

## **SABR MAGNOLIA CHAPTER BY-LAWS**

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### **Section 1 – Name**

The organization shall be called the Magnolia Chapter (“chapter”) of the Society for American Baseball Research (“SABR”). The chapter takes its name from the large magnolia tree that dominated deep center field at Ponce de Leon Park, long-time home of the Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association, and the Atlanta Black Crackers.

### **Section 2 – Location**

The chapter represents the city of Atlanta, surrounding metro areas, and the state of Georgia.

### **Section 3 – Goals**

By holding events for its members and guests, the chapter aims to facilitate the enjoyment of baseball, its history and its analytics, and to promote a spirit of friendship and comradery with all fans of the game.

### **Section 4 – Membership**

Membership in the chapter shall be open to all active SABR members. All SABR members are invited to join the chapter independent of the state or country of their residence, and regardless of age, race, gender, disability, national origin, religion, or ideology.

### **Section 5 – Meetings**

Within a SABR calendar year, June 1 to May 31, the chapter is to hold a SABR Day event, at least one other local in-person meeting or event, one online meeting or event, and one group outing/activity. Members may also choose to attend the SABR National Convention and any other in-person or online SABR conference or meeting during the year.

### **Section 6 – Leadership & Responsibilities**

The chapter is to be operated by an elected leadership team consisting of the following three positions: Program Chair, Activities Chair and Membership Chair. Each role will have a term of one year and is to be held by a member of the chapter who resides within the region. There is no limit to how many terms a chapter member can be elected to a role.

--PROGRAM CHAIR: this leadership role is responsible for organizing, promoting, and implementing educational programs for members to attend and that pertain to baseball research, baseball analytics, or other relevant topics of the game and its history. Programs are to include an annual SABR Day event, and at least one presentation event by a baseball researcher or author/speaker in each calendar year.

--ACTIVITIES CHAIR: this leadership role is responsible for organizing, promoting, and implementing both chapter meetings and group outings for members to attend. Primary role is to facilitate the chapter’s monthly Third Thursday meeting. Secondary role is to facilitate at least one group outing per year in which members can attend a baseball game or a baseball-related event locally, or travel to a baseball-related destination in the region.

--MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: this leadership role is responsible for maintaining and growing the chapter’s membership. This role includes communicating and encouraging non-active members to increase their participation. It also includes cultivating and prospecting new members to join the chapter via events such as BravesFest in February. The membership chair is to spend several hours a month on this outreach effort. The chair is to have a working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, the SABR portal, and a personal email account to use.

### **Section 7 – Other Leadership Responsibilities**

- The leadership team will meet twice a year to discuss and plan the upcoming calendar. If any plan or action is not unanimously decided upon by the leadership team, then a 2/3 vote is required to carry the motion.
- The leadership team will facilitate elections for chapter leadership in May for the following SABR calendar year, June 1 to May 31.
- The leadership team will ensure that they or other chapter members are responsible for maintaining and updating the chapter website, social media feeds and chapter newsletter/magazine throughout the year.
- One or all of the leadership team will interface with SABR corporate as needed.

### **Section 8 – Leadership Elections**

In May of each year, the chapter will hold an election for each chair of the leadership team for the next SABR calendar year, June 1 to May 31. The election will be open to the entire chapter and all chapter members are to be notified of the election by email. The voting process is to take place either by email voting, online voting or in-person voting at a May chapter meeting. Candidates for chapter elections are to be determined by self-nomination from the individual, or by nominations from the current leadership team or any chapter member with consent of the candidate. If a leadership member vacates their position, a special election is to be held to fill the position as needed.

### **Section 9 – Treasury**

Currently, the chapter does not have a bank account or any holding to fund chapter needs or activities. If funds are desired by consent of the chapter, then the role of Treasurer would be created and added to the leadership team, and a bank account would be established.

### **Section 10 – Intention of by-laws**

The by-laws above are intended to be the organizing structