

# Society for American Baseball Research

Annual Report July 1, 2014

SABR.org

## President's Report – Vince Gennaro

It's been another outstanding year for SABR. We've made a significant contribution to our mission to foster the study of baseball, maintain an accurate account of its historical record and to produce and disseminate a wide range of research. Importantly, we did this while ending our financial losing streak by turning our first financial surplus from operations since 2008.

At our core we are a research community dedicated to deepening the public's understanding and appreciation of the great game of baseball. We are diverse in that we recognize, support, and foster a wide range of baseball interests, ranging from the origins of the game and its 19th Century history, to women in baseball, games and simulations, and ballparks. Our ability to fulfill our mission is directly related to the diversity of our research committees, as well as the quality of our research. Likewise, the more our work is seen and heard within and outside the SABR community, the better we fulfill our mission.

Over the last year the SABR leadership—the Board, our Executive Director, and our staff—continued our three major themes to forward the Society's mission:

- A Support our members' research efforts by acquiring research assets and tools and providing an outlet for their work through publications
- Improve our connection to the baseball community—those who have the most to gain from our members' research
- Improve SABR's financial condition, so that we can ultimately invest in additional research tools and assets

I'm pleased to say we have made great progress on all three fronts. First, we have made enhancements to our publications program. Our newly expanded digital library supplements our print publications and allows us to publish the outstanding work of our researchers, at an accelerated pace. It allows us to publish more of our members' research and more quickly convert our finished product into a publication, delivered it to our members at no cost in e-book form.

Second, we continue to make excellent progress building our awareness and improving our connection to the broader baseball community. These relationships are critical to SABR's mission, namely the dissemination of baseball research and information. It ensures that the work of our dedicated SABR researchers has even greater meaning and impact by reaching the leaders and custodians of our national pastime. Our third SABR Analytics Conference with over 400 attendees, reaffirmed SABR's leadership role in the area of baseball analytics. Another example of our elevated profile within the baseball community is our new relationship with Rawlings Sporting Goods and their prestigious Gold Glove Award. As an acknowledgment of both our reputation as well as our expertise, we were asked to play a lead role in incorporating advanced defensive metrics into the Rawlings Gold Glove Award criteria.

Finally, we made significant progress on the financial front, with a surplus from our annual operations in 2013. The prognosis for 2014 is equally strong. We accomplished this by shifting our mix of revenues from being heavily reliant on membership dues to a more balanced blend of dues, licensing fees and event income. Based on our success over the last year and other initiatives in the pipeline, we expect our positive financial momentum to continue, which will ultimately allow us to make appropriate investments in the coming months to further our mission.

In the end, SABR is a community for those who share a passion for baseball. The goal of your SABR leadership is to support that passion by bringing you together as a community, providing you with the opportunities to collaborate and share in exciting research projects, and creating outlets for your work to be viewed, discussed and debated by others. As your SABR President, I look forward to another year of building on our successes and helping SABR members enlighten the baseball establishment and fans alike about the game we all cherish.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

It was a year of tremendous growth for the organization. From the experiences of our members at the chapter and committee level to SABR's impact on the Gold Glove Awards and the baseball community, this has been a successful and memorable year.

**SABR Chapters:** SABR added five new chapters this year, including three new international chapters. The new chapters are: The Luis Castro/Latin America Chapter in Venezuela, the Korea Chapter in South Korea, the Ed Abbaticchio Chapter in Sorrento, Italy, the Maine Chapter, and the Choo Choo Chapter in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter continued its consecutive meeting streak, reaching 90 straight months in May 2014. The Rocky Mountain Chapter has held monthly lunches every third Wednesday for 90 straight months. The 2013 NL Manager of the Year Clint Hurdle spoke to the Forbes Field Chapter. Red Sox manager John Farrell, former player Tommy Harper and journalist Peter Gammons were among the notable speakers who attended meetings of the Boston Chapter. Dorothy Mills, Leslie Heaphy, Jean Ardell, Monica Nucciarone and David Block shared the stories and the history of women in baseball at a Lefty O'Doul Chapter meeting. The Larry Dierker Chapter has devoted the better part of the year putting together a tremendous program for SABR 44.

(For a more complete look at the accomplishments of SABR's chapters, please see the chapters section of the annual report.)

**SABR Committees:** It was another outstanding year for SABR's committees, which continue to produce excellent research and provide a community for passionate and knowledgeable members. Some of the new and innovative committee projects and achievements this year include:

The BioProject Committee has completed 2837 articles and hopes to get over 2900 by SABR 44. The committee has about 800 biographies in progress. The committee's efforts have led to the publications of five books since last year's convention. This makes 24 books since the project began. This year, the committee began publishing articles from the Baseball Games Project, devoted to writing articles about individual games.

The Nineteenth Century Committee published four issues in a timely fashion. In all, nearly a dozen articles for the year, across approximately fifty printed pages. The Committee also hosted the sixth annual Fredrick Ivor-Campbell 19<sup>th</sup> Conference on April 11-12 at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. The Nineteenth Century Committee in collaboration with SABR's Origins Committee will also present a first time city-specific 19<sup>th</sup> NYC based event will be held all day Saturday, November 15, 2014 at John Jay College in Manhattan.

The Baseball and Media Committee launched the Retroactive All-Star Game Project. Voting was conducted from September 2013 to April 2014 to select retroactive MLB All-Star teams for the 1916-32 seasons, with results simulated using the Out of the Park 2015 computer game.

The Business of Baseball Committee was responsible for making available hundreds of case files from the Federal League's 1915 lawsuit against Organized Baseball. The History of the Winter Meetings book chapters continue to progress.

The Deadball Era Committee publishes its newsletter, "The Inside Game," four times each year under the editorial direction of newsletter editor Bill Lamb and Assistant Editors Mark Dugo and Bob Harris. Under the supervision of Gail Rowe, the Deadball Era Committee presents the Ritter Award annually to the best book focused primarily on the Deadball Era published during the year prior. This year, the ten-member Ritter Award subcommittee selected Mike Lackey's Spitballing: The Baseball Days of Long Bob Ewing (Orange Frazer Press) as the thirteenth winner of the Ritter Award. The DEC continues work on a new project initiated in 2011, co-chaired by Steve Steinberg and DEC Chair Emeritus Tom Simon, to chronicle the World Series of the Deadball Era primarily through photographs.

(For a more complete look at the accomplishments of SABR's committees, please see the committees section of the annual report.)

**SABR's Publications Program:** SABR published Fall and Spring editions of the BRJ and offered a print version of the TNP to SABR 43 attendees and an expanded digital version of the TNP to all members. More than 900 SABR members have opted to receive the digital version of the 2014 Spring BRJ. The publications program continues to be highly integrated with SABR.org.

Since last year's convention, members have received free copies of the following SABR e-books:

- The Year of Blue Snow (1964 Phillies book)
- Inventing Baseball: The 100 Greatest Games of the Nineteenth Century
- The Fenway Project
- New Century, New Team: The 1901 Boston Americans
- The Miracle Braves of 1914: Boston's Original Worst-to-First-World Series Champions
- How to Be A Base-Ball Player
- Thar's Joy in Braveland (1957 Braves)
- The Fan's Game
- The 2014 Emerald Guide

The University of Nebraska Press published two SABR Bio Project books – the 1975 Reds and the 1954 Indians. These are part of the "Memorable Teams in Baseball History" series.

The Larry Dierker Chapter worked with the national SABR office to publish a hardcover book, *Houston Baseball: The Early Years 1861-1961*. The book will be given to attendees at SABR 44.

**SABR's collaboration with Rawlings**: The first year of this collaboration was a major success. The SABR Defensive Index (SDI) played a key role in the selection of some of the Gold Glove winners. The winners of the Rawlings Platinum Glove Awards presented by SABR were announced by SABR President Vince Gennaro at the Gold Glove dinner. The award is decided by a combination of fan votes and the SDI. The SDI considers a fielder's range, his arm and his sure-handedness, along with his outstanding plays.

SABR's deal with MLBAM: SABR continues to work closely with MLBAM. More SABR stories are appearing on the very popular MLB.com site. SABR members were once again asked to play a key role in selecting the winners of the GIBBYS (Greatness in Baseball Yearly Awards). The votes from SABR members are equal to each of the other four categories: SABR members (20%), MLB.com (20%), Front office personnel (20%), Retired players (20%), Media (20%). SABR members once again received a discount on MLB.TV.

For the fourth straight year, SABR will present SABR-branded panels at the MLBAM booth at the All-Star Game Fan Fest. The 2014 All-Star Game will be held in Minneapolis in July. As in past years, some of the panels will also air on MLB.com.

**SABR.org**: Since we re-launched the website in the spring of 2011, it has been an extraordinary three years of growth for SABR.org. SABR.org has played a key role in increasing the exposure of the Society's new initiatives, including the SABR Analytics Conference and the SABR Digital Library publishing program. In addition, live online multimedia coverage from the SABR Analytics Conference, the SABR Convention, and other major events, along with increased daily visibility on multiple social media platforms, and our BioProject referral partnership with Baseball-Reference.com, have driven our web traffic to record-breaking numbers.

In the last three years, our web traffic has increased by more than 425%, from 15,344 unique visitors in March 2011 to 80,594 unique visitors in March 2014.

We have set new record highs in four of the first five months in 2014 — culminating in a record-high total of 95,067 unique visitors to SABR.org in May 2014.

In 2013, we surpassed 1 million total visitors to the SABR website for the first time, with more than 2.2 million page views, an increase of nearly 44% over total visitors in 2012. We're on pace to pass both of those numbers again in 2014.

2013: 1,059,449 total visitors (696,792 unique), 2,245,239 page views

2012: 736,311 total visitors (475,204 unique), 1,729,762 page views

2011: 270,311 total visitors (154,566 unique), 822,223 page views

Monthly milestones: After never seeing more than 18,200 unique visitors in a single month (dating to the implementation of Google Analytics metrics in 2009), SABR.org surpassed the 20,000-visitor mark for the first time in January 2012. We reached 40,000 visitors the following month in February, then hit the 50,000-visitor mark in April as we posted coverage from the inaugural SABR Analytics Conference. E-mail blasts from our partners at MLB.com helped us reach 70,000 visitors for the first time in January 2013 and 80,000 in January 2014. In April 2014, we went over the 90,000-visitor mark for the first time in a single month. It's only a matter of time before we hit 100,000 unique visitors in a single month.

Daily milestones: Through May 31, eight of our top 10 single-day traffic totals have been recorded in 2014 (also 21 of our top 25 and 42 of our top 50 single-day traffic totals.) Our single-day high is 10,877 unique visitors on January 10, 2013, the date of the first MLB.com e-mail blast. Our second-highest total was 9,953 visitors on January 8, 2014, after the second MLB.com e-mail blast. Several BioProject bios have gone "viral" — from stars like Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, and Stan Musial to iconic characters like Moe Berg and Eleanor Gehrig — to account for our other high single-day totals.

**SABR events:** SABR 43 attracted more than 700 attendees, featured excellent research presentations and panels, a lively discussion at the banquet between former MLB player and manager Larry Bowa and reporter Barry Bloom of MLB.com and another memorable trivia contest. The Anthony Y. Yoseloff Foundation Inc. Research Scholarship awards were given to 8 students who attended SABR 43 and the SABR Analytics Conference.

- The third annual SABR Analytics Conference held during Spring Training in Phoenix—attracted 450 attendees, including representatives from 27 Major League teams. The conference was once again a major success for SABR members, potential SABR members, industry insiders and the many college students who participated in the largest Case Competition to date. It was a major financial, branding and media success for SABR.
- The Jerry Malloy Conference continues to grow in attendance and stature last year's conference in Newark attracted 160 attendees and an excellent group of panelists and speakers.
- The Arizona Fall League Conference, which is held in Phoenix in early November, featured four games and top panelists and research presentations. It was once again very well received.
- The Frederick-Ivor Campbell 19<sup>th</sup> Century Base Ball Conference held in Cooperstown in April continues to be a successful annual event.
- For the third year in a row, SABR presented the SABR Seymour Medal Award prior to NINE's banquet at the NINE Conference. The recipient of the award was Gerald C. Wood, the author of *Smoky Joe Wood: The Biography of a Baseball Legend*.
- SABR produced a well-received SABR-branded baseball panel *The Next Frontier of Baseball Analytics* at the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference held in Boston in February. SABR was asked by the conference organizers (MIT and ESPN) to produce the conference's only baseball panel.
- SABR Day was once again a major success. Members from more than 30 chapters participated in SABR Day. SABR Day is held on the Saturday between the NFL Championship Game and the Super Bowl.

SABR's Youth Initiative: SABR's youth initiative has made considerable progress and is showing exciting results. SABR continues to attract younger members to the organization. Since January 2012, approximately 25 percent of our new members have been under-30 memberships. The awareness of SABR among younger members – through SABR.org, the SABR Analytics Conference, programs at high schools and colleges, and new external relationships – has grown considerably. At the 2014 SABR Analytics Conference, 20 schools sent teams and 93 attendees were students who competed in the Diamond Dollars Case Competition. Another 50 attendees were students or attendees under the age of 30. Many SABR chapters are reporting that they have more young members, that the young members are getting more involved, and that some of them are holding officer positions. As part of our youth initiative, SABR is spearheading an effort whereby we have reached out to younger members to write biographies of players form the 1980s and 1990s as part of the BioProject. SABR continues to work with *Sports Illustrated For Kids*. SABR has a 12-year old blogger who attends SABR events and conferences and blogs about them for SIkids.com.

**SABRpedia:** Work continues on the new SABRpedia, which is a collaborative website between SABR and the Baseball Reference Bullpen. The new SABRpedia will consist of combining content from two existing websites: The Baseball Reference Bullpen and SABRpedia. It will allow individuals to create or edit articles on a variety of baseball subjects. The goal is to launch this new site sometime this summer.

The success of SABR would not be possible without our members that make this a tremendous organization, our volunteers and consultants, and of course, without our terrific staff in Phoenix. Special thanks to Jacob Pomrenke (SABR Web Content Editor/Producer), Deb Jayne (Membership and Events Director) and Jeff Schatzki (Director of Operations).

Sincerely, Marc Appleman Executive Director

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# SABR Chapter Reports, July 1, 2014

EAST CHAPTERS		SOUTH CHAPTERS	
Bob Davids Chapter	Washington, DC	Auker-Seminick Chapter	Orlando, FL
Boston Chapter	Boston, MA	Carolina Chapter	Durham, NC
Casey Stengel Chapter	New York, NY	Charlotte Chapter	Charlotte, NC
Cliff Kachline Chapter	Cooperstown, NY	East Tennessee Chapter	Knoxville, TN
Clinton High School Chapter	Clinton, NY	DFW Hall-Ruggles Chapter	Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
Connie Mack Chapter	Philadelphia, PA	Houston/Larry Dierker Chapter	Houston, TX
CT Smoky Joe Wood Chapter	Hartford, CT	Magnolia/Georgia Chapter	Atlanta, GA
Elysian Fields Chapter	West Orange, NJ	N. Florida Buck O'Neil Chapter	Tallahassee, FL
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Rabbit Maranville Chapter	Springfield, MA	Schott-Pelican Chapter	New Orleans, LA
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	,	South Florida Chapter	Miami, FL
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Bob Broeg St. Louis Chapter	St. Louis, MO	WEST CHAPTERS	
Bresnahan-Mud Hens Chapter	Toledo, OH	Allan Roth Chapter	Los Angeles, CA
Central Oklahoma Chapter	Oklahoma City, OK	Flame Delhi Chapter	Phoenix, AZ
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		Horsehide Trivia	Union Project

# SABR Chapter Reports, July 1, 2014

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by July 1, 2014, have been included.)

