President’s Report

It has been a year of change for SABR since we gathered in Washington, D.C. a year ago. John Zajc, our Executive Director for the past eight years, and an employee for 20, is leaving the organization. John has been a stalwart during his tenure, and the organization has benefitted from his management, which has left us a much more professional organization than when he began. He regularized the management of the office, added a highly qualified staff, and kept a close eye on protecting our nonprofit status.

I’m pleased to say that, after a nationwide search, the board has hired Marc Appleman as our new E.D. Marc has had a broad-based career with the Los Angeles Times, AOL Sports, Sports Illustrated for Kids, Fox Sports, and ESPN New Media. Marc will be joining us in Atlanta, and I hope many of you take the opportunity to meet him.

Marc’s arrival coincides with a difficult financial time for SABR. With the recession, revenues from both membership and the convention have shrunk. Our membership grows older each year. Marc and the board have been discussing ways to increase membership, especially among younger people and women, and raise revenues. The success of these measures will go a long way toward determining our future.

An unfortunate sign of our aging membership is the death of long-time friends who passed during the year. Two more founders, Cliff Kachline and Dan Ginsburg, died. Cliff was SABR’s first Executive Director, served a term as president and another six years on the board. Dan, who was the youngest founder at age 16, died quickly and unexpectedly of cancer. Dan also served on the board for three years.

The past year also saw the deaths of Frank Phelps and Paul Andresen, both of whom had served on the board at various times. Frank was the founder of the Bibliography Committee and the 7th winner of the Bob Davids Award.

All of these gentlemen will be missed, along with Ron Gabriel, who died a year earlier but left $160,000 to SABR as part of his estate plans, something that John Zajc made more prominent in recent years in his creation of the Legacy program, a natural extension of the highly successful donor program begun by Dan Ginsburg and administered so successfully by Paul Hirsch and John Zajc.

Paul will be leaving the board this year after a successful three-year term. In addition to his work on the donor program, Paul was valuable in his advice on public relations and the other matters that have consumed the board. I look forward to serving with Leslie Heaphy, who will join the board this year. Leslie is the chair of the Women in Baseball Committee and has long been active with the Negro Leagues Committee.

The election this past spring was highlighted by the introduction of online voting, which more than tripled participation to 1,464 voters. This measure had been considered for several years, but became much more attractive when prices dropped precipitately.

The year also featured Nick Frankovich’s continued success in producing interesting and innovative issues of The Baseball Research Journal, along with helping local committees with The National Pastime. In addition, SABR made available The Emerald Guide for the second year as a downloadable product, a method that holds great promise for future SABR publications.

The website is slowly being whipped into shape by Peter Garver, with committees and regionals adding or updating pages regularly. Most of Peter’s time, and that of Ted Turocy, has been spent on the SABRPedia, a wiki-like structure that will allow us to connect all the varied work that our committees have done. A player page, for example, will produce not just his biographic data and game statistics, but links to the home run log, information about the scout who signed him, if and where he attended college, and other research resources about him.

Susan Petrone continues to extend our contacts in the media world, and there has been a notable increase in stories about SABR, its members, and its activities. Eileen Canepari continues her stalwart work as our Membership Services Manager.

As a last note, I would mention our successful effort to keep the term SABRmetrics in the public domain. Since its coinage by Bill James nearly 30 years ago, the term has stood for objective, numbers-based research into the game. Its attempted trademarking by a marketing firm was foiled by an aggressive counter-campaign.

I thank you for your continued dedication to our organization and ask for your support in keeping SABR’s membership fresh and growing.

Sincerely,

Andy McCue, President
Executive Director's Report

This will be my last Executive Director's report, as I am leaving SABR after September 30, 2010. I have been privileged to work for a remarkable membership association and am proud of what we have accomplished together.

This past year we were able to launch the SABR Encyclopedia at www.sabrpedia.org with pages for every known major and minor league player, along with selected executives, umpires, other baseball personalities, and even ballparks. The work done by Ted Turocy and Peter Garver on this project has been amazing, and I believe this will become apparent in the coming years as more functionality is introduced and more users add meaningful, cited, and vetted content.

We also made more SABR content available by adding more of our past journals to our journal pages at http://research.sabr.org/journals. Of course, our Baseball Biography Project (aka BioProject) continues to grow.

We once again made available the digital scans of historical issues of The Sporting News—making baseball research easier. We negotiated a discount for members for Genealogybank.net—which includes many smaller newspapers to use for research. And our partner in digitizing the old Sporting Life, LA84 Foundation, posted many more issues in the past year.

We increased member participation by the creation of the Arizona Fall League Conference, thanks to Rodney Johnson and the Flame Delhi Chapter and Steve Cobb at the Arizona Fall League offices. We also held the first ever “SABR Day in America” in which 33 gatherings were held throughout North America with over 600 members in attendance. We made online voting for SABR elections available for the first time, increasing participation to over 23% (up from under 7% the previous year). And perhaps most significantly, we created a new kind of community “Chartered Communities” to help members network with others with similar interests.

We increased our outreach this past year, sponsoring “Tout Wars,” publishing The Emerald Guide to Baseball for the second consecutive year, and attended our first Winter Meetings (a big thank you to Pat O’Conner and Minor League Baseball for providing us with a table in the exhibit hall).

Members continue to provide an amazing amount of support—tens of thousands of hours of their time, plus donations such as a portion of Ron Gabriel's trust which ended up adding more than $160,000 to SABR’s coffers—our largest single donation ever. We have added some ways for members to support SABR in smaller ways, adding an Amazon store in which the referral fees benefit SABR, and creating the SABR Capital One credit card program where a portion of all charges are donated to SABR quarterly.

All in all, SABR is in good shape for my successor and I hope that SABR continues to fulfill its mission in ways that thousands of members find enjoyable. Thank you for your support.

John Zajc, Executive Director
SABR Board of Directors, June 30, 2010

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Asian Baseball  
Founded: 2003  
Chair: David Snyder  

Ballparks Committee  
The Ballparks Committee was largely inactive in the past year after the change in committee leadership. Co-chairs Gary Gillette and Stan Meradith, in recognition of 2011 being the 20th season at Camden Yards, will be announcing a Ballpark of the Future project at the committee's annual meeting in Atlanta. This project is designed to engage the committee in a substantive discussion of the future of big-league ballparks as many of the retro parks built in the 1990s and 2000s move into middle age. The committee will also begin publishing a newsletter later in 2010.

Baseball & the Arts  
Founded: 1997  
Co-chairs: Joanne Hulbert & Jeff Campbell  

Baseball Card History & Influence  
Founded: May 1, 2010  
Co-chairs: Michael Eisner & Timothy Ponisciak  

Baseball Card History & Influence  
Established on May 1, 2010, the Baseball Card History & Influence Committee has the following purposes and goals:

- Encourage more interactive knowledge sharing about the history and importance of baseball cards as a representation of the game itself. This research will help document the link between the baseball card industry and the game's popularity.
- Research the history of the relationship between statistics and baseball cards. (i.e. when baseball cards started publishing RBI, Stolen Bases, etc.)
- Provide a forum for discussion on the following aspects of the baseball card industry:
  * Memorable, important and famous series designs  
  * The late 80s, early 90s influx of new card sets and limited edition inserts, and their effect on the hobby's health  
  * Documentation on all of the major card companies and important figures in the evolution of the baseball card industry  
  * Research into the evolution of the game as viewed through the lens of baseball cards (batting gloves, player/managers, the DH, record-setting achievements, the steroids era, etc.)

In its first two months, the committee sent out a survey to all members to solicit feedback on their interests in baseball cards and how they see the committee evolving. The goal is to take the top card sets indicated in the survey and ask the committee members to begin compiling a “bio” for each of these sets. We are also working on designing an initial web presence.
**Baseball Records**  
**Founded:** 1975  
**Chair:** Lyle Spatz

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, a game, or a season, etc. For example, Ken Reitz holds the National League record for Most Seasons Leading in Fielding Percentage by a third baseman, with six. We also use the word record to refer to a player’s game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Ken Singleton scored 77 runs in 1972, or Bill Voiselle had a career won-lost record of 74-84. 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; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap.

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, a 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. Our role as SABR’s Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

We hope to be major contributors to the new SABRpedia.

**Bibliography Committee**  
**Founded:** 1994  
**Chair:** Andy McCue

The Bibliography Committee’s major project, The Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org), completed its 8th year of Internet availability in 2009. The site became available May 27, 2002. During the past year, the site moved past the 240,000 citations level. Information from The Baseball Index is completely free.

When it opened, TBI contained about 175,000 books, articles, book sections, videos, art works, sound recordings, and other research items. Researchers may search it for references to a player, umpire, owner or executive. It may be searched by topics, e.g., as Baker Bowl, Cotton States League, umpire baiting, or changeups. Over 2,000 separate terms are included as well as the names of stadiums, leagues, and baseball groups. Usage continues to rise steadily as more researchers try it and find how useful it is.

Since the last report, approximately 9,000 obituaries from *The Sporting News* have been added to TBI. Phil Bergen, Mike Grahek, Glenn Morosco, and Bill Nowlin did sterling work on this project. The project continues to need more volunteers to add listings to the database.

While TBI is our major project, the committee continues with other work. Skip McAfee oversees our efforts to provide indexes to important baseball books published without them. Rich Arpi produces our 22-year-old quarterly, Current Baseball Publications, which lists all new baseball publications. CBP is distributed with our newsletter, which is edited by Ron Kaplan and contains book reviews by Terry Smith, among others. 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. We are working with Peter Garver in Cleveland to update the software behind TBI. This would add to the number of searchable fields and make both using the index and data entry simpler and more intuitive.

