Umpire and Rules Committee Yahoo Group site.

Richard Carletti, Chair

Women in Baseball Committee

At the annual meeting in 2005 we kicked off the new year by hearing from a number of our members who have been busy writing and we were treated to a panel with current players and umpires.

This past year has continued to see the interest in women's baseball grow. The committee continues to publish a newsletter 4 times year and encourages members to send in materials for our archives. Materials are sent to the Hall of Fame for their records and a lot of time is spent answering questions and requests, mainly from students working on research projects of varying sorts.

John Kovach published a pictorial work on women's baseball, Jean Ardell has continued to tour and promote her book *Breaking Barriers* and Carolyn Trombe's book continues to be available. Merrie Fidler's work on the AAGPBL is due out soon as is the *Encyclopedia*.

The committee continues to stay in touch with the AAGPBL Player's Association and other current baseball organizations to receive all pertinent news about women's baseball events.

Submitted by

Leslie Heaphy and Claudia Perry, Co-chairs

Chapter Development Committee Report

There have been five new chapters formed in the past year . They are:

- the Orlando Cepeda Chapter in San Juan, Puerto Rico (chair: Edwin Fernandez-Cruz)
- the Ford/Harrelson Chapter, serving Long Island, NY (chair: Douglas Jacobs)
- Orator Jim O'Rourke Chapter, serving southwestern Connecticut (chair: Rob Sullivan)
- Rogers Hornsby Chapter, based in Austin TX (chair: Bill Gilbert)
- New Jersey Chapter, based in...New Jersey! (chair: Sam Bernstein)

The two chapters formed in the previous year (the Connecticut Chapter and the chapitre SABR-Québec) have both been quite active. The Connecticut chapter is now known as the Smoky Joe Wood Chapter.

Many chapters are becoming more active in disseminating research, chief among them SABRBoston, with a book of biographies of the 1975 Red Sox published by Rounders Books.

Bill Nowlin, Vice-President

Internet Committee Report

Overview

The 2005 membership year witnessed few substantive changes in SABR's online presence. The SABR-L continued to function smoothly and several new volunteer moderators were trained and put to work. SABR continued to take on member-created web sites continued efforts to promote the use of SABRs online tools, seeing great success in the adoption of the contact tools as a way to distribute newsletters. The structure of a web-centric organization is in place but it is proving difficult to get volunteers to fully exploit the power of what has been enabled.

The biggest success of the committee involved the question of digitizing *The Sporting Life*. The digitization subcommittee led by Jon Frankel scoped out the project in sufficient detail that the Hall of Fame, the Amateur Athletic Foundation of LA, and SABR were able to develop a joint project which will result in the full digitization from the originals starting in 2006.

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 so-

phisticated copier/printer/fax/scanner has reduced overall expenses while providing LAN-based scanning for the staff.

In late 2005 a project to deploy "hot backup" servers in the Cleveland office was started. This will enable SABR to guarantee a quick restoration of service in the event our main hosting site goes offline.

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 2005 have been converted to a SQL-server table and reconciled with the membership system have been added to the members-only web site and are searchable as individual messages.

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 still has not been added. Staff time constraints make this a low priority.

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, and upgrades to this are being made so that new members are activated in real time.

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).

Research Tools

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 Consitution. SABR continues to work with ProQuest on additional selections and has a standing request for papers of the pre-expansion MLB cities. Regrettably it appears this benefit will be lost at the end of 2006.

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 we have reached an agreement with Pete Palmer to use his player performance data instead and this material will be deployed once the hot backup servers are in place.

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With the encyclopedia deployed, research committees such as Scouts and Pictorial have had their holdings converted 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 system. The barrier is not the tool, it is instead the more the time consuming nature of preparing and organizing material for the web. As with any authoring task, there are