• See Appendix 1

# SABR Committee Reports, July 1, 2014

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• See Appendix 2

# SABR's Annual Meeting

SABR considers the initial gathering of its founders on August 10, 1971, as its first Annual Meeting. All subsequent meetings/conventions have been numbered accordingly. In 2013, SABR 43 was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 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 each (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 are recognized. The luncheon is frequently the venue for the featured speaker of the meeting. In Philadelphia, Larry Bowa gave a one-on-one interview at the luncheon.

Another change in the SABR Annual Meeting is that while local volunteers remain a mainstay and essential 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 portably.

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

Year	City /	Attendees	Keynote
1971	Cooperstown NY	16	
1972	Washington DC	23	Chuck Hinton
1973	Chicago IL	26	B. Elson, D. Malarcher
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	Fred Lieb
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca
1977	Columbus OH	74	Johnny Bucha
1978	Paramus NJ	81	Tony Lupien
1979	Saint Louis MO	115	Mike Shannon
1980	Los Angeles CA	85	Roy Smalley Jr.
1981	Toronto ON	127	Panel Presentation
1982	Baltimore MD	227	Sparky Anderson
1983	Milwaukee WI	262	Hal Goodenough
1984	Providence RI	350	Lou Gorman
1985	Oakland CA	300	Roy Eisenhardt
1986	Chicago IL	479	Bill Gleason
	Washington DC	631	John Steadman
	Minneapolis MN	340	Andy MacPhail
	Albany NY	524	Bobby Brown
	Cleveland OH	481	Sam McDowell
	New York NY	405	Mel Allen
1992	Saint Louis MO	485	Bing Devine
	San Diego CA	350	Dick Williams
	Arlington TX	405	Robin Roberts
	Pittsburgh PA	451	Chuck Tanner
	Kansas City MO	431	Steve Fehr
	Louisville KY	440	Jim Bunning
	San Mateo CA	437	Bill Rigney
	Scottsdale AZ	400	Tom Henrich
	West Palm Beach		Elden Auker
	Milwaukee WI	574	Allan "Bud" Selig
	Boston MA	712	Panel Presentation
	Denver CO	494	Jim Evans
	Cincinnati OH	644	Marvin Miller
	Toronto ON	461	Paul Godfrey
	Seattle WA	539	Jim Bouton
	St. Louis MO	726	Joe Garagiola
	Cleveland, OH	632	Ron Shapiro
	Washington DC	664	Joshua Alkin
	Atlanta GA	435	John Schuerholz
	Long Beach CA	421	Scott Boras
	Minneapolis MN	448	John Thorn
	Philadelphia PA	709	Larry Bowa
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#### SABR Awards

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

#### **BOB DAVIDS AWARD**

The Bob Davids Award, first awarded in 1985, honors a SABR member of long standing (excepting paid member employees of SABR) who reflects the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder of SABR and who makes a significant contribution to the Society in such areas as administrative responsibility, original research, information exchange, or other voluntary and cooperative efforts in the best interests of baseball. It is considered to be SABR's highest honor.

△ The 2013 Bob Davids Award recipient is Dick Beverage.

#### HENRY CHADWICK AWARD

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

Apart from honoring individuals for the length and breadth of their contribution to the study and enjoyment of baseball, the Chadwick Award will educate the baseball community about sometimes little known but vastly important contributions from the game's past and thus encourage the next generation of researchers.

The contributions of nominees must have had public impact. This may be demonstrated by publication of research in any of a variety of formats: books, magazine articles, websites, etc. The compilation of a significant database or archive that has facilitated the published research of others will also be considered in the realm of public impact.

The 2014 recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: Mark Armour, Ernie Lanigan, Marc Okkonen, Cory Schwartz, John C. Tattersall.

DOUG PAPPAS RESEARCH AWARDS, PRESENTED BY USA TODAY-SPORTS WEEKLY (first awarded 1993; as John Cox Award 1990-92)

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.

The award winners at SABR 43 were:

- A Oral presentation: "Analyzing batter performance against pitcher clusters," by Vince Gennaro.
- A Poster presentation: "The uncertain relationship between stolen bases and runs scored," by Brendan Bingham.

#### SEYMOUR MEDAL (first awarded in 1996)

The Seymour Medal recognizes the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography first published during the preceding calendar year. The award was named in honor of baseball historians Harold Seymour and Dorothy Seymour Mills. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing. "History," for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, is understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. "Biography" is the history of a person or persons. No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded.

<sup>\*</sup> The 2014 Seymour Medal is awarded to Smoky Joe Wood: The Biography of a Baseball Legend, by Gerald C. Wood (University of Nebraska Press).

#### MCFARLAND-SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (awarded 1987-2000 as the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award)

The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award honors the author(s) of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works will include magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers and written versions of oral presentations. Authors honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

The 2014 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- A Rory Costello, "Olympic Stadium", SABR Baseball Biography Project, August 15, 2013.
- A Christopher W. Schmidt, "Explaining the Baseball Revolution", Arizona State Law Journal, Volume 45, 2013.
- Tom Shieber, "The Pride of the Seeknay." *Baseball Researcher, February 3*, 2013.

#### SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARDS (first awarded in 1995)

The SABR Baseball Research Award, formerly known as the Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award, honors those individuals whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball. Eligible projects must be the product of original research or analysis and must significantly advance our knowledge of baseball. They must be characterized by factual accuracy and notable insight. Eligible projects will include, but not necessarily be limited to, research in statistics, statistical analysis and statistical compilation, and research in such diverse areas as advertising, architecture, bibliography, collectibles, economics, equipment, labor relations, sociology and technology. Research project may be of any length and, if published, may be published separately or as part of a larger work. Researchers honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

The 2014 SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- A Daniel A. Gilbert, "Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency" (University of Massachusetts Press)
- △ David Vaught, "The Farmers' Game: Baseball in Rural America" (Johns Hopkins University Press)
- A Shivam Bhan, Ryan Crotin, Tom Karakolis, and Dan K. Ramsey, "Fastball Velocity Trends in Short-Season Minor League Baseball" (The Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research)

#### RON GABRIEL AWARD (first awarded in 2012)

The Ron Gabriel Award honors the author(s) of the best research, published or unpublished, on the subject of the Brooklyn Dodgers completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works include but are not limited to magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers, written versions of oral presentations, books, databases and websites. If the committee is unable to find a suitable award candidate, the prize money will be awarded to support the permanent exhibit on the Dodgers at the Brooklyn Historical Society. Ron Gabriel (1941-2009), a native of Brooklyn, New York, and longtime resident of Bethesda, Maryland, was a former Vice President of SABR and instrumental in establishing the Bob Davids Chapter, which serves the Washington-Baltimore region. He was founder and president of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club, and a charter elected member of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame. Gabriel, who earned his Ph.D. in Human Resource Management from American University, was a retired U.S. Government executive, having served with the Postal Service Management Institute, the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration.

The 2014 winner of the Ron Gabriel Award is "Ebbets Field", written by John G. Zinn and Paul G. Zinn (McFarland Press).

#### THE JACK KAVANAGH MEMORIAL YOUTH BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (first awarded 2000)

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award was established in 1999 by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) in recognition of Kavanagh's writing and research achievements and his contributions to SABR. The Award is supported with funding from Diamond Communications and was presented for the first time at the SABR National Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida in June 2000. The Kavanagh Award may be presented each year for either a research presentation given at the SABR National Convention (papers must accompany any oral presentation), or for a research paper that is submitted to the awards committee between the end of one SABR Convention and no later than June 1 of the following year by a researcher in grades 6-8 (middle school category), grades 9-12 (high school category), or undergraduates 22 and under (College Category). The awards committee will consist of members appointed each year by the education committee chair. The winner will receive a plaque honoring this achievement and the following, according to his/her category: College (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership) High School (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership) Middle School (\$100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

The 2014 Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award winners are:

- A College Division: "Reassessing DiMaggio", Cyrus Hettle, University of Kentucky.
- A High School Division: "Rube Foster", Abraham Griesbauer.

#### SABR ANALYTICS CONFERENCE RESEARCH AWARDS (first awarded 2013)

The SABR Analytics Conference Research Awards, created in 2013, recognize baseball researchers who have completed the best work of original analysis or commentary during the preceding calendar year in the following categories:

- Contemporary Baseball Analysis: Honoring the best analysis focusing on a subject related to the modern game(s), team(s) or player(s).
- Contemporary Baseball Commentary: Honoring the best commentary focusing on a subject related to the modern game(s), team(s) or player(s).
- Historical Baseball Analysis/Commentary: Honoring the best original analysis or commentary focusing on a subject related to a game(s), team(s) or player(s) throughout baseball history.

The 2014 SABR Analytics Conference Research Award winners are:

- Contemporary Baseball Analysis: James Santelli, "Pirates Defensive Shifts: The Hidden Secret behind Baseball's Best Team"
- Contemporary Baseball Commentary: Johah Keri, "Grand Theft Baseball"
- Historical Baseball Analysis/Commentary: Max Marchi, "Catcher Framing before Pitchf/x"

# Other 2013-2014 Award Winners

#### LARRY RITTER BOOK AWARD (DEADBALL ERA COMMITTEE)

Each year, SABR's Deadball Era Committee presents the Larry Ritter Book Award to recognize the best new book primarily set in the Deadball Era that was published during the previous calendar year. The Award is presented during the committee's meeting at the annual SABR convention. The 2012 selection committee was made up of Al Blumkin, Jack Carlson, Mark Dugo, David Fleitz, Craig Lammers, John McMurray, Mark Pattison, Gail Rowe (chair), Tom Simon and Trey Strecker.

The 2014 winner of the Larry Ritter Award is Mike Lackey's *Spitballing: The baseball Days of Long Bob Ewing* (Orange Frazer Press).

#### **NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE AWARDS**

In 2014, SABR's Negro Leagues Committee awarded \$1,000 library grants to East Point Elementary School in El Paso, Texas, and J. Garfield Jackson Academy in East Orange, New Jersey. 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 Committee awarded \$2,500 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors as a result of its sixth annual national essay contest. Tiffany Bowman of Troy High School in Fullerton, California and Abraham Griesbauer of Troy, Missouri, were selected as the winners. The contest was open to high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution and carrying a minimum 2.5 GPA at the end of their junior year. Students had to write a 1,000-word essay on one of these two topics: "Who is Rube Foster and why is he significant to Negro League history?" or "Explain who Sam Lacy is and his significance to Black Baseball history." The selection committee was comprised of Tom Garrett, Stephanie Liscio, Mel May, and Josh Salvner.