The committee was founded in 1984 by Frank Phelps. Andy McCue has been the chair since 1992. Its mission is to discover, organize and provide information about books and other materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball researchers. The committee currently has 292 members, up from 249 a year ago.
Biographical Research
Over the past year, we identified several ballplayers who were previously thought to be someone else. Fred Chapman had been listed as a 14 year old ballplayer who played with Philadelphia in 1887. It was discovered that this player was Frank Chapman, and he was definitely not 14; he was 25 and died in Newburgh, New York in 1937. Harry Keenan was a similar story. Listed at 95 pounds, he was the lightest major leaguer not named Eddie Gaedel. Pitching one game for Cincinnati in 1891, Keenan's identification had always been a bit suspicious. The game was actually pitched by Harry's brother, Jack Keenan. Another player who had been credited with a game his brother pitched was Henry Fox. Fox pitched one game for Philadelphia in 1902. The game was actually pitched by his brother Jacob.

James E. Gallagher, who played one game for Washington in 1886, was found to be later Illinois state senator Peter Galligan. John Buchard Terry, pitcher for the 1902 Tigers and 1903 Browns, was found to be John Baxter Terry, a prominent businessman from Cedar Rapids, Iowa who died in Cedar Rapids in 1958. Two player disappeared completely. A previously unidentified player named Smith, who pitched one game for Cincinnati, was found to be major leaguer Rex Smith. C. B. White, another one game player for Philadelphia in 1883, was found to be William Dighton White. Several other players may have been misidentified as well and the committee is working diligently to prove that the players we have listed are the right ballplayers. Other ballplayers we have found in the past year include William Bowman, William Gardner, Alex Donoghue, William Ahearn, William Clarence Rotes, Samuel “Pony” Sager, John Tilley, and non-playing manager William C. Henderson.

Saving the best for last, the three most impressive finds of the year were James Donaldson Brown, Jacob Drauby, and George Bristow. What made these impressive were the stories behind their names. Brown went by both James Brown and Donald Brown and either name is so common that it is almost impossible to make sure you find the right one. Jacob Drauby and his entire family changed their last name from Drauby to Taubert soon after his baseball career ended. George Bristow played under the name Bristow when he played in the majors, but his real name was George Howlett and he was known as Howlett both before and after his major league career. Fortunately, there are many online tools available now that weren’t available in the earlier days of SABR. This has enabled us to find many ballplayers that otherwise would have been impossible.

Finally, on a sad note, we lost three of our best researchers this year. John Schwartz, Cliff Kachline, and Frank Phelps all passed away, and the committee will truly miss them.

BioProject Committee
The 2010 convention will mark the 8th anniversary of the founding of the BioProject committee. Our committee manages the Baseball Biography Project, whose purpose is to solicit, write, edit, and maintain high-quality, journal-length biographies of any player who ever played in the major leagues, as well as any other person connected with baseball in a significant way.

The project includes a large staff of people who have real jobs to do. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our lists of subjects and authors, Jan Finkel heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products, Trey Strecker is in charge of generating interest in 19th century subjects, Bill Nowlin helps foster and advise team or regional projects, Warren Corbett handles comments and help from the public, Mike Cooney puts out our newsletter, and Jeff Bower manages our email group.

As of today we have completed 1383 biographies, compared with 1115 one year ago. Here is a breakdown of completed biographies credited in each annual report:

- 2003 -- 46
- 2004 -- 155
- 2005 -- 296
- 2006 -- 341
We have about 1000 biographies in progress, hopefully to be handed in at a later date.

We continue to encourage and support “group” projects. This past year saw the publication of our ninth publication, on the 1969 New York Mets. There are three other books which have publishers lined up—the 1984 Tigers and 1950s Red Sox (McFarland), and the 1947 Dodgers (Nebraska). There are several other projects in progress. With membership currently at 677, the committee looks forward to an a productive ninth year. We should approach 1700 biographies around the 2011 convention, and look forward to the publication of a few new books.

Black Sox Scandal

Founded: 2008
Acting Chair: Jacob Pomrenke

Since the last annual report in June 2009, the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee suffered the loss of its founding chairman, Gene Carney, who died on July 5, 2009, at age 63. After weeks of discussion between committee leaders Jacob Pomrenke, Rod Nelson, and Rick Huhn, Irv Goldfarb agreed to serve as the new chairman, taking the reins in September 2009. In the wake of Gene’s death, Rick and Irv organized the committee’s first meeting at the SABR national convention in Washington, D.C., last summer.

The committee has published two newsletters in the last year, both edited and designed by Jacob Pomrenke, and including contributions from many members. The first, in July 2009, was largely a tribute to Gene Carney that drew submissions from throughout the baseball research community. It also included Gene’s report on the Black Sox-related documents that he viewed at the Chicago History Museum with the assistance of a SABR-Yoseloff research grant. The second newsletter was published in May 2010, and featured original research from William Lamb on the identity of the mysterious Black Sox trial defendant “Rachael Brown.”

Committee members have also played a major role in organizing two Black Sox-related events for the upcoming SABR national convention in Atlanta in August 2010. These events are: a panel discussion with longtime newspaper columnist Furman Bisher, author David Fleitz, Blackbetsy.com founder Mike Nola, and attorneys Daniel Voelker and Paul Duffy; and a trip to Greenville, South Carolina, to tour the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum and Baseball Library. In addition, the Yahoo e-group continues to facilitate regular discussion among committee members.

Business of Baseball

Founded: 1994
Co-chairs: Steve Weingarden & John Ruoff

The Business of Baseball committee mission is to study all aspects of baseball administration and off-the-field activity including economic, organizational, labor, and legal issues. The committee activates and supports new baseball research through resources, including tools and data, completed research, and community building opportunities. Over the last 12 months, the committee underwent change and accomplished several goals.

On the change side, the committee successfully transitioned the committee co-chair position from Gary Gillette to Steve Weingarden. Gary’s committee work behind the scenes over the last several years has been numerous and helped build the infrastructure for ongoing success. John Ruoff continues as committee co-chair ensuring continuity and knowledge management.

Additionally, the committee migrated the BOB website to align with the SABR platform (thanks to Peter Garver and Ken Cherven for making the migration a reality. Bill Hickman also gets a thank you for his support). The new website is strategically organized to best fit member needs and align with future committee plans.
In terms of results, John Ruoff wrote a piece that summarizes how to conduct business of baseball research. The committee produced three new editions of *Outside the Lines*. Thanks to Larry Boes, Ryan Hutzler, Michael Schell, John Burbridge, Lee Loewenfish, Bill Gilbert, Tim Darley, Joe Marren, and Bill Felber for sharing their research. The scholarly works database, which allows for a search of scholarly articles related to the business of baseball, was refreshed and also shared with the Bibliography committee. The scholarly works database was created by Steve Weingarden. Jon Willford led the refresh efforts with support from Steve. The team values database and team payroll databases are also in the process of being refreshed to include the most current data, and Brian Borawksi is leading an effort to re-introduce a ticket prices database.

In maintaining community, the committee will introduce committee projects in the next year. A communications survey was conducted to get a better understanding of how committee members wish to interact with the committee and with each other.

All SABR members are welcome to join and participate in the committee. If you are interested in getting involved, or believe there is a cross-committee opportunity, please contact one or both of the committee chairs. Currently, there are 995 Business of Baseball committee members.

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**Collegiate Baseball**

*Founded: 1985  
Chair: Tom Stillman*

The Collegiate Baseball Committee is focused on the history of collegiate baseball in the United States. The first project undertaken was to determine which major league baseball players played for which college baseball team. Over 5,500 major leaguers have been identified and matched with their respective senior (four-year) colleges. Another 1,600 have been identified as junior college baseball players, with some overlapping with the senior college players. Further research has identified some major league managers, coaches, umpires, and general managers who played college baseball but did not play in the major leagues.

The committee is also in the process of identifying the coaches and records of each baseball team in the history of the baseball program at each existing and some closed colleges. We are also including with each college a list of conference affiliations, conference championships, participation in the college World Series, and first team All-America selections. Progress has been made on a beta site and integration into the SABRpedia, primarily by SABR intern James Asimes.

Some projects on which the committee would like to work are continuing to update the SABRpedia, identifying colleges of players who only played in the minors, and the more ambitious task of creating a database of college baseball players with their statistics.

Past Committee Chair Rick Benner has moved to Lubbock, TX, and we look forward to working with the College Baseball Foundation and the soon to be built College Baseball Hall of Fame.

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**Deadball Era**

*Founded: 2002  
Chair: John McMurray*

Now in its 10th 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. The committee now has nearly 550 members. In recent years, more than 100 committee members contributed to *Deadball Stars of the National League* (published in 2007) and its companion, *Deadball Stars of the American League* (published in 2004).

The committee is chaired by John McMurray. The committee publishes its newsletter, *The Inside Game*, four times each year under the editorial direction of newsletter editor Mark Ruckhaus and Assistant Editor Mark Dugo. The newsletter is distinguished by the depth of its book reviews, which are overseen by Book Review Editor Dr. Gail Rowe, and critiques of the period.
Under the supervision of Gabriel Schechter, the Deadball Era Committee presents the Ritter Award annually to the best book focused primarily on the Deadball Era published during the previous year. This year, the award was given to Robert Peyton Wiggins for his book *The Federal League of Base Ball Clubs: The History of an Outlaw League, 1914-1915*. In 2010, members of the committee also met for a “Boiling Out” in Hot Springs, AR, to simulate spring training rituals from a century ago. In addition, Deadball Era Committee members have been devoted to writing biographies of contemporary players for SABR’s BioProject, which are posted exclusively online.