Use of the SABR Web Site, January 2004 -- May 2006

| | Bandwidth, Gb | Hits | Visits | Google Referrals | Most Hits | Fewest Hits | Most Visits | Fewest Visits | Page Views per Visit | Downloads |
|--------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Jan-04 | 3.97 | 621,196 | 72,673 | 2,439 | 27,994 | 11,064 | 3,409 | 1,654 | 1.28 | |
| Feb-04 | 3.64 | 597,934 | 67,647 | 2,635 | 30,807 | 12,834 | 3,075 | 1,557 | 1.26 | |
| Mar-04 | 4.2 | 688,108 | 74,436 | 3,335 | 36,280 | 13,761 | 3,256 | 1,557 | 1.27 | |
| Apr-04 | 4.45 | 675,484 | 78,986 | 3,397 | 39,536 | 12,011 | 3,390 | 1,684 | 1.12 | |
| May-04 | 4.79 | 782,068 | 85,925 | 3,941 | 59,846 | 13,066 | 4,402 | 1,628 | 1.12 | |
| Jun-04 | 3.53 | 598,630 | 58,462 | 3,194 | 27,559 | 10,361 | 2,487 | 1,245 | 1.35 | |
| Jul-04 | 4.31 | 643,201 | 56,672 | 3,134 | 34,502 | 10,957 | 2,923 | 1,357 | 1.59 | 3,972 |
| Aug-04 | 4.56 | 608,962 | 64,953 | 2,821 | 33,413 | 12,754 | 2,797 | 1,554 | 1.54 | 5,050 |
| Sep-04 | 5.4 | 613,479 | 67,081 | 3,402 | 44,353 | 11,480 | 4,388 | 1,440 | 1.52 | 4,821 |
| Oct-04 | 3.85 | 506,244 | 67,204 | 2,976 | 31,166 | 13,026 | 4,089 | 1,767 | 1.22 | 3,731 |
| Nov-04 | 6.06 | 634,947 | 68,251 | 2,675 | 28,739 | 14,228 | 2,925 | 1,559 | 1.64 | 4,956 |
| Dec-04 | 7.51 | 566,404 | 71,062 | 2,001 | 24,768 | 9,282 | 3,074 | 1,352 | 1.52 | 5,168 |
| Jan-05 | 11.47 | 753,905 | 82,222 | 2,906 | 40,119 | 14,530 | 4,499 | 1,700 | 1.64 | 8,211 |
| Feb-05 | 11.19 | 713,403 | 69,335 | 3,312 | 41,823 | 14,867 | 3,745 | 1,726 | 2.3 | 6,678 |
| Mar-05 | 11.93 | 939,917 | 95,205 | 3,892 | 123,255 | 15,577 | 6,387 | 1,840 | 1.64 | 9,699 |
| Apr-05 | 4.08 | 757,771 | 76,428 | 1,489 | 57,635 | 0 | 4,473 | 0 | 1.59 | 14,677 |
| May-05 | 5.59 | 744,943 | 92,339 | 2,222 | 31,570 | 14,879 | 4,209 | 1,936 | 1.19 | 14,383 |
| Jun-05 | 7.93 | 712,609 | 96,055 | 2,241 | 30,884 | 14,731 | 4,151 | 2,331 | 1.41 | 11,394 |
| Jul-05 | 8.68 | 737,671 | 110,017 | 1,985 | 35,486 | 15,295 | 4,326 | 2,410 | 1.35 | 11,190 |
| Aug-05 | 10.03 | 926,525 | 118,237 | 2,864 | 114,354 | 15,160 | 14,177 | 2,044 | 1.42 | 14,689 |
| Sep-05 | 11 | 903,721 | 108,904 | 2,681 | 169,941 | 13,571 | 9,291 | 1,941 | 1.28 | 10,098 |
| Oct-05 | 8.02 | 775,224 | 117,378 | 3,042 | 32,383 | 15,947 | 4,808 | 2,925 | 1.36 | 11,586 |
| Nov-05 | 11.11 | 739,736 | 97,195 | 2,684 | 65,449 | 15,669 | 9,719 | 2,259 | 1.49 | 13,137 |
| Dec-05 | 10.3 | 660,028 | 90,499 | 2,301 | 40,936 | 9,783 | 5,134 | 2,088 | 1.55 | 13,616 |
| Jan-06 | 12.23 | 788,482 | 109,051 | 2,918 | 58,177 | 14,545 | 6,822 | 2,636 | 1.49 | 14,147 |
| Feb-06 | 13.23 | 755,745 | 104,459 | 2,885 | 43,330 | 17,617 | 5,665 | 2,496 | 1.51 | 13,125 |
| Mar-06 | 16.48 | 1,022,549 | 198,221 | 3,354 | 75,104 | 23,676 | 15,152 | 4,247 | 1.39 | 23,251 |
| Apr-06 | 13.3 | 914,422 | 161,996 | 3,156 | 59,866 | 20,490 | 11,779 | 3,855 | 1.42 | 15,609 |
| May-06 | 17.59 | 1,546,647 | 178,286 | 3,648 | 351,633 | 21,801 | 7,365 | 3,823 | 4.04 | 15,806 |

The SABR web site (www.sabr.org) saw more traffic in the past 12 months than the 12 months prior. Total number of hits were up 22.9% (10,483,359 vs. 8,081,806) and total number of visits were up 41.675% (1,490,298 vs. 869,214). Bandwidth used was up the most in this comparison, increasing by 43.19% (139.9 Gb vs. 79.48 Gb), showing the increased use and offerings of the site.