## ROLAND HEMOND AWARD (SCOUTS COMMITTEE)

The SABR Scouts Committee's Roland Hemond Award recognizes the baseball executive who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to professional baseball scouts and scouting, and player development history.

- A The 2012 winner of the Roland Hemond Award is Bob Gebhard
- △ The 2013 winner of the Roland Hemond Award is Terry Ryan.
- △ The 2014 winner of the Roland Hemond Award is Tal Smith.

# Membership Report

As of June 12, 2014, our current membership stands at 6,029. Of current members, 1,471 are new members, having joined SABR in the last 12 months.

The SABR membership continues to be well educated and professionally diverse. Educators, lawyers, doctors, and accountants are well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. SABR members also are well-connected to the Internet, with 96.9% of members sharing an email address with SABR. The average age, for members who have reported their birthdays is 58.11 years old.

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Current Members, by Decade/Year Joined	Current Members, by Country	Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory						
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1989     52     2011     24       1990     60     2012     39       1991     90     2013     109								

# Treasurer's 2014 Mid-Year Report

Thank you for your vote of confidence in my tenure as the Society's Treasurer. When I begin my 14<sup>th</sup> year in the role at the conclusion of this year's Annual Business Meeting, in a new three-year term that will take me through the 2017 convention, I foresee the financial requirements of SABR becoming increasingly complex as we explore the opportunities our new equilibrium has begun to bring to our organization. With many different income streams and greater demands on staff to deliver services, our financial infrastructure will have to be ready to meet this future. Fortunately SABR has established an excellent working relationship with the Phoenix firm of Eide Bally, which conducted a procedure review this past winter to establish a foundation for going forward.

Last year I told you that our financial condition was good, and our future bright; this year I invite you to study for yourself the changes in how SABR funds itself and what it does with the money. I've provided a comparison between our forecast for this year's results with our actual results from 2009; you can see that our outreach revenues – events, intellectual property licensing and publications – has increased by 200% during that time. And while dues revenue is still 18% less than it was in '09, we're spending 70% more on member research services and 26% more on events (notably the Analytics Conference). While payroll has increased about 20%, our administrative expenses have declined 15%. This is the new equilibrium we began calling for back in 2009, when the financial crisis of 2008-2009 was having such a terrible impact on our membership numbers, which in turn were already under threat for purely demographic reasons.

More detailed versions of the table below follow, along with our 2013 balance sheet along with comparative data for the 5 previous years. I invite you to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have, and hope that my successor is among those studying these reports.

#### F. X. Flinn | m:802-369-0069 | fxflinn@gmail.com

Society for A	American Baseball R	Rese	earch														
2014 Operat	ing Budget and Fore	ecas	st with 5 pi	ior y	ear Actual	s - S	Summary										
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Revenues																	
	Administrative	\$	432,265	\$	419,964	\$	422,132	\$	422,335	\$	423,251	\$	554,590	\$	512,309	-0.5%	-18.0%
	Outreach	\$	433,619	\$	427,040	\$	422,778	\$	279,211	\$	167,898	\$	166,889	\$	141,146	1.0%	202.6%
Total Reven	ue	\$	865,884	\$	847,004	\$	844,910	\$	701,545	\$	591,149	\$	721,480	\$	653,455	0.2%	29.6%
Expenses																	
•	Payroll	\$	342,725	\$	343,172	\$	323,019	\$	300,459	\$	328,549	\$	341,241	\$	288,056	6.2%	19.1%
Operating E	xpenses																
	Administrative	\$	145,760	\$	137,118	\$	142,253	\$	136,146	\$	182,366	\$	160,141	\$	161,650	-3.6%	
	Member Research	\$	68,933	\$	64,763	\$	53,365	\$	74,859	\$	60,962	\$	45,503	\$	37,606	21.4%	72.2%
	Outreach	\$	283,391	\$	279,453	\$	300,480	\$	249,007	\$	213,236	\$	190,565	\$	220,746	-7.0%	26.6%
Total Expens	ses	\$	840,809	\$	824,507	\$	819,117	\$	760,470	\$	785,113	\$	737,450	\$	708,058	0.7%	16.4%
Surplus/(De	ficit)	\$	25,075	\$	22,497	\$	25,793	\$	(58,924)	\$	(193,963)	\$	(15,971)	\$	(54,602)		