With a large and enthusiastic membership, and two major books under our belt in recent years, the Deadball Era Committee appears to have a very bright future. Committee members remain committed to fulfilling the mission of the Deadball Era Committee and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein which characterizes both our committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

**Latino Baseball**

*Founded: 1988*  
*Chair: Edwin Fernandez-Cruz*

The Latino Baseball Committee continues to provide SABR with another unique facet of the sport. Through its publication, *La Prensa del Béisbol Latino*, the committee presents a wealth of knowledge with interesting stories and articles, and photos from its members throughout the United States and Latin America.

We continue to serve at the cusp of more dynamic and robust research as we look to integrate our knowledge base by leveraging relationships and partnerships with other research committees with similar interests. The committee hopes to generate interest in developing a committee website, which should be a one-stop Latino baseball research site. Administratively, this past year we honored Kit Krieger as the second recipient of the Eduardo Valero Award. This summer we will award the third recipient. The award is presented to the writer/researcher who best exemplifies the scholarly integrity and written contributions to Latino baseball to the committee’s publication.

Further, Anthony Salazar stepped down as chair of the Latino committee, and editor of the publication. Vice chair Edwin Fernandez-Cruz took the reins as chair, while an associate editor will run *La Prensa del Beisbol Latino*. Salazar will look forward to continue his research in related baseball areas.

From Latinos in the Negro Leagues to the history of scouting in Latin America and everything in between, the ever-growing number of Hispanics in baseball today continues to change the sport’s landscape. Please join us for a lively discussion on Latinos in baseball, yesterday and today.

**Minor Leagues**

*Founded: 1971*  
*Chair: Jonathan Dunkle*

The Minor Leagues Committee met during the Washington, D.C. convention. Numerous non-committee members also attended. The committee will meet again during the Atlanta convention.

The primary project in which the committee is involved is the continued compilation and proofing of minor league statistics. This data is being licensed to baseball-reference.com. Committee members get many varied research questions from non-members, media personnel, historians, sport publicists, family members, and others, usually via e-mail. Many members respond and perform a service that is one of the hallmarks of the SABR organization.

The committee listserv continues to grow in terms of members and messages. Plans for the upcoming year include making better use of the listserv and the committee website (research.sabr.org/minors) and establishment of new committee projects.
Negro Leagues Committee  
Founded: 1971  
Co-chairs: Larry Lester & Richard Clark

**Negro Leagues**

The Negro Leagues Committee had another successful year. The Negro Leagues Courier quarterly newsletter goes out to more than 750 readers, as membership grew roughly by 10 percent. Since last year’s report, nine former players have passed: Bucky Williams, Slick Surratt, Sammy Drake, Fernando Osorio, Jim “Fireball” Colzie, Benny Felder, Marvin Jones, Donnie Harris, and Andy “Pullman” Porter. We also lost several notable writers of black baseball history: Lester Rodney of *The Daily Worker* of New York and Art Rust, who was also a radio sports talk show host. The scout who signed Hank Aaron, Ed Scott, passed away in Mobile, AL. Also note the passing of James Kastro, who served as the finance officer of the Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference committee.

Meanwhile, Chicago anesthesiologist Dr. Jeremy Krock has located several unmarked graves, including those of Sol White, Connie Morgan, Ted Page, Dink Mothell, Pete Hill, and Billy Francis. This past year, the Krock Watch installed headstones for Leon Ruffin (Portsmouth, VA) and Big Bill Gatewood (Columbia, MO) with a scheduled installation later this year for James “Sap” Ivory in Birmingham, AL. This brings our total installations to 20 with more expected in 2011. Donations are always welcome to support the Negro Leagues Restoration Headstone Program. This year we awarded two $2,500 scholarships to high school students for the best essays, and two $1,000 Library Grants to schools in Columbus, Mississippi. We also had an art contest for the first time, won by Todd Peterson and Phillip Dewey.

The NLC celebrated many events, including the 13th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, which was held in Birmingham, AL, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rickwood Field. Several former players in attendance included Sam Allen, Birmingham Sam Brison, Billy Ray Haggins, Tony Lloyd, Willie Lee, Jake Sanders, Billy Vaughn, and Joseph “Bull” Marbury. We toured historic Rickwood Field and later watched the Barons defeat the West Tennessee Jaxx under the Frank “Big Hurt” Thomas tent, after several excellent presentations about players and teams from Birmingham. This year’s trivia contest winner was Karl Lindholm from Cornwall, Vermont, with Gary Mitchem of McFarland & Company winning the coveted Fay Vincent Most Valuable Partner Award. It was our best conference to date, and we expect continued success next year in Indianapolis, IN, when we celebrate the 100th birthday of the great Oscar Charleston.

Other notable events included:

- The Hank Aaron Museum was officially dedicated in Mobile, AL. The home run king's childhood home was converted to a museum.
- Efforts are underway to fund a plaque or marker to honor Hall of Famer King Solomon White, reportedly buried in Frederick Douglass Memorial Park in Staten Island, NY.
- The new Latino Baseball Hall of Fame in Santo Dominico, Dominican Republic announced its first inductees on May 19th, 2010. Their 25 honorees included several former Negro Leaguers: Jose Mendez, Cristobal Torriente, Pancho Coimbre, Tetelo Vargas, and Minnie Minoso.
- The Tallahassee/North Florida Chapter was officially renamed the Buck O’Neil Chapter. They are the third chapter to be named after a former Negro League player, joining the Indianapolis, IN, and Kansas City, MO, chapters.
- Once called by Yankee manager Casey Stengel the best defensive right fielder in the American League, the city of Dalton, GA, honored their native son, Harry “Suitcase” Simpson with the unveiling of a large upright granite monument. Family members were in attendance.
- The Milwaukee Brewers inducted two Negro League legends to their Wall of Fame; Harold “Buster” Hair, Jr., and James Tillman.
- In Pittsburgh, during the 12th Jerry Malloy Conference, we dedicated a Pennsylvania State Historical Marker for Greenlee Field at the intersection of Bedford Avenue and Junilla Street in the Hill District.
- More recently, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame inducted George “Mule” Suttles. Suttles played in five East-West All-Star games and has the highest slugging percentage (.941) in the classic’s history.

Recently published books on black baseball include:

- *The Early Images of Black Baseball* by Dr. James E. Brunson, III
- *Satchel: The Life and Times of an American Legend* by Larry Tye
- *Black Barons of Birmingham* by Dr. Larry Powell
- *Willie’s Boys* by John Klima
Also a screenplay entitled *Kick, Mule* by John B. Holway was published. And finally, the students at Duquesne University produced a 50-minute documentary on the career of black baseball’s most prolific slugger Josh Gibson. The DVD is entitled, *The Legend Behind the Plate: The Josh Gibson Story*.

We look forward to your participation at the 14th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference to be held in Indianapolis, IN, during the Black Expo weekend. Hopefully, both the Negro League Almanac and Negro League Encyclopedia will be closer to publication in the very near future.

**Nineteenth Century**

The Nineteenth Century Committee is scheduled to hold its annual business meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2010, in Atlanta, GA at SABR’s 40th National Convention. Since last year’s annual business meeting in Washington, DC, during SABR 39, the committee has taken on two new projects, is continuing several others, and has held its second committee conference.

At last summer’s business meeting, Bob Bailey, our committee’s Vice-Chair and the stalwart editor of our quarterly newsletter, Nineteenth Century Notes, received our Committee’s “Chairman’s Award” for 2008-2009. Bob was recognized for his outstanding service to the committee including the professional and timely production of our newsletter and his mostly unseen planning and consultation roles in committee projects and activities. In short, he is our committee’s secret weapon. Also, at last year’s meeting, the first annual “Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend” election results were announced. Pete Browning was named the 2009 Overlooked Legend. The “Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend” committee has spent this past year developing the slate of this year’s candidates, creating player profiles for our committee members to review, and holding the June election. The 2010 Overlooked Legend will be announced in Atlanta during our business meeting. Joe Williams chairs this project committee, which is comprised of Charles Faber, Bob Gregory, and Ralph Paluso.

A new project initiated at last year’s business meeting is the “Greatest Baseball Games of the 19th Century” book project. The project’s director and Editor-in-Chief is Bill Felber. Since fall 2009, Bill has established an editorial board of nine, adding Bob Bailey, Jerry Casway, Mark Fimoff, Len Levin, Peter Mancuso, John Thorn, Bob Tiemann, and Craig Waff. The board has thus far selected the 100 games that will be written about, decided upon the book’s basic format and length of articles, assigned most of the games to be written about, and has written 10 games (chapters), an introduction, prospectus letter, and proposed publication budget.

The other new project from the past year was initiated in the spring (2010). The “How to Do 19th Century Baseball Research” project came to life when SABR President, Andy McCue and member Tom Ruane invited our committee to contribute a 19th century portion to their larger project of rewriting an online version of How to Do Baseball Research. Our committee’s approach to this invitation was to create a permanent project committee that would, in the short term, design and write the basic information necessary to meet the initial goals of the larger project, and in the long term continue to add to, enhance, and make available the resources to guide future researchers of 19th century baseball. Jerry Kuntz is chairing this project committee, which includes Kim Juhase, Richard Oller, and Joe Williams.

The Nineteenth Century Committee organized and hosted its second conference, renamed last fall as the Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Baseball Conference in memory of the late former SABR Board Member, Nineteenth Century Committee Chairman, recipient of the Bob Davids Award, and much
Finally, a dozen or more Nineteenth Century Committee members remain engaged in the “Pioneer Project” headed by Peter Morris and Jan Finkle. This book project's goal is to greatly enhance our understanding of the prominent teams and baseball players and personalities that influenced our game in the pre-professional era. This will be released in the upcoming year by McFarland Publications.