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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

June 12, 2006

Use of ProQuest Historical Newspapers and HeritageQuest, June 2004 - May 2006

| | HeritageQuest Users | Avg # of uses | Median # of uses | Pro Quest Users | Avg # of uses | Median # of uses | Times any Resource Used |
|--------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Jun-04 | 209 | 3.9 | 1 | 472 | 9.72 | 4 | 5,402 |
| Jul-04 | 197 | 3.66 | 1 | 518 | 8.83 | 4 | 5,297 |
| Aug-04 | 216 | 4 | 2 | 550 | 9.86 | 4 | 6,296 |
| Sep-04 | 179 | 3.39 | 1 | 510 | 10.55 | 4 | 5,987 |
| Oct-04 | 187 | 3.06 | 1 | 522 | 9.26 | 4 | 5,408 |
| Nov-04 | 202 | 3.18 | 2 | 570 | 9.99 | 4 | 6,339 |
| Dec-04 | 196 | 3.13 | 1 | 566 | 10.71 | 4 | 6,678 |
| Jan-05 | 249 | 2.77 | 1 | 707 | 11.36 | 4 | 8,979 |
| Feb-05 | 212 | 3.11 | 2 | 680 | 10.96 | 4 | 7,911 |
| Mar-05 | 199 | 2.45 | 1 | 646 | 11.42 | 4 | 7,562 |
| Apr-05 | 144 | 2.77 | 1 | 586 | 10.62 | 4 | 6,402 |
| May-05 | 185 | 2.76 | 1 | 645 | 12.21 | 4 | 8,126 |
| Jun-05 | 165 | 3.2 | 1 | 628 | 12.48 | 4 | 8,132 |
| Jul-05 | 177 | 2.98 | 1 | 634 | 11.86 | 5 | 7,777 |
| Aug-05 | 192 | 2.55 | 1 | 648 | 11.84 | 5 | 7,952 |
| Sep-05 | 191 | 3.55 | 1 | 710 | 11.09 | 4 | 8,301 |
| Oct-05 | 190 | 2.85 | 1 | 680 | 10.93 | 4 | 7,973 |
| Nov-05 | 209 | 2.96 | 1 | 712 | 10.82 | 5 | 8,322 |
| Dec-05 | 228 | 2.77 | 1 | 765 | 11.51 | 5 | 9,439 |
| Jan-06 | 228 | 3.29 | 2 | 841 | 11.83 | 5 | 10,696 |
| Feb-06 | 228 | 3.04 | 1 | 815 | 11.71 | 5 | 10,235 |
| Mar-06 | 245 | 2.98 | 1 | 813 | 12.16 | 4 | 10,619 |
| Apr-06 | 200 | 2.84 | 1 | 807 | 11.02 | 4 | 9,458 |
| May-06 | 212 | 2.69 | 1 | 841 | 12.1 | 5 | 10,749 |

In early June 2006, SABR learned that ProQuest Information Systems would no longer be offering remote access to its HeritageQuest products or its ProQuest Historical Newspapers products to historical or genealogical societies.

Baseball researchers were not happy with the news, as they had become used to the convenience of searching newspapers from home for baseball history.

Use of the products climbed throughout the 2+ years that SABR members had access, including a 36.4% increase in the latest 12-month period over the previous 12 months.

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.

David W. Smith was named the Bob Davids Award winner in August 2005 at the convention in Toronto.

John Thorn was named the Bob Davids Winner on June 30, 2006, at the convention in Seattle, Washington.

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 2005 (chosen in 2006) is:

Baseball Before We Knew It: A Search for the Roots of the Game by David Block (published by the University of Nebraska Press).

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

On June 30, 2006, the following received their Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards at the SABR Awards Luncheon in Seattle:

Will Carroll, *The Juice: The Real Story of Baseball's Drug Problems* (Ivan R. Dee)

Robert K. Fitts, *Remembering Japanese Baseball: An Oral History of the Game* (Southern Illinois University Press)

Steven R. Hoffbeck, *Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota* (Minnesota Historical Society Press)

In August 2005, the following were awarded The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

Peter Bjarkman, *Diamonds Around the Globe: The Encyclopedia of International Baseball* (Greenwood Press)

Timothy A. Johnson, *Baseball and the Music of Charles Ives: A Proving Ground* (Scarecrow Press)

Rob Neyer and Bill James, *The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers* (Simon & Schuster)

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.

On June 30, 2006, the following received their McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards at the SABR Awards Luncheon in Seattle:

Charlie Bevis, *Rocky Point: A Lone Outpost of Sunday Baseball in Sabbatarian New England*

Gregory Bond, *Too Much Dirty Work: Race, Manliness and Baseball in Gilded Age Nebraska*

James Forr, *Pie Traynor* (SABR BioProject)

In August 2005, the following were awarded McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

Richard Bak, *Bat out of Hell*

Ken Fenster, *Earl Mann, Nat Peeples, and the Failed Attempt of Integration in the Southern Association*

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 conclusion of the 2006 SABR convention in Seattle, it was announced that Sean Forman won the Doug Pappas Research Award for his “Blocking Pitches: Assessing a Catcher’s Ability to Save Runs with Bruises.” Allison Binns won its sister prize for her poster presentation, “The Short Term Effect of Salary Arbitration on Performance.”

At the August 2005 Convention in Toronto, Peter Morris was presented the Doug Pappas Research Award for *Origin of the Pitching Rotation*. Larry Lester was awarded its sister prize for his poster presentation, “*The East-West All-Star Classic, 1933-1953.*”

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. Honor-ees 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:

- **2006** *End the Unjust Monopoly: Curt Flood’s Stance Against Baseball’s Reserve Clause* by **Colin Bender** of Edmond, Oklahoma.
- **2005** *Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby Break the Color Barrier* by **Fleetwood Fleming** of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.
- **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 Stanford, Connecticut.