2014 Operating Budget a	nd Foreca	ast with 5 pr	ior	year Actua	ls - I	Details										
Membership Dues	\$	322,450	\$	327,639	\$	331.660	\$	335,484	\$	348,277	\$	369,621	\$	367.036	-1.2%	-10.7%
Donation Income	\$		\$	91,763	\$	89,900	\$	76,759	\$	72.953	\$	175,720	\$	129,410	2.1%	-29.1%
Advertising Sales	Ψ	103,213	Ψ	31,703	\$	200	\$	70,703	\$	616	\$	5,437	\$	9,162	2.170	-23.170
Interest	\$	600	\$	563	\$	373	\$	417	\$	1.406	\$	3,812	\$	6.701	51.0%	-91.6%
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Licensing/Sale of Data/Mat	terial \$	82,200	\$	87,712	\$	82,832	\$	55,489	\$	27,316	\$	11,792	\$	6,940	5.9%	1163.9%
Publication Sales	\$		\$	11,633	\$	11,608	\$	6,384	\$	1,022	\$	7,192	\$	9,609	0.2%	21.1%
Misc	Ψ	12,000	\$	65	\$	11,000	\$	3,301	\$	1,022	\$	11.826	\$	4.352	0.2 /0	21.170
Events Income	\$	339,419	\$	327,630	\$	328,338	\$	214,037	\$	138,554	\$	136,080	\$	120,245	-0.2%	172.5%
Subtotal Ou	- 7		\$	427.040	\$	422,778	\$	279.211	\$	167.898	\$	166.889	\$	141.146	1.0%	202.6%
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Occupancy Travel & Entertainment	\$		\$	27,577	\$	26,588 26,690	\$	24,871	\$	24,200 22,863	\$	21,791	\$	22,747	3.7%	21.2% 394.5%
Travel & Entertainment				29,955				20,857				18,130		6,058	12.2%	
Postage and Delivery	\$		\$	1,474	\$	2,234	\$	1,569	\$	4,680	\$	7,121	\$	10,877	-34.0%	-86.4%
Telephone	\$		\$	5,127	\$	5,519	\$	4,639	\$	5,207	\$	3,316	\$	2,829	-7.1%	81.2%
Supplies	\$		\$	4,224	\$	3,776	\$	3,881	\$	4,302	\$	3,547	\$	4,426	11.9%	-4.6%
Equipment Rental	\$		\$	497	\$	495			_							
Equipment Purchased	\$		\$	3,052	\$	1,636	\$	1,480	\$	3,060	\$	6,373	\$	5,160	86.6%	-40.9%
Awards	\$		\$	3,300	\$	3,125	\$	699	_				_			
Miscellaneous	\$		\$	10	\$	8,384	\$	8,354	\$	37,843	\$	3,078	\$	44,516		
Board Meetings	\$		\$	22,111	\$	20,628	\$	25,597	\$	32,736	\$	25,090	\$	25,161	7.2%	-12.1%
Bank Service Charges	\$		\$	21,373	\$	22,562	\$	13,774	\$	10,515	\$	11,302	\$	11,275	-5.3%	89.6%
Professional Fees	\$		\$	10,714	\$	13,778	\$	17,913	\$	22,543	\$	21,908	\$	8,789	-22.2%	21.9%
Insurance	\$		\$	7,199	\$	6,634	\$	10,858	\$	10,267	\$	9,697	\$	9,751	8.5%	-26.2%
Marketing	\$	950	\$	504	\$	205	\$	1,654	\$	4,149	\$	28,788	\$	10,059	146.1%	-95.0%
Subtotal Administ	tration \$	145,760	\$	137,118	\$	142,253	\$	136,146	\$	182,366	\$	160,141	\$	161,650	-3.6%	-15.2%
Research Tools/Subscription	ons \$	8,933	\$	8,933	r.	9,173	\$	9,014	\$	8,944	\$	6,746	\$	6,737	-2.6%	32.6%
Research Committees	\$		\$	1,077	\$	279	\$	220	\$	363	\$	2,978	\$	4,048	286.2%	-73.4%
Regionals/Chapters	\$		\$	1,077	\$	2,097	\$	1,959	\$	2,336	\$	2,976	\$	4,046	-7.0%	-73.4% -58.3%
Internet	\$		\$	52,803	\$	41,817	\$	63,666	\$	49.320	\$	33,354	\$	22,140	26.3%	138.5%
Subtotal Member Res			\$	64,763	\$	53,365	\$	74,859	\$	60,962	\$	45,503	\$	37,606	21.4%	72.2%
Publications	\$		\$	78,661	\$	88,799	\$	96,621	\$	100,774	\$	115,980	\$	116,982	-11.4%	-32.8%
Restricted Funds	\$		\$	45,517	\$	34,705	\$	12,337	\$	2,380	\$	74.505	\$	400 704	31.2%	40.001
Events	\$	160,026	\$	155,275	\$	176,976	\$	140,049	\$	110,082	\$	74,585	\$	103,764	-12.3%	49.6%
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Expenses	s Total \$	840,809	\$	824,507	\$	819,117	\$	760,470	\$	785,113	\$	737,450	\$	708,058	0.7%	16.4%
Surplus/(deficit)	\$		\$	22,497	\$	25,793	\$	(58,924)	\$	(193,963)	\$	(15,971)		(54,602)		
SABR Reserves	\$	89,588	\$	87,010	\$	64,513	\$	38,719	\$	97,644	\$	291,607	\$	346,209	34.9%	-74.9%