**Oral History**
No committee report was available at press time.

**Origins**
The SABR Committee on the Origins of Baseball promotes research on the origins and early spread of the game, concentrating mostly on the period up to 1870. The Committee's website is found at http://research.sabr.org/origins/. A monthly newsletter, edited by Bob Tholkes, is distributed to the 230-odd members electronically, and back issues are available on the website. Many members actively participate on the 19CBB list-serve, which typically has two to four postings daily relating to origins research.

In 2010 the committee launched a project on the Spread of Base Ball. The project displays, on the SABRpedia, local information on the first games and the first clubs to use New York rules of play. Site visitors can see graphically how the game spread across the United States and the world. Data are also collected on the games that preceded modern baseball locally. Members and non-members alike can add data to their favorite towns and nations. The Spread site is found at http://sabrpedia.org/wiki/Spread_of_baseball_project.

**Pictorial History**
The Player Image Index passed the 16,800 player mark. The Manager Image Index is part of the SABR Encyclopedia and covers more than 97% of the big league managers. The Ballpark Photo Index has reached enough completion to be ready to go onto the SABR website. The Bain Collection project has given SABR visibility in every caption related to Bain baseball photos as displayed on the Library of Congress website.

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 96.7% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of more than 35,000 records describing image sources for over 16,800 major league players.

At the end of May 2002, there were approximately 2,650 major leaguers on our Missing Players List. In mid-June of 2010, we are now missing only 563 players. The large majority of those missing players are 19th century major leaguers, and it will continue to be a significant challenge to locate images of them. 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 leagues, and we have added more pictorial entries to the records of many players who had already been represented by at least one image. Mid-2003 to mid-2010 has been a period of broadening participation in the development of the Player Image Index. Over 146 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, Marvin Scott, Ren Petrie, and Bob Richardson. During 2006, 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 old version of the Encyclopedia and then click on “Pictures” to access descriptions of where images have been found for that player.

In early 2004, the committee launched a joint project with the Ballparks 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 database. 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 12 months. The database is ready for placement on the SABR website and is waiting in the queue with some other systems projects.

In early 2005, the committee launched a third project. The 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. Dave Davis is managing the project. Dave has brought the project to the point where we have been able to catalogue images for over 97% of the big league managers. This cataloguing of manager images became part of the SABR Encyclopedia during the 2006-07 annual report period.

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 that\ are linked to baseball in some way. All of these baseball photos were 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. This project was completed and the results submitted to the Library of Congress staff before the end of the year 2006. The Library of Congress staff has made the changes to the captions on its website, and gives credit to SABR in each and every baseball-related caption. We continue to keep in contact with the Library of Congress and to submit further corrections to them when we find baseball captions which need improvement.

Another project with the Library of Congress has been more active during the past year. This project, led by Mark Fimoff, has identified players in 216 baseball photographs of the Harris and Ewing Collection and reported them to the Library of Congress staff. Most recently, the Pictorial History Committee has begun assisting the OOTP Developments Forum in its efforts to pursue and verify historical images of major league ballplayers.

Other committee activities over the past year included the publication of three newsletters and the response to numerous requests for leads on photo sources and photo identifications. Mark Fimoff’s Mystery Photo Supplement has continued to be a popular addition to our regular committee newsletter.

Science & Baseball
The Science & Baseball Committee has been relatively inactive during the past year. Their major effort has been the organization of a panel for SABR40 entitled “New Technologies and Baseball,” moderated by committee chair Alan Nathan. These technologies include the PITCHf/x and HITf/x video tracking systems and the TrackMan Doppler radar tracking system. These technologies are providing unprecedented information on the trajectories of pitched and batted baseballs. The panel members will discuss these data and the effect they are having on baseball analysis.
Scouts
Founded: 1994
Co-chair: Jim Sandoval
Co-chair: Rod Nelson

The Scouts committee has grown to 253 members. The ongoing work of the committee involves two projects maintained by the co-chairs: “The Who-Signed-Whom Database,” developed and managed by Rod Nelson, and “The Scouts Roster,” developed and managed by Jim Sandoval. The Who-Signed-Whom Database is being integrated into the online SABRpedia on sabrpedia.org. “The Scouts Roster” remains a work in progress, and it is hoped will soon be incorporated into the encyclopedia. The dataset includes a listing of scouts by organization, by year with title and territory when known. The primary source for this information has been the annual Sporting News Guides but also now includes data compiled from early Baseball Bluebooks by SABR stalwart Frank Phelps. Team media guides have been addressed as well along with research contributed by members.

The chairs respond to a handful of research requests from fellow SABR members and the baseball media every month. Bill Nowlin and Jim Sandoval head up a project to create a book on the history of scouting, including biographies of important scouts throughout baseball history. The editors hope to have all rough drafts submitted by the convention for a 2011 publication. “20 to 80,” the Scouts committee newsletter, is sent to members two to three times a year. The committee also presents the Roland Hemond Award annually at the convention. The award recognizes a baseball executive who has demonstrated commitment and support for the scouting profession. In 2009 Dallas Green was the honoree. This year’s honoree is John Schuerholz.

The SABRscouts eGroup is an online discussion forum provided to members for interactive communication. Subscribers are also encouraged to post research requests and the URLs, 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. The work being completed by the Scouts committee is increasingly being noticed by people working in professional baseball.

Spring Training
Founded: 2002
Chair: Mark Rappaport

No committee report was available at press time.

Statistical Analysis
Founded: 1974
Co-chairs: Clem Comly & Neal Traven

Statistical Analysis Committee members propose, build, and test statistical models and evaluation techniques with the goals of describing and analyzing the existing record of baseball data as well as developing empirical models for investigating potential futures trends in the game. The SAC strongly values peer review as an essential component of high quality research. Under long-time editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC’s newsletter By The Numbers presents research studies and critical discussion. Two issues of the newsletter, officially dated as May and August 2009, were published since our last annual report and are currently available at http://www.philbirnbaum.com/. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in producing the major preseason annual analytic publications. The value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR, both within the baseball community and in the media.

Our StatisticalAnalysis Yahoo Group, managed by Dan Levitt, is an email list open exclusively to committee members. While message traffic is rather variable, it can be a highly useful forum for SAC member discussions. The list’s early July member-count of 273 is about 4% greater than a year ago. Between the email list, the committee’s webspace (currently at http://www.philbirnbaum.com/, but likely to move under the SABR.org domain in the near future) and the
numerous websites and blogs maintained by SAC members, the Statistical Analysis Committee’s cyber-presence is strong and well established. Not surprisingly, over 60% of the newly created Baseball Think Factory online community and nearly 30% of the Baseball Bloggers Alliance community are SAC members.

The Statistical Analysis Committee contributes significantly to SABR’s research profile and its reputation for important baseball analysis. We urge SAC members to communicate their research findings both through the Committee’s own publication media and by submitting research manuscripts to the Baseball Research Journal. We again remind SAC members that financial support for research projects may be available through proposals submitted to the continuing Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant program.

**Umpires & Rules**

*Founded: 1998*  
*Chair: Reid Duffy*

The Umpires and Rules Committee activity largely revolved around answering questions or helping those seeking information on umpires or rules, most notably on Umpire Doug Harvey in preparation for his induction into Baseball’s Hall of Fame, along with Manager Whitey Herzog. Dave Vincent was able to supply Stew Thornley with the number of times Harvey felt compelled to eject Mr. Herzog from games for excessive arguing (twice). A representative of the Hall of Fame contacted us for any information we had on Harvey’s military record for a special surprise presentation the Hall makes to inductees who are veterans. None of the biographical information I had on Harvey, makes mention of any military service, which would have occurred in the early 50’s, around the time of the Korean War. We were able to point him to possible sources. We also received inquiries on the physical development of the baseball, with the excellent reference book, *Game of Inches* offering a very good overview.

At our committee meeting at the upcoming SABR convention, I hope to have a lengthy discussion on the prospects for expanded replay for umpires to ponder in light of the Jim Joyce missed call at first, preventing the third perfect game of the year.

**Women in Baseball**

*Founded: 1990*  
*Co-chairs: Leslie Heaphy & Claudia Perry*

As a committee, three newsletters were sent out since the 2009 Annual Meeting. Each newsletter highlighted research, new books, and happenings in the women’s baseball world. For example, Martha Ackmann has a new book out, Stephanie Liscio has one coming, and Chelsea Baker and Eri Yoshida have been in the news a great deal.

Regular correspondence included answering research questions, helping students with papers, identifying photos, writing captions for an exhibit, and other related requests. Members asked for research articles and those were sent as requested. In addition there was a lot of correspondence and discussion this spring about creating a distribution list of women playing and writing about baseball and how we can better communicate with one another and the larger baseball world about what is happening. We expect this conversation to continue at our committee meeting. This conversation did result in people getting on Amazon and related sites to start writing reviews of women’s baseball books and women writing about baseball.

We were also pleased to see the recognition given to Dorothy Seymour Mills by SABR for the Chadwick Award. The Linedrives and Lipstick exhibit is coming to Cleveland in the fall, and our committee has involvement with this and hopes members will get out to see it.

Merrie Fidler continues to work with members of this committee and other SABR members on gathering bios from the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League for publication on the web in a joint project with SABR and the Player’s Association. New members joined the committee, and we continue to see an increase in women writing about baseball as well as playing.
Chapter Summary Report

The major change in the last 12 months was the addition of a new form of non-geographic chapter, which the board decided to call Chartered Communities. These are likely to be online communities reflecting shared interest that members from all over may wish to join. The first one chartered was the BTF Chapter, which sprang out of aficionados of Baseball Think Factory meeting at SABR’s annual convention, enjoying the fellowship and sharing of ideas and wanting to stay in touch throughout the year as well as to better communicate with people of like soul who were unable to make the convention. Chris Dial and a couple of others from BTF met with the board on the final day’s meeting at the 2009 convention, and the board was unanimous in its wish to encourage such communities. Chris Dial and Michael McCullough became co-chairs.

Chartered over the next several months were the SABR Librarian Caucus (26 members, chaired by Lorene Kinnard) and the Baseball Bloggers Alliance, a dozen members chaired by Mike Lynch and Michael Metzger. Two more chartered communities were organized and recognized during the year: Horsehide Trivia (with over 623 members, chaired by T. Scott Brandon and D. Bruce Brown) and Project COBB (the Project for the Chronicling of British Baseball, which sees chairs Josh Chetwynd and Joe Gray, working with 16 members). No doubt the year to come will see additional groups come together.

Thinking geographically, the biggest development was the way that so many chapters responded on very short notice by holding SABR Day in America (some held them as SABR Night in America) events or gatherings in their areas. As Susan Petrone expressed:

“If SABR Day had been one of the Society for American Baseball Research’s national conventions, it would be one of the largest gatherings in the Society’s history. On January 30, 2010, more than 600 members attended one of 33 SABR Day gatherings held across the United States as well as Canada and Puerto Rico.

SABR members and other baseball fans across North America got together for Hot Stove discussions, research presentations, guest talks by former players, and even a Dice Base Ball Tournament. SABR has 55 chapters in the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, and Japan. Local chapters are a key part of the nationwide (and worldwide) community of baseball fans who are at the heart of SABR (approximately 10% of the membership attends the annual national convention, which is held in a different city each year). SABR Day was conceived of as an alternative to gathering members in one place by having as many members as possible come together on the same day—regardless of where they live. Like the national SABR convention, all SABR Day gatherings were open to members and non-members alike.”

We were pleased to see the chapter in Columbus reinstated. We wish them well, and are pleased for the fresh interest. A new chapter was created in August 2009, based in Tallahassee. We have also been pleased to see the Rabbit Maranville Chapter (Springfield and Western Massachusetts) come back with fresh programs after several years of near inactivity.

Authors and writers were featured at regional chapter events, as usual. Among the many were Brian Cooper (in Iowa), Jim Walker (in Chicago), Katya Cengel and Roger Snell (Kentucky), Monica Nucciarene (San Francisco), Daliana Muratti (San Juan), Alain Usereau, Jim Shearon, and Jacques Doucet with Marc Robitaille (Quebec), Saul Wisnia and Gabriel Schechter (Boston), Lyle Spatz and Pete Palmer (South Florida), Dorothy Mills Seymour (Naples FL); Jim Kaplan (Western Massachusetts); Joe Posnanski and James Forr (Kansas City), and Peter Golenbock and Goerge Gedda (Central Florida).

Major league ballplayers, umpires and personnel spoke at various chapter gatherings. Among them were ballplayer Irv Noren, umpire Phil Cuzzi, and Director of Baseball Operations Josh Stein (in San Diego); Don Lund (in Ann Arbor); Benny Ayala, Julio Navarro, and Luis Olmo (San Juan); Vancouver Canadians owner Jake Kerr, former GM Pat Gillick, pitcher Rick Wise, Special Assistant to the GM of the Mariners Tony Blengino, pitching coach Rick Adair, and numerous others (NW SABR); Torey Luvullo, manager of the Pawtucket Red Sox, and former pitcher Ken Ryan (southern New England); shortstop Bobby Meacham and Rockies owner Dick Monfort (Rocky Mountains); Pawsox player Jeff Natale and Brockton Rox coach Justine Siegal (Boston); Hall of Famer Monte Irvin and Astros legend Larry Dierker, Houston Astros GM Ed Wade, and broadcaster Greg Lucas (Houston); Marlins GM Larry Beinfest and former Marlins outfielder Jeff Conine (South Florida); Kevin Rhomberg (Cleveland); Burlington Bees GM Chuck Brockett (Iowa); Mike Trombley (Western Mass.)

Chapters also produced their own research: the Quebec chapter, for instance, producing a small booklet about the history of baseball in Quebec, focusing on years ending in “nine” – 1909, 1919, etc. The ever-inventive Ted Williams Chapter (San Diego) asked members selected a specific date and plate appearance, and asked all members to write up their thoughts on the
third at-bat of whomever was batting seventh on a given day's game. A PDF file of the assembled thoughts was being prepared. They also held one day in which all members were urged to photograph “A Day in the Life of Petco Park” and are hoping to bring together the results through some form of publication. Some chapters were active encouraging BioProject work as well, though much of the research and writing is inevitably done individually. Other chapters, such as the newly-reconstituted Columbus chapter enjoyed other activities (in the case of Columbus, Joe Santry led an in-depth tour of the new Huntington Park home of the Columbus Clippers.)

Special thanks, of course, to the Bob Davids Chapter and friends in the Washington DC area which hosted an exceptional convention, one that was truly monumental.

All in all, it has been a very active 12 months for SABR’s chapters.

Bill Nowlin, VP
## SABR Chapters

### International
- **Bobby Thomson Chapter**
  - London, UK (Great Britain)
- **Hanlan’s Point Chapter**
  - Toronto, ON
- **Orlando Cepeda Chapter**
  - San Juan, PR
- **Quebec Chapter**
  - Montreal, QU
- **Tokyo Chapter**
  - Tokyo, (Japan)

### East
- **Bob Davids Chapter**
  - Washington, DC
- **Bostom Chapter**
  - Boston, MA
- **Casey Stengel Chapter**
  - New York, NY
- **Cliff Kachline Chapter**
  - Cooperstown, NY (Central NY)
- **Connie Mack Chapter**
  - Philadelphia, PA
- **Elysian Fields**
  - West Orange, NJ
- **Forbes Field Chapter**
  - Pittsburgh, PA
- **Ford-Harrelson Chapter**
  - New York, NY (The Island)
- **Gardner-Waterman Chapter**
  - Worcester, MA (Central MA)
- **Jesse Burkett Chapter**
  - Providence, RI (Southern New England)
- **Lajoie-Start Chapter**
  - Springfield, MA (Western MA)
- **Rabbit Maravigne Chapter**
  - Hartford, CT
- **Smoky Joe Wood Chapter**
  - St. Louis, MO

### Midwest
- **Bresnahan-Mudhens Chapter**
  - Toledo, OH
- **Central Ohio Chapter**
  - Columbus, OH
- **Dayton Chapter**
  - Dayton, OH
- **Detroit Chapter**
  - Detroit, MI
- **Don Lund Chapter**
  - Ann Arbor, MI
- **Emil Rothe Chapter**
  - Chicago, IL
- **Field of Dreams Chapter**
  - Des Moines, IA (Iowa)
- **Halsey Hall Chapter**
  - Minneapolis, MN
- **Hoyt-Allen Chapter**
  - Cincinnati, OH
- **Jack Graney Chapter**
  - Cleveland, OH
- **Ken Keltner Chapter**
  - Milwaukee, WI (Wisconsin)
- **Lou Criger Chapter**
  - South Bend, IN
- **Monarchs Chapter**
  - Kansas City, MO
- **Oscar Charleston Chapter**
  - Indianapolis, IN
- **Wally Pipp Chapter**
  - Holland, MI (Western Michigan)

### South
- **Auker-Seminick Chapter**
  - Orlando, FL
- **Buck O’Neil Chapter**
  - Tallahassee, FL
- **Carolina Chapter**
  - Durham, NC
- **Charlotte Chapter**
  - Charlotte NC
- **Rice-Russel Chapter**
  - Nashville, TN
- **Hall-Ruggles Chapter**
  - Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
- **Larry Dierker Chapter**
  - Houston, TX
- **Magnolia Chapter**
  - Atlanta, GA
- **Pee Wee Reese Chapter**
  - Little Rock, AR
- **Robinson-Kell Chapter**
  - Austin, TX
- **Rogers Hornsby Chapter**
  - New Orleans, LA
- **Schott-Pelican Chapter**
  - Naples, FL
- **South Florida Chapter**
  - Miami, FL
- **Wade Boggs Chapter**
  - Tampa, FL
- **West Texas Chapter**
  - Abilene, TX

### West
- **Allan Roth Chapter**
  - Los Angeles, CA
- **Flame Delhi Chapter**
  - Phoenix, AZ
- **Lefty O’Doul Chapter**
  - San Francisco, CA
- **Northwest SABR**
  - Seattle, WA (Pacific Northwest)
- **Rocky Mtn SABR**
  - Denver, CO (CO, MT, NM, WY, Western NE)
- **Sacramento Chapter**
  - Sacramento, CA
- **Ted Williams Chapter**
  - San Diego, CA
SABR's Annual Meeting

SABR considers the meeting on August 10, 1971, as the first annual meeting of SABR, so all the conventions today are numbered to reflect that. In 2009, SABR 39 was held in Washington, DC. The SABR Annual Meeting has gone through many changes. In the early days, members sat around and gave presentations to the others there on topics of interest to them. There were no time limits, and certainly no blind review of appropriate topics and level of research. Today, members are asked to submit abstracts that enter a blind review process. With usually about 30 to 40 spots of 20 minutes (plus five minutes for questions and answers), the annual meetings now have plenty of research content of many types. In addition to the oral research presentations, SABR members also are invited to make poster presentations.

The Annual Meeting also features panel presentations. One tradition is to get together several of the alumni of the local team. Other topics of panels might be umpires or players born in the area.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting is the Awards Luncheon where the winners of various SABR Awards (see pages 23 to 26) are recognized. The luncheon also normally is the venue for the featured speaker of the meeting. In Washington, Joshua Alkin was the featured speaker. Other speakers in recent years have been Joe Garagiola, Jim Bouton, and Paul Godfrey.

Another change in the SABR Annual Meeting is that while the local volunteers still are a mainstay and hugely important part of a successful convention, more parts of running the show have been professionalized by bringing functions back to the staff. This has allowed for better hotels and promotion, increasing attendance and helping to make things run more smoothly and profitably. The SABR annual Meeting does raise somewhere between five and eight percent of SABR’s revenues, with its registration fees, advertising and vendor sales, and sponsorship income.

The SABR Annual Meeting is the place for members to get together and share their love of the game. It is truly an experience that makes you want to come back year after year.

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SABR respects and values the contributions of individuals who have added to the historical record of the game. Every year, baseball writers and researchers add to our knowledge and understanding of baseball with quality scholarship in the form of books, articles, and a wide variety of other media. SABR presents four annual awards for specific research accomplishments among its six annual awards and two discretionary awards. The individuals and projects that follow are an example for current and future baseball researchers to follow as they expand our knowledge of baseball and achieve their own recognition for baseball scholarship.

### Bob Davids Award (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.

### 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. The award was named in honor of the late baseball historian Harold Seymour and Dorothy Seymour Mills. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing. “History,” for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, is understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. Among the kinds of works that do not meet the criteria are encyclopedias, novels, short story collections, statistical compilations, collections of documents, personal reminiscences, interviews, simple chronicles of events, edited works, and works by multiple authors (as distinguished from works by coauthors). “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.

### 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.
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 by 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.

The Doug Pappas Research Award, Presented by USA Today-Sports Weekly (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 Sunday Awards Breakfast at SABR 39 in Washington, DC, it was announced that Tim Herlick of Seattle, WA, had won the Doug Pappas Research Award for, “21,” a tribute to Washington player Tom Cheney’s forgotten 21-strikeout game. Susan Ballentine of Richmond, VA, won its sister award, the USA Today Sports Weekly Award for the poster presentation, “Rethinking Bill James’ Pythagorean Expectation.”

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.

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 that June 1 of the following year by a researcher in grades 6-8 (middle school category), grades 9-12 (high school category), or undergraduates 22 and under (College Category).

The awards committee will consist of members appointed each year by the education committee chair. The winner will receive a plaque honoring this achievement and the following, according to his/her category:
College ($200 prize, plus 1 year membership)
High School ($200 prize, plus 1 year membership)
Middle School ($100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

On April 26, 2010, the following received a Sporting-News SABR Baseball Research Award:
Robert M. Gormand and David Weeks, Death at the Ballpark: A Comprehensive Study of Game-Related Fatalities, 1862-2007
Dennis Pajot, The Rise of Milwaukee Baseball: The Cream City from Midwestern Outpost to the Major Leagues, 1859-1901
L.M. Sutter, Ball, Bat and Bitumen: A History of Coalfield Baseball in the Appalachian South

On June 1, 2010, the following received the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award:
Mark Armour, A Tale of Two Umpires
William F. Lamb, A Fearsome Collaboration: The Alliance of Andrew Freedman and John T. Brush
Geri Strecker, The Rise and Fall of Greenlee Field: Biography of a Ballpark

Winners of the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award include:
2009 Jackie Robinson by Marissa Haarmann of Phoenix, AZ
2008 Jackie Robinson Keeps His Cool by Zach Frampton of Laie, Hawaii.
2007 Play Ball! A Triumph for Women Begins Amidst the Tragedy of World War II by Alayne Klco of Whitehall, Michigan.
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.

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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.

Most Recent Winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award:

- College Division: Trent McCotter, University of North Carolina, “Hitting Streaks Don’t Obey Your Rules”
- Middle School Division: Kyle Taylor, Lancaster Middle School (Lancaster NY), “Jackie Robinson”

**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.

Today, the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants program has distributed over $15,000 in monies to help baseball researchers pay for the things they need to conduct their research. The Yoseloff Foundation’s commitment to supporting these grants runs through 2011. As a result of the grants, SABR published in its *Baseball Research Journal* the results of Gene Carney’s deeper research into the Black Sox Scandal and the cover-up, “New Light on an Old Scandal,” and Thomas Aiello’s research into black baseball in Monroe, Louisiana, “The Composition of Kings.”

SABR sincerely thanks all the award and grant sponsors for their investment in acknowledging and supporting baseball research excellence.


Middle School Division: Max Robbins, “Determined Win -- Percentage; A New Tool for Evaluating Pitcher Performance”

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

The recipients of the 2009 funding cycle were:

- Tamara Burnett, “The History and Influence of MLB in the Dominican Republic”
- Henry Fetter, “Free Agency Arbitration”
- Robert Fitts, “Banzai Baseball - Baseball Diplomacy and Fanaticism in Imperial Japan”
- Mike Haupert, “Earning Like a Woman: The Gender Gap in Professional Baseball, 1944 to 1954”
- Amber Roessner, “The Role of Early Baseball Journalists”
- Barney Terrell, “The Union Association”

The recipients of the 2008 funding cycle were:

- Rick Benner, “Collegiate Baseball History”
- Gene Carney, “Black Sox Scandal”
- Ken Fenster, “Biography of Earl Mann”
- John Lewis, “The 1905 Ohio-Pennsylvania League”
- Justin Murphy, “Biography of Jocko Flynn”

The recipients of the 2007 funding cycle were:

- Gerilyn Strecker, “Oscar Charleston”
- Brian Carroll, “Wichita 1925: Monrovians vs. the KKK”
- Kevin McCann, “1903-1924 Kitty League Player League Index”
- Michael Bowman, “Working, Learning, and Playing in the Field”: Organized Baseball as Intercultural Education in the Yakima Valley, 1930-1940”
- Martha Ackmann, “Curveball: Toni Stone’s Challenge to Baseball and America”

The recipients of the 2006 funding cycle were:

- Rex Hamann, “Minneapolis Millers: 1901-1912”
- Michael Haupert, “Black Ball, Red Ink, a Financial Analysis of the Negro Leagues”
- Craig Lammers, “Minor League Baseball in Ohio during the Deadball Era”
- Todd Peterson, “1909 St. Paul Gophers”

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”
- Trent Mc Cotter, “AL Anomalies 1920-30”
- Roberta Newman, “Baseball, Advertising and Race”
- Marc Okkonen, “Minor League Player names 1900-10”

2010 Yoseloff Grantees

In July 2010, SABR completed the next round of funding for the Yoseloff Baseball Research Grant Program. The following were awarded Yoseloff Grants.

- Jeff Barto (Huntersville, NC), BASEBALL: A Video-Script Index of Ken Burns’ Documentary
- Rich Bowering (Cleveland, OH), Biography of Mike Kelly
- John Burbridge (Mebane, NC), The legacy of Alvin Dark as a player and a manager
- Ross Davies (Washington, DC), A Player on the Court: The Memories and Dreams of Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson
- William Johnson (Chesapeake, VA), Eastern Iowa Baseball Project
- Jeff Laing (Santa Fe, NM), John “Bud” Fowler in Santa Fe
- Todd Peterson (Kansas City, MO), Finding box scores and game accounts for every Blackball championship
- Jennifer Ring (Reno, NV), America’s Baseball Underground; Documenting the Current State of the Women’s Game
- Alex Tepperman (Toronto, ON), Arrest rates of MLB players

New Awards

**Henry Chadwick Award**

The Chadwick was established in November 2009 to honor the game’s great researchers—historians, statisticians, annalists, and archivists—for their invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that links America’s present with its past.

The first nine recipients of the award are: Lee Allen (1915-1969); Bob Davids (1926-2002); Bill James (b. 1949); Peter Morris (b. 1962); David Neft (b. 1937); Peter Palmer (b. 1938); Lawrence Ritter (1922-2004); Harold Seymour (1910-1992) and Dorothy Seymour Mills (b. 1928); and Jules Tygiel (1949-2008).

**Negro Leagues Committee Awards**

The Negro Leagues Committee awarded $1,000 library grants to S.D. Lee Middle School and West Lowndes Elementary School, both of Columbus, Mississippi. School libraries from across the country were invited to submit grant proposals centering on educating students about black baseball and American history.

In addition, the Negro Leagues Committee awarded $2,500 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors as a result of its first-ever national essay contest. The winners of the inaugural contest were Chad Richardson of Lakota West High School (West Chester, Ohio), and Lewis Pollis of Cleveland Heights High School (Cleveland Hts, Ohio).
Membership Report

SABR ended its 2009 membership year with 6,497 members, which was a decrease from the 6,897 of the previous year. This was the first time that membership dipped below 6,500 members since 1995. So far in 2010, membership is up slightly over the previous year, hopefully signalling that economic hardship is no longer eroding membership.

There were 717 members who joined SABR in 2009, which actually was a slight increase from the previous year.

The SABR membership continues to be well educated and professionally diverse. Educators, lawyers, doctors, or accountants are well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. SABR members also are well-connected to the Internet, with 91.49% of members sharing an email address with SABR.

The average age of the SABR membership was 57.62 as of June 15 2010.