Colin Bender gets a congratulatory handshake from SABR’s Bruce Brown at the 2006 National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland.

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)
- High School (\$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:

- 2006:** College Division: Trent McCotter, *Ty Cobb Splits*
High School Division: Scott Powers, *The Rise of Baseball in Japan*
Middle School Division: Alex Paolo, *Jackie Roosevelt Robinson*

- 2005:** College Division: Nathan Hicks, *Ted Williams, the .400 Hitter Ever?*
High School Division: Trent McCotter, *The .400 Club* and Scott Powers, *The St. Louis Cardinals of the Sixties and Their Effect on Black/White Relations in St. Louis*

- 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

Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants

In 2005, Tony Yoseloff of the Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation approached SABR with the idea to help fund baseball research, especially for those just starting out. After several discussions, guidelines were drawn up and the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants were established, with August 20, 2005 set as the first deadline for proposal submissions. More than 2 dozen proposals were reviewed by a five-person panel made up of SABR researchers.

The first recipients of Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research grants were:

- Greg Bond, 1895 in Michigan
- Gene Carney, Jackson Trial of 1924
- Jerry Jackson, Minor League Managers
- Jim Kaplan, Warren Spahn Bio
- Trent McCotter, AL Anomalies 1920-30
- Roberta Newman, Baseball, Advertising and Race
- Marc Okkonen, Minor League Player names 1900-10

In April 2006, SABR finished the second round of funding. The recipients of the 2006 funding cycle were:

- Thomas Aiello, The Composition of Kings: The Monroe, Louisiana Monarchs, 1932
- Rex Hamann, Minneapolis Millers: 1910-1912
- Michael Hauptert, Black Ball, Red Ink, a Financial Analysis of the Negro Leagues
- Craig Lammers, Minor League Baseball in Ohio during the Deadball Era
- Byron Motley, The Autobiography of Bob Motley
- Todd Peterson, 1909 St. Paul Gophers

Finances

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| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Temporary Investments | 507,668 | 461,294 |
| Investments | 87,255 | 52,256 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,018 | 1,670 |
| Publications Inventory | 2,380 | 2,353 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 12,182 | 11,076 |
| <i>Total Current Assets</i> | \$ 612,503 | \$ 528,649 |
| Property and Equipment -- AT COST | | |
| Equipment | 41,803 | 30,558 |
| Website | 29,523 | 29,523 |
| <i>Net Property and Equipment</i> | 71,326 | 60,081 |
| Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (53,829) | (47,398) |
| | \$ 17,497 | \$ 12,683 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Research Collections | 26,939 | 26,799 |
| Trademark | 1,693 | 1,927 |
| Deposits | 1,824 | 1,824 |
| <i>Total Other Assets</i> | 30,456 | 30,550 |
| | \$ 660,456 | \$ 571,882 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 94,532 | \$ 21,346 |
| Deferred Membership Dues -- current portion | 221,473 | 228,088 |
| | \$ 316,005 | \$ 249,434 |
| DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES | 65,766 | 67,315 |
| | \$ 381,771 | \$ 316,749 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| UNRESTRICTED | 242,981 | 231,075 |
| TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED | 25,866 | 14,529 |
| PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED | 9,838 | 9,529 |
| | \$ 278,685 | \$ 255,133 |
| | \$ 660,456 | \$ 571,882 |

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, 2005 and 2004, 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: Computer equipment and software: 3-10 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 appropriate 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 2005 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 for the second consecutive year.

Three 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 July 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006.

SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2005-06. 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

All-State Giving Campaign
Cleveland Indians Baseball Club
Louisville Slugger Museum
McFarland & Company
Microsoft Corporation

Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts
Ryan Companies US, Inc.
W. W. Grainger, Inc.

\$2,500 and above

Shayne Bradley
Dan Ginsburg
Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Dean Hoke
Stephen Milman
John Pardon
Tom Zocco

\$500 to \$999

Maurice Bouchard
Jeff Bower
Al Campana
Eddie Frierson
W. W. Grainger Matching Grants
Michael Hartnagel
Alma Ivor-Campbell
Frederick Ivor-Campbell
Douglas and Jane Jacobs
Daniel Levitt
John Phillips
Tom Ruane
Joe Simenic
Neal Traven
The Philip and Ann White Fund

\$250 to \$499

Ross Adell
Richard Beverage
Al Blumkin
Robert Burdette
John Carter
Jim Charlton
Kevin Charlton
Robert Cochran
Harold Eggleston
Edwin Fernandez-Cruz
Doron Goldman
Tom Hufford
L. Peyton Humphrey
Thomas Koegel
Jeffrey Laing
Jim Lannen
Len Levin
Robert Long

Jonathan Lorsong
Andy McCue
Ed Merz
Frank Mooney
Dave Mitchell
Bill Nowlin
Blair Perry
Richard Pray
David W. Smith
Steve Steinberg
George Stewart
Larry Taylor
Paul Vastola
Don Zminda