Society for American Baseba	II Research					
Balance Sheet						
December 31, 2013 and Previo	us 5 Years					
ASSETS						
Current Assets	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 315,026	\$ 267,675	\$ 289,004	\$ 547,659	\$ 667,735	\$ 612,328
Investments	\$ 245,049	\$ 224,236	\$ 218,672	\$ 154,356	\$ 108,281	\$ 74,322
Accounts Receivable	\$ 5,075	\$ 4,955	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,109
Publications Inventory	\$ 14,217	\$ 12,366	\$ 4.056	\$ 4,056	\$ 3,433	\$ 3,607
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,540	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,159	\$ 7,269
Total Current Assets	\$ 580,907	\$ 514,232	\$ 516,732	\$ 711,071	\$ 790,608	\$ 698,635
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Property and Equipment						
Equipment	\$ 65,336	\$ 64,122	\$ 64,123	\$ 64,123	\$ 64,123	\$ 64,123
Website	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523	\$ 29,523
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 94,859	\$ 93,645	\$ 93,646	\$ 93,646	\$ 93,646	\$ 93,646
Depreciation & amortization	\$ (93,666)	\$ (91,179)	\$ (87,199)	\$ (81,699)	\$ (75,018)	\$ (67,896)
Net Property and Equipment	\$ 1,193	\$ 2,466	\$ 6,447	\$ 11,947	\$ 18,628	\$ 25,750
Other Assets						
Research Collections	\$ 28,911	\$ 31,172	\$ 28,189	\$ 26,939	\$ 26,939	\$ 26,939
Trademarks net of Amortization	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 528	\$ 761	\$ 994
Deposits		\$ -	\$ 722	\$ 722	\$ 1,824	\$ 1,824
Total Other Assets	\$ 28,911	\$ 31,172	\$ 28,911	\$ 28,189	\$ 29,524	\$ 29,757
Total Assets	\$ 611,011	\$ 547,870	\$ 552,090	\$ 751,207	\$ 838,760	\$ 754,142
Total Assets	\$ 011,011	\$ 547,670	\$ 552,090	\$ 751,207	\$ 636,760	\$ 754,142
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 16,500	\$ 14.000		\$ 20.446	\$ 70.427	\$ 8.179
Deferred Dues - current	\$ 215,109	\$ 207,739	\$ 191,053	\$ 174,599	\$ 189,833	\$ 208,818
Deferred Events (net)	\$ 11,060	\$ 28,157	Ψ 10 1,000	Ψ 17 1,000	Ψ 100,000	Ψ 200,010
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 242,669	\$ 249,896	\$ 191,053	\$ 195,045	\$ 260,260	\$ 216,997
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Deferred Dues - future	\$ 75,041	\$ 63,035	\$ 62,798	\$ 64,351	\$ 62,694	\$ 62,224
Total Liabilities	\$317,710	\$ 312,931	\$ 253,851	\$ 259,396	\$ 322,954	\$ 279,221
RETAINED SURPLUS	A 70.467	A 50.700	A 400 070	0.40.057	A 054 700	0.70.404
Unrestricted	\$ 78,437	\$ 52,702	\$ 199,372	\$ 316,057	\$ 351,783	\$ 379,131
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 86,038	\$ 54,561	\$ 80,990	\$ 156,863	\$ 145,218	\$ 77,913
Permanently Restricted	\$ 128,826	\$ 127,676	\$ 17,877	\$ 18,891	\$ 18,805	\$ 17,877
Total Surplus	\$ 293,301	\$ 234,939	\$ 298,239	\$ 491,811	\$ 515,806	\$ 474,921
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$ 611,011	\$ 547,870	\$ 552,090	\$ 751,207	\$ 838,760	\$ 754,142

# Philanthropy

SABR began an annual campaign to solicit donations from members during the 1993-1994 renewal drive. That first campaign raised just over \$5,000. Every subsequent year has seen members and friends continue to support SABR through their time and donations. From July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013, SABR donations are in excess of \$88,000 including more than \$44,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the seventh consecutive \$50,000+ year, and counts more than 500 individual donors to date.

In 2004, SABR adopted a more formal process to recognize its donors, revamping its gift levels and seeking more appropriate ways to recognize those who contribute money beyond annual dues. 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, 2012 and July 1, 2013. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2012-2013. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the size of their donation to SABR. The investment each and every donor has made to SABR helps to ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

## Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle

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

\*Deceased

# 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 (602) 343-6455 or look up any staff member or director at SABR.org.

# SABR 44 Sponsors

SABR is pleased to have the following sponsors, partners, and funders in Houston, Texas at SABR 44 (as of July 1, 2014).

- A Major League Baseball and the Office of the Commissioner

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- ▲ Thomas Tuttle

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## History

The Society for American Baseball Research has come a long way since 16 individuals met around two tables at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York, on August 10, 1971. SABR has grown to nearly 6,000 members and added research committees, regional groups, and a variety of other membership services. Once "SABR Who?" was a familiar question. Today, nearly all baseball publications make some reference to SABR or SABR members. Professional baseball executives and media are well aware of the collective expertise and talents of SABR members. Slowly, but surely, more and more general baseball fans are learning about SABR.

SABR was the brainchild of L. Robert "Bob" Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed freelance articles to *The Sporting News*. When *The Sporting News* discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, "Baseball Briefs." The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 "statistorians" around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group. The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society's objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information. 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 (deceased), Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemec, John Pardon (deceased), Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic, and Keith Sutton (deceased).



Participants at SABR's first meeting on August 10, 1971 at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York. Back row (left to right): Neil Campbell, Bill Haber, Keith Sutton, Dan Dischley, Dan Ginsburg, Tom Hufford, and Ray Nemec. Front row (left to right): Cliff Kachline, Ray Gonzalez, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, and Bob Davids. Campbell, almost hidden behind Kachline, was a visitor at the meeting. Pat McDonough is the only founding SABR member not pictured.

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