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## Financial Statements, December 31, 2009

### Society for American Baseball Research

#### Statement of Financial Position

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| Property and Equipment -- AT COST | | | |
| Equipment | 64,123 | 64,123 | 44,259 | 41,803 |
| Website | 29,523 | 29,523 | 29,523 | 29,523 |
| **Net Property and Equipment** | **$ 93,646** | **$ 93,646** | **$ 73,782** | **$ 71,326** |
| **$ 25,750** | **$ 25,750** | **$ 11,050** | **$ 11,649** |

| Other Assets | | | |
| Research Collections | 26,939 | 26,939 | 26,939 | 26,939 |
| Trademark | 761 | 994 | 1,227 | 1,460 |
| Deposits | 1,824 | 1,824 | 1,824 | 1,824 |
| **Total Other Assets** | **$ 29,524** | **$ 29,757** | **$ 29,990** | **$ 30,223** |
| **$ 845,882** | **$ 754,142** | **$ 758,710** | **$ 645,881** |

### LIABILITIES

| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts Payable | $ 24,786 | $ 8,179 | $ 36,408 | $ 100,365 |
| Special payroll tax accrual | $ 45,641 | | | |
| Deferred Membership Dues -- curr | 189,833 | 208,818 | 238,088 | 153,217 |
| **$260,260** | **$216,997** | **$274,496** | **$253,582** |

| DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DL | | | |
| 62,694 | 62,224 | 66,528 | 51,860 |
| **$322,954** | **$279,221** | **$341,024** | **$305,442** |

### NET ASSETS

| UNRESTRICTED | | | |
| 351,783 | 379,131 | 331,956 | 286,221 |
| TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED | | | |
| 145,218 | 77,913 | 70,252 | 41,298 |
| PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED | | | |
| 18,805 | 17,877 | 15,478 | 12,920 |
| **$515,806** | **$474,921** | **$417,686** | **$340,439** |
| **$838,760** | **$754,142** | **$758,710** | **$645,881** |

### Financial Statements, December 31, 2009

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**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In accordance with GAAP, 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. Unrestricted net assets are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Temporarily restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. These restrictions may be removed by the passage of time or actions of the Society to meet the restrictions. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year in which the contributions are received are classified as unrestricted contributions. Permanently restricted net assets are those contributions that the donor stipulates must be held in perpetuity for a particular purpose.

**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.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**—The Society places its cash with high quality financial institutions. Balances with the financial institutions may exceed insured limits.

**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: 5 years.

**Revenue 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. These dues 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 requires 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.

**Subsequent Events**—The Society has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2009, and May 27, 2010, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.
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 giving, with the most recent drive securing $100,000+ from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, including more than $60,809 in unrestricted giving. It is the fifth consecutive $50,000+ year, and counts more than 800 individual donors to date.

In 2004, SABR adopted a more formal process to recognize its donors, revamping its gift levels and seeking more appropriate ways to recognize those who contribute money beyond annual dues. These initiatives have been very successful, increasing both overall annual giving and giving at all levels above $100.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and others listed here who have made leadership contributions in the period between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2008-2009. 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.

You are Important to Us

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this annual report, we realize that errors may have occurred. If your name has been omitted, misspelled, incorrectly listed, or you do not want your name published on our online version, please accept our sincere apologies and notify us of the discrepancy so that we may correct our records. Contact us at:

info@sabr.org
812 Huron Rd E #719
Cleveland OH 44115
1-800-969-7227.

Giving Time – Just as Important as Cash
SABR members do more than support SABR with their money; they also support the organization with an equally precious resource – their time.

Volunteer leaders reported that in the 2009 calendar year they logged more than 10,100 hours in helping SABR in a variety of ways. At an estimated value of $20.85* per hour, SABR volunteers contributed just over $210,000 in time.

*[Independent Sector, “Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour, 2008.”]

Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle
In February 2007 the SABR Board of Directors created a Legacy Circle to recognize those members and friends of SABR who have already included SABR in their estate planning and to encourage future bequests and planned gifts.

Members of the Legacy Circle currently include:

Steven G. Breen*  William B. James*
Ron Gabriel*  Jim Karn*
William Hickman  Bob McConnell
Chuck Hilty  John Pardon*
John Infanger*  Neal Traven
Douglas Jacobs  John Zajc

*SABR 40 Sponsors
SABR was pleased to have the following sponsors, partners, and funders in Atlanta, GA during SABR 40.

Gold Level
Major League Baseball and the Office of the Commissioner

Bronze Level
Atlanta Braves
Cleveland Printwear
McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers

SABR would also like to thank Crystal Pix for arranging the screening of Signs of the Time.

Foundation Support
Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation

2010 Jerry Malloy Conference Supporters
Garvey, Michael
Peterson, Todd
Tennessee Valley Authority
Vincent, Fay

Matching Gift Companies
Microsoft Giving Campaign
Pitney Bowes Employee Involvement Fund
The Pfizer Foundation
Ryan Companies US
W.W. Grainger

Pro Bono Support
Baker & Hostetler
DLA Piper
Cleveland Printwear
Vorys, Sater, Seymour, & Pease

$2,500 and Above
Shayne Bradley
Michael Garvey
Microsoft Giving Campaign
Fay Vincent
Anthony Yoseloff

$1,000 to $2,499
Richard Applegate
Jan Finkel
Francis Hamilton
David Paulson
Greg Rosenbaum
Robert Schaefer
Tennessee Valley Authority
Various
$500 to $999
Anonymous
Richard Beverage
Robert Crotty
Rick Fizdale
Vince Gennaro
Michelle Kastro
David Larson
Leonard Levin
Stephen Milman
Bill Nowlin
Todd Peterson
Thomas Ruane
Dane Shellhouse
Joseph Simenic
Hal Smith
Steve Steinberg
Neal Traven
Rev. David Vogel
W.W. Grainger
William Williamson

$250 to $499
Mark Armour
Burr & Forman LLP
John Carter
William Christensen
Robert Cochran
Jon Daniels
Paul Esacove
Edwin Fernandez-Cruz
Doron Goldman
Wayne Hebden
Thomas Hufford
L. Peyton Humphrey
Alma Ivor-Campbell
Martin Jatlow
Thomas Koegel
James Lannen
Daniel Levitt
Robert Luke
Peter Mancuso
Andrew McCue
Stan Meradith
Rick Miller
David Mitchell
Frank Mooney
Dwight Oxley
Harry Rothgerber
Ryan Companies US
Gary Sarnoff
Rick Schabowski
Robert Shelton
Brent Shyer
John Stryker
Larry Taylor
Paul Vastola
Jeffrey Watson
Douglas Yakich
John Zajc
Thomas Zocco

$100 to $249
Anonymous (3)
Donald Adams
Barry Adico
John Agius
David Alexander
David W. Anderson
Bill Arnold
Dennis Auger
Robert Axelrod
James Ball
Mark Belgya
Stanley Belostock
Bob Bencks
Barry Bengtsson
Dennis Bidwell
Bruce Bohner
John Boucher
Burton Boxerman
Tom Bradley
D.Bruce Brown
Douglas Burks
Peter Burnside
Rod Caborn
John Cappello
Katharine Carr
Richard Catanzaro
Randall Chandler
Ralph Christian
Michael Cleary
Clem Comly
VincentComparato
Tom Crisp
Willard Dalton
Stephen Daniels
Richard Dasch
Rick Dempsey
Armen Derebian
Frank DeSantis
John Difini
Stephen Doonan
Mark Dugo
Elena Elms
Vernona Elms
Steve Elsberry

Bernie Esser
David Faris
Donn Fasbender
John Ferguson
N. Bruce Ferris
Kenneth Fischer
Scott Fischthal
David Fleitz
Emily Germain-Lee
George Gibson
William Gilbert
Gary Gillette
Roger Godin
Robert Gold
Goodwin Goldfaden
John Gottko
Paul Haas
Timothy Harner
James Hassert
Mason Haupt
Irwin Herlihy
Charles Hilty
Paul Hirsch
Randy Hoenisch
David Holtz
G. Reed Howard
Tom Howell
Rick Huhn
Joaune Hulbert
Paul Jacks
Douglas Jacobs
Scott Johnson
David Jordan
Mark Kanter
Theodore Knorr
Lajoie-Start Chapter
Russell Lake
William Lamb
Gary LaPlante
Jeff Lawrence
Michael Lazor
Debra Leonard
Michael Levine
Jorge Lindenbaum
Dennis Link

Raymond Luurs
Peter MacPhail
Richard Malatzky
Robert McAfee
William McCurdy
Jeffrey Meder
Joseph Melillo
Philip Meneely
Edward Merz
Helen Miller
Robert Mitchell
John Moist
Gerry Moore
Joe Murphy
Ernest Nagy
Arthur Neff
Chris Nichol
Northern States
League
Jim Odenkirk
Warren Olds
Peter O'Malley
Roger Orloff
James Overmyer
Stuart Paige
Pete Palmer
William Parker
Richard Perez
Blair Perry
Arthur Peterson
Peter Pierce
Bobby Plapinger
Patrick Ray
Dick Raymo
James Rebollini
Paul Rogers
Stephan Roney
John Ruoff
Bill Ryczek
John Schwarz
Vincent Scully
Robert Shapiro
Jack Siegel
Seymour Siwoff
Lyle Spatz
Dana Sprague
Joel Sternberg
William Steverson
David Stewart
Peter Stewart
Rick Swift
Mervyn Taylor
Paul Terry
Gerald Thain
W.L. Thomas
Eric Thompson
Kevin Thompson
Stew Thornley
Richard Tourangeau
Thomas Tuttle
David Vincent
Cort Vitty
Marlene Vogelsang
Brian Waits
Lloyd Wallace
Michael Webber
Steve West
Daniel Wukich
Larry Zorn
Donors, July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