\$100 to \$249

Don Adams
 David Alexander
 Mark Armour
 Dennis Auger
 Elden Auker
 Roger Bassini
 Mark Belgya
 Stanley Belostock
 Barry Bengtsson
 Merton Benikoff
 Sam Bernstein
 Richard Beverage
 Paul Bennett
 Robert Bock
 Mara Bovsun
 Robert Boynton
 Tom Bradley
 Douglas Brookbank
 Doug Burks
 Fred Burley
 Peter Burnside
 Randall Chandler
 David Chase
 Ralph Christian
 Thomas Clark
 William Clark
 Robert Cole
 Richard D'Aloia
 John Daly
 Stephen Daniels
 Howard Danzig
 Richard Dasch

Robert Dean
 John Difini
 John Dillon
 A.E. Dwello
 Oscar Eddleton
 Steve Elsberry
 Roger Erickson
 Paul Esacove
 Bernie Esser
 Donn Fasbender
 John Ferguson
 Scott Fischthal
 David Fleitz
 Jack Flynn
 Carlos Fragoso
 Jack Fraser
 Ron Gabriel
 Jim Gallagher
 John Galm
 William Gilbert
 Frank Gill
 Jack Girardi
 Robert Gold
 Goodwin Goldfaden
 Alan Goldhammer
 Richard Gordon
 John Gottko
 William Gould
 Timothy Harner
 David Hastings
 Irwin Herlihy
 John V. Horgan-Kung

Rick Huhn
 James Hughes
 Jay Hurd
 Martin Jatlow
 Harry Jebesen
 David Jordan
 Mark Kanter
 Michael Klitsch
 Knowpro Consulting,
*in honor of John M.
 Zajc, Jr.*
 Steve Krevisky
 William Lamb
 Gary LaPlante
 David Larson
 Michael Levine
 John Liepa
 Andre Lower
 Raymond Luurs
 Zigmond
 Maciekowich
 Peter MacPhail
 Peter Mancuso
 John Marshall
 Paul Marshall
 Paul Mathews
 Richard Mattera
 Robert McAfee
 Bob McGee
 Amy McGuiggan
 Tom Messner
 Michael Metzger

Jim Miller
 John Mitchell
 Robert Mitchell
 Joe Murphy
 Tom Murrah
 Peter Morris
 Mark Nelson
 Rob Neyer
 Tom Ng
 Chris Nichol
 Rick Obrand
 Harry O'Donnell
 Joye Ogradowski
 Roger Orloff
 James Overmyer
 Camilo Pascual
 Royse Parr
 Robert Patterson
 George Patton
 Dave Paulson
 Rick Payne
 Jeffrey Pett
 Bob Phelan
 Robert Potts
 Patrick Ray
 Dick Raymo
 Bob Rives
 John Ruoff
 John Russell
 Rick Schabowski
 Michael Schell
 John Schwarz

Vincent Scully
 T. Seidler
 Robert Shapiro
 Brent Shyer
 Seymour Siwoff
 Lyle Spatz
 John Stahl
 Philip Stefaniak
 Joel Sternberg
 John Stryker
 Rick Swift
 Tim Symington
 Paul Terry
 Gerald Thain
 Paul Theberge
 Kevin T. Thompson
 Theodore Thompson
 Stew Thornley
 Robert Tiefenbacher
 Charles Traxler
 David Vogel
 Lloyd Wallace
 Joram Warmund
 Kurt Weideman
 David Wentroble
 William Williamson
 Kearney Windham
 Larry Wolfe
 Daniel Wukich
 John Zajc

Donors**1971**

James Bready
 Daniel Ginsburg
 Thomas Hufford
 Robert McConnell
 Pete Palmer
 John Pardon
 Joseph Simenic
 Thomas Zocco

1972

John Benesch
 Jerry Gregory
 Stephen Greyser
 Thomas Hanson
 Robert Potts

1973

Joseph Costello
 John O'Malley
 Lyle Spatz

1974

Alan Blumkin
 Norton Chellgren
 Ron Gabriel
 Masaru Ikei
 Robert Levy
 Eugene Wood
 David Wyman

1976

Richard Hebert
 Gordon Hurlburt
 Harry Jebesen
 Bob Phelan

1977

Lowell Blaisdell
 Oscar Eddleton
 Karl Green
 Leonard Levin
 David Smith

1978

Sy Berger
 Stephen Daniels
 John Horgan-Kung
 Lewis Matlin
 Richard Mattera
 Jerry Shroder
 Robert Tholkes

1979

John Ayoub
 John James
 Robert McAfee
 Stephen Milman
 Barry Nelson
 Walter Robertson
 Michael Sass
 Peter Zanardi
 Don Zminda

1980

Richard Beverage
 Robert Bluthardt
 James Brennan
 Ted DeVries
 John DiMeglio
 Gary Emmett
 John Ferguson
 Steven Lawrence
 Julian McCracken
 Robert Wood