1971
Thomas Hufford
Clifford Kachline
Carl Kline
Robert McConnell
Pete Palmer
Joseph Simenic
Thomas Zocco

1972
John Benesch

1973
Joseph Costello
John O’Malley
Arthur Peterson
Terry Phelps
Lyle Spatz

1974
Harrington Crissey
Tom Howell
David Wyman

1975
Dale Collett
Richard Malatzky
Eugene McGuire
Ernest Nagy

1976
John Eisenhardt
Richard Hebert
Peter MacPhail

1977
John Burbridge
Leonard Levin
John McCormack
Lucius Riccio

1978
Stephen Daniels
Roger Godin
Daniel Jacobs

1979
Anonymous
John Ayoub
Bob Bencks
William Bordonaro
Bruce Fleming
George Gibson
Theodore Knorr
Robert McAfee
Stephen Milman
Barry Nelson
Donald Plavnick
Walter Robertson
Michael Sass
Stew Thornley
Peter Zanardi

1980
Richard Beverage
Robert Bluthardt
Phillip Bolda
Jon Daniels
Ted DeVries
John DiMeglio
Gary Emmett
Jonathan Epstein
Virgil Farley
John Ferguson
Charles Hilty
Steven Lawrence
Richard Tourangeau

1981
Anonymous
William Birely
Richard Catanzaro
Richard Dasch
David Holtz
Robert Hopper
Lewis Levey

1982
Larry Beebe
Douglas Burks
Jack Carlson
Clem Comly
Vincent Comparato
Bob Dorrill
Elias Dudash
Ron Edmonds
Donald Etheridge
Jay Langhammer
David Larson
Andrew McCue
Joe Murphy
Yoichi Nagata
Arthur Neff
Jim Odenkirk
Harry O’Donnell
Donald Parke
Mathew Robins
Brent Shyer
Donald Skuce
Michael Tedesco
Frank Ward
Robert Zwissig

1983
Anonymous
Mark Armour
Gerald Beirne
Henry Betzer
Clifford Blau
Pat Brown
Richard Cambere
John Carter
David Chase
Ray Corio
John Donovan
Steve Elsberry
Donald Fairchild
Gary Gillette
John Gottko
Paul Haas

1984
Eric Beck
Stanley Belostock
Thomas Boyd
Scott Bushnell
Dave Cohen
Leon Cummings
William Gilbert
Goodwin Goldfaden
Henry Goldman
David Hughes
Scott Johnson
Thomas Kern
Bill Ryczek
Thomas Taylor
Neal Traven
Michael Wheat
Larry Wolfson

1985
Donald Adams
David Alexander
Michael Aронstein
Stephen Bannen
James Beck
Paul Bennett
John Blake

1986
David Alvarez
Steven Baker
Ted Bart
David Bates
Henry Benoit
James Burke
Randall Chandler
William Christensen
David Faris
Malcolm Fraser
William Gladstone

1987
Tom Bradley
Bernie Esser
David Freedman
Thomas Koegel
B. Michael McCormick
Paul McGrath
Philip Meneely
David Mitchell
Michael Moore
Gene Oppenheim
Marc Rosenberg
Bob Rutishauser
Linda Skory
Charles Stagg
Mark Stangl
Joseph Thach
Paul Vastola
Robert Weintraub
William Williamson
Daniel Wukich

1988
David W. Anderson
Anonymous
Larry Dobkin
Shaun Fitzpatrick
Robert Hallett
Don Lagomarsino
William McCurdy
Larry Moffi
Glenn Morosco
Mike Haupert
James Holl
Howard Jones
David Jordan
Seamus Kearney
Gary LaPlante
Rob Neyer
James Overmyer
Bobby Plapinger
George Sommerfeld
Wayne Testino
Jack Victor
Edward Yerha
Kalvin Zitterkob
1989
Bradley Curtis
Douglas Dannay
Andrew Dennis
Kenneth Fischer
John Gaffney
G. Reed Howard
Paul Stanaford
John Stryker

1990
Bill Gagliano
John Guilfoyle
Douglas Jacobs
Paul Leslie
Charles McCarty
Mark Millkin
Chris Nichol
Paul Rogers
John Rorke
John Zajc
Larry Zorn

1991
Richard Boe
Bruce Bohner
Isao Chiba
Rick Dempsey
Jonathan Dunkle
Marshall Fogel
David Kern
James Libin
Daniel Lunger
Roger Raepple
Fred Raslon
Thomas Ruane
Jeffrey Staats
Joel Stemberg
Jeff Thomas
Thomas Tifft
Brian Waits

1992
John Agius
Anonymous
James Benoit
Mark Blanchette
Fred Burley
Ken Carrano
Frank DeSantis
George Desorcy
tom DiGianidomenico
Jeffrey Ecker
Jack Fraser
Thomas Gates
John Harmon
Timothy Harner
Jack Hickok
Michael Hunt
James Kastro
Jorge Lindenbaum
Jeffrey Meder
Dick Raymo
James Shearon
Stephen Straight
Wade Thrift
Ed Ward

1993
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Barry Bengtsson
Brian Berman
Burton Boxerman
Peter Burnside
Katharine Carr
Nicholas Fader
Marc Fink
Wilson Foster
John Green
Toyokai Hiruma
Enrico Innocenzi
Carl Isackson
Alma Ivor-Campbell
Rick Jones
Gregory King
Al Lackner
William Lamb
Gary Land
Everett Parker
Mark Pollak
Bob Rives
Edward Seligman
Tom Simon
Susan White
Peter Yee
Scott Zimmerman

1994
Bill Arnold
James Ball
Mark Belgya
William Blaskopf
Robert Bowen
Ralph Christian
Bill Cross
David Evans
Stephen Freenichick
Jan Finkel
Scott Fischthal
Jonathan Frankel
Steven Glassman
Doron Goldman
William Gould
Richard Hansen
Jeffrey Laing
Russell Lake
David Mack
Owen Marredeth
Michael Martin
Michael Mayko
Walter Milner
John Moist
Frank Mooney
Howard Morgan
Linda Nichols
John Nolan
Bill Nowlin
Rick Peral
Anthony Puglisi
Matthew Rejmaniak
Barbara Sande
Gary Sarnoff
Hal Smith
Martin Taft
W.L. Thomas
Walter Tucker
Don Weiskopf
Mark Weiss
Eric White
Theodore Wohlsen

1995
Anonymous
William Ayrovainen
Robert Baucher
Robert Chan
Thomas Clark
John Difini
Brant Ducey
Thomas Dunn
A.E. Dwello
Gerald Eskin
Judson Hamlin
Paul Hogan
Mark Hyman
Harvey Lapp
Stan Meradith
Michael Murphy
Morris Resner
Stephen Rundio
Rick Schabowski
David Silverstein
James Silvacek
Thomas Thompson
Gerald Welsh
John Woodhall
Anthony Yoseloff

1996
Alfred Angelo
Richard Applegate
Keith Barnes
Dennis Bidwell
Mark Bonino
Michael Emeigh
Vince Gennaro
Thomas Grace
Mason Haupt
Randy Hoenisch
Kenneth Keiser
Rick Maki
Edward Meyer
Jerry Mora
Joyce Ogrodowski
Stuart Paige
Dan Petricig
Robert Popovich
John Ruoff

1997
Donald Braun
D.Bruce Brown
Elmer Cowley
Herbert Crehan
Joseph Dorinson
Donn Fasbender
Charles Fischbach
Paul Fishel
Brian Flaspohler
Curtis Frey
Paul Gardella
Jim Hantschel
Jim Hartley
Dan Jacoby
John Kechejian
Charles Levith
Wilmore Neiditch
Tom Ng
H. Graham Nye
Robert Pugliese
Alan Raylesberg
Edwin Ribback
Scott Robson
Jim Rook
William Stevenson
James Sullivan
Kevin Thompson
Mark Wernick
Tim Wiles

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John Boucher
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John Goldsmith
Charles Greinsky

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Michael Bielawa
David Cicotello
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Peter Fishman
Irvin Goldfarb
James Lannen
Raymond Luhrs
Peter Mancuso
Alfred Martin
Mark Nelson
Thomas Sewell
Matthew Silverman
Steve Steinberg
Paul Terry
Thomas Tuttle
Cort Vitty
Chris Volinsky
Donald Ward

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Robert Axelrod
Ralph Berger
John Ciano
Margot Hayward
Irwin Herlihy
L. Peyton Humphrey
Rob Janes
Larry Johnson
Jeffrey Katz
Kevin Leniart
John Marshall
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History
The Society for American Baseball Research has come a long way since 16 individuals met around two tables at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York, on August 10, 1971. SABR has grown to almost 6,500 members and added research committees, regional groups, and a variety of other membership services. Once “SABR Who?” was a familiar question. Today, nearly all baseball publications make some reference to SABR or SABR members. Professional baseball executives and media are well aware of the collective expertise and talents of SABR members. Slowly, but surely, more and more general baseball fans are learning about SABR.

SABR was the brainchild of L. Robert “Bob” Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed free-lance articles to The Sporting News. When The Sporting News discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, “Baseball Briefs.” The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 “statisticians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group. The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society’s objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information. In addition to Davids (who passed away in February of 2002), the original members included Dan Dischley, Paul Frisz (deceased), Dan Ginsburg (deceased), Raymond Gonzalez (deceased), William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Tom Hufford, Cliff Kachline (deceased), Bob McConnell, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemec, John Pardon (deceased), Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic, and Keith Sutton (deceased).