1981

Richard Dasch
 Robert Dean
 Frederick Heger
 Richard Kitchin
 Lewis Levey
 Rick Obrand
 Barry Posin
 Edward Small
 Gerald Thain

1982

Richard Arpi
 Douglas Burks
 Paul Cohen
 Bernie Esser
 Michael Friedman
 Alan Goldhammer
 John Herbold
 Frederick Ivor-
 Campbell

Andrew McCue
 Joe Murphy
 Jim Odenkirk
 Harry O'Donnell
 Bernard Park
 Mathew Robins
 Brent Shyer
 Frank Ward

1983

Mark Armour
 Merton Benikoff
 Henry Betzer
 Clifford Blau
 Richard Cambere
 John Carter
 David Chase
 Robert Composto
 George Desko
 Steve Elsberry
 John Fain
 Sumner Freedman
 Christine Fry
 Greg Gajus
 Frank Geishecker
 John Gottko
 David Hastings
 Joseph Heitkamp
 Karl Hiester
 Paul Kelly
 Robert Kienzle
 Phil Kolodkin
 Stephen Krevisky
 Richard Lawrence

Daniel Levitt
 William Markel
 Terry McCoy
 David Paulson
 Blair Perry
 Robert Shea
 Rowland Shepard
 Daniel Van Horn
 Rev. David Vogel

1984

Ross Adell
 Stanley Belostock
 Thomas Boyd
 Keith Carlson
 Lee Cummings
 Richard Durrell
 James Fogartie
 William Gilbert
 Goodwin Goldfaden
 Thornton Green
 Andre Lower
 Richard Pray
 Lewis Scheider
 Jerome Swenson
 Neal Traven
 Larry Wolfson

1985

Donald Adams
 David Alexander
 James Arciold
 Michael Aronstein

Donors

Paul Bennett
Ed Booth
William Clark
John Dietrich
John Dillon
Harold Eggleston
Kenneth Ellis
Sol Gittleman
David Henige
Mark Kanter
Bruce Ladd
Michael Lottman
Thomas Marquisee
Bill McCaffrey
Robert McCord
William McMahon
Robert Mitchell
Jack Montanaro
Will Moser
Robert Olson
John Russell
John Schwarz
Vincent Scully
Jack Siegel
Seymour Siwoff
Richard Smiley
Philip Stefaniak
Larry Taylor
Joseph Termini
Paul Tolland
Chuck Traxler
Jack Weigel
William Windham

1986

David Bates
Henry Benoit
James Burke
Randall Chandler
James Charlton
John Daly
Malcolm Fraser
Eddie Frierson
Gerald Garte
William Gladstone
James Holl
Howard Jones
David Jordan
Gary LaPlante
Rob Neyer
Peter O'Malley
James Overmyer
Rick Payne
Michael Roselli
George Shiffler
Wayne Testino

1987

Tom Bradley
Gerald Eskin
Carl Haas
Thomas Koegel
John Liepa
Robert Long
B. Michael McCormick
Paul McGrath
Philip Meneely
David Mitchell
Michael Moore
Jon O'Hare
William O'Neil

Gene Oppenheim
Daniel Sheron
Robert Snyder
Mark Stangl
Joseph Thach
Theodore Thompson
Paul Vastola
Robert Weintraub
William Williamson
Daniel Wukich

1991

Bill Aylward
Thomas Biblewski
Robert Bock
Isao Chiba
Russell Diethrick
Marshall Fogel
Kent Fredrickson
Nick Kates
Roger Raepple
Orville Redding
Lance Richbourg

David Herlinger
Alma Ivor-Campbell
Arnold Kaplan
David Kline
Knowpro Consulting
Al Lackner
William Lamb
Gary Land
Peter Morris
Everett Parker
Mark Pollak
Bob Rives

Robert Chan
Thomas Clark
John Difini
A.E. Dwello
Paul Esacove
Judson Hamlin
Ed Heitman
Paul Hogan
Yukio Kitaya
Tom Messner
Ray Miller
Michael Murphy
David Pearson
Steven Roscoe
Ruth Sadler
Rick Schabowski
Wilson Sherk
Philip White
Richard Zunt

Bequests and Memorial Gifts

Within the past year, SABR received a bequest from the Estate of Jim Karn of Crookston, Minnesota, and was advised of another bequest from the Estate of Bill James of Sacramento, California. These bequests are the first SABR has received in several years.

In 2005 and 2006, SABR lost several members who were honored by their friends with memorial gifts. Among those remembered in this fashion were Seth Boyd and Doug Pappas. Those making memorial gifts included Dr. and Mrs. Eskenazi and Scott Fischthal.

1996

Thomas Allen
Thomas Assicurato
Keith Barnes
Robert Cole
Bob Davis
Mel Gorelik
Jonathan Lorson
Edward Meyer
Takeshi Moritaku
Alan Novak
Joye Ogradowski
Dan Petricig
John Ruoff
David Schipul
Robert Shapiro
Victor Sloan
James Smith
Lloyd Wallace
R.E. Wilson

1997

Donald Braun
Kevin Charlton
Fred Chisenhall
Elmer Cowley
Herbert Crehan
Richard D'Aloia
Joseph Dorinson
Donn Fasbender
Paul Fishel
Brian Flaspohler
Edward Gardner
Robert Griffis
Jim Hantschel
John Kechejian
Terry Knouse
Charles Levihn
Gary D McIntosh
Jim Miller
Wilmore Neiditch
Tom Ng
H. Graham Nye
Doug Palmer
Royse Parr
Edwin Ribback
Scott Robson
Tim Rook
Kevin Thompson

1988

Allen Hye
Kenneth Johnson
Don Lagomarsino
William McCurdy
Glenn Morosco
John Phillips
Thad Stanford

1989

Bill Arata
Douglas Dannay
Roger Erickson
John Gaffney
Charles Horne
John Stryker

1990

Raymond Allen
Bob Boynton
Jack Girardi
John Guilfoyle
Douglas Jacobs
Stanley Leshinski
Paul Mathews
Mark Millikin
Chris Nichol
Robert Patterson
Urban Picard
Donald Pollock
Ken Tillman
Kurt Weideman
John Zajc

Thomas Ruane
Jeffrey Staats
Joel Sternberg
Brian Waits
David Wentroble

1992

James Benoit
Mark Blanchette
Fred Burley
Joe Carter
Harry Davis
George Desorcy
Tom DiGiandomenico
Colby Duerk
Charles Francis
Jack Fraser
Thomas Gates
Timothy Harner
William Kirwin
Carl Larsen
Viola Owen
Dick Raymo
Sheldon Shapiro
Jeffrey Smith
George Stewart
Stephen Straight
Ed Ward
Norbert Wishowski

1993

Barry Bengtsson
Burton Boxerman
Reb Brownell
David Evans
Wilson Foster
John Green

William Stewart
George Strickland
Peter Yee

1994

Mark Belgya
Robert Burdette
Ralph Christian
Scott Fischthal
Steven Glassman
Doron Goldman
William Gould
Stanton Hamlet
Richard Hansen
Jeffrey Laing
David Mack
Owen Marredeth
Rene Molina
Frank Mooney
Jim Moyes
John Nolan
Bill Nowlin
Anthony Puglisi
Matthew Rejmaniak
Ernest Staudenmeyer
Martin Taft
Walter Tucker
Larry Wagg
Warren Wilbert
Theodore Wohlsen
Paul Wysard

1995

Manolo Alvarez
William Ayrovainen
John Carroll

Donors

1998

George Banister
Walter Batchelder
Arthur Campana
Jason Christopherson
Todd Drew
Michael Grahek
Margot Hayward
Irwin Herlihy
L. Peyton Humphrey
Jay Hurd
Larry Johnson
Jeffrey Katz
Charles Kimberly
Kevin Leniart
Zigmond

Maciekowich

John Marshall
Scott Mayer
Tom Murrach
Dale Norwood
Edward Rosenthal
Robert Rywick
Michael Schell
T. Seidler
Rick Swift
Joseph Wallace
Jack Walsh
Kearney Windham
Jay Wolfe

1999

Martin Abramowitz
Elден Auker

Sam Bernstein
Maurice Bouchard
John Farley
James Lannen
Austin MacDonald
Peter Mancuso
Alfred Martin
Mark Nelson
Vincent Ognibene
Steve Steinberg
Jim Stringfellow
Edward Strohmeier
Paul Terry
Paul Theberge
Cort Vitty
Chris Volinsky

2000

Dennis Auger
William Beisswanger
William Dowell
Edwin Fernandez-Cruz
Carlos Fragoso
Frank Gill
John Greeley
Anthony Grossi
John Healey
Jeff Klein
James Kutcher
Ronald Morse
Bob Muccigrosso
Chuck Nan
George Patton
James Rebolini

Kenneth Ross
A. David Rossin
Jim Sanders
Eric Thompson
Joram Warmund
Scott Zimmerman

2001

Robert Atwan
Joseph Auslander
Harvey Berger
Douglas Brookbank
James Buss
Robert Cochran
Armen Derebegian
David Fleitz
Patrick Gallagher
Martin Jatlow
Richard Letarte
Aaron Rosenfield
Jacob Rosenheim
Thomas Shearer
Maynard Bert Thiel
William Wine

2002

Ralph Beals
Steve Beitler
Matt Chew
Joseph Ciarametaro
Howard Danzig
Richard Ellis
Jack Flynn

Patrick Foley
James Gallagher
Roy Gedat
Bob Gladhill
Gerry Hamilton
Michael Hartnagel
Dean Hoke
James Hughes
Warren Klein
David Larson
Craig Lukshin
Mel Marmer
Thomas Mullen
Roger Orloff
Jeffrey Pett
Herb Zakrison

2003

William Briggs
Brian Cooper
Michael Darowski
Lorin Duckman
Rob Hartmann
Michael Klitsch
Amy McGuiggan
Edward Merz
Dwight Oxley
Nick Padgett
Camilo Pascual
Patrick Ray
Jack Swartz
Tim Symington
Larry Wolfe

2004

Eric Abner
Roger Bassini
Bill Cornell
Dennis Duquette
John Galm
Robert Gold
Charles Hanlon
Michael Levine
Michael Metzger
Robert Tiefenbacher
Everett Wiggins
Gary Wright

2005

Mara Bovsun
Shayne Bradley
Bonnie Crosby
Larry Gifford
Richard Gordon
Russ Grove
Reid Joyner
Charles Marciano
John Mitchell
Carolyn Pappas
Thomas Rehman
Joe Stanka
Charles Tracy
Fay Vincent

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. In late 2005, SABR received a gift from the Estate of Jim Karn of Crookston, Minnesota. Another estate gift was in probate as of June 1, 2006.

As of May 31, 2006, the SABR Endowment Fund stood at \$19,777.

As of May 31, 2005, the SABR Endowment Fund stood at \$13,358.

On May 31, 2004, the total amount in the endowment funds was \$7,763.

In the 12 month period (June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006), \$5,235 in donations were made to the endowment funds, and investment income supplied the remaining gain in value (8.86%).

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

SABR's financial condition continues to strengthen in the hands of an experienced staff and attentive leadership team that you, the membership, have put in place and continue to support. Unlike 2004, when all donations to the Society were banked, in 2005 we dipped into our reserves to support publication of *Deadball Stars of the American League*. In creating this wonderful work the Deadball Era committee showed the entire Society how a committed group of researchers, backed by SABR's financial muscle, could bring into existence a work that could never be commercially justified. It is truly an asset for future researchers.

The budget we established for 2006 anticipated a \$20,000 shortfall, but also accommodated our newest staff position — Research Services Manager. The simple fact that SABR had close to \$200,000 in its rainy day kitty, up from less than \$50,000 just 5 years ago, justified the risk that this new position would drive us into the red this year and perhaps next. We will be a stronger Society with this position in place.

Similarly the board was able to commit to spending \$10,000 on the digitization of *The Sporting Life* in conjunction with the AAFLA. This effort will use the HOF holdings to create a definitive repository of one of the most important sources of information about the early decades of professional baseball.

We were in a position to do this because of our financial strength.

As you peruse the financial statements enclosed, which includes the balance sheet along with our operating income and expenses over the past 6 years, I hope you are reassured that the Society is being guided and managed in an informed and responsible manner. As baseball's only organization run by researchers, as a non-profit in a sea of ventures that come and go, we occupy a unique position in the baseball economy, and our solid financial standing is starting to pay dividends. The best is yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,

F. X. Flinn, Treasurer

| SABR 2000-2005 Operating Summary and 2006 Forecast | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Summary | 2006 Forecast | 2006 Budget | 2005 Actual | 2004 Actual | 2003 Actual | 2002 Actual | 2001 Actual | 2000 Actual | 1999 Actual |
| Number of Members | 7,132 | 7,050 | 6,982 | 6,970 | 6,722 | 6,806 | 6,916 | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative | 458,598 | 456,302 | 441,179 | 391,058 | 369,643 | 365,162 | 382,647 | 363,396 | 371,265 |
| Outreach | 37,562 | 40,339 | 35,873 | 51,884 | 59,728 | 33,692 | 46,433 | 24,079 | 21,227 |
| Total Revenues | 496,160 | 496,641 | 477,051 | 442,943 | 429,371 | 398,854 | 429,080 | 387,475 | 392,492 |
| Payroll and Fees | | | | | | | | | |
| Membership Services Staff | 180,026 | 194,025 | 128,569 | 118,039 | 115,737 | 98,592 | 127,641 | 95,128 | 117,570 |
| Publications Management Fees | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 30,000 | 47,208 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total Payroll | 216,026 | 230,025 | 164,569 | 154,039 | 151,737 | 128,592 | 174,849 | 145,128 | 167,570 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative | 99,778 | 91,310 | 93,668 | 104,627 | 93,618 | 76,989 | 95,395 | 91,152 | 84,606 |
| Member | 56,753 | 58,909 | 59,005 | 51,731 | 43,148 | 54,860 | 70,772 | 58,062 | 72,009 |
| Outreach | 124,896 | 136,400 | 153,020 | 89,736 | 115,712 | 81,321 | 103,306 | 95,776 | 71,405 |
| Total Operating Costs | 281,427 | 286,619 | 305,693 | 246,094 | 252,477 | 213,169 | 269,473 | 244,989 | 228,020 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (1,293) | (20,003) | 6,789 | 42,809 | 25,157 | 57,093 | (15,242) | (2,643) | (3,098) |

SABR By-Laws

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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.



Longtime member Fr. Gerald Beirne (left) talks with Roland Hemond and Paul Beeston at the SABR Convention in Cincinnati.



SABR donors John Pardon, Jane Jacobs and Douglas Jacobs gathered early Friday morning at the convention in Toronto to get an update on the State of SABR.

SABR Executive Board, June 1, 2006

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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.

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 |
| 2006 | 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 “statistorians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group.

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

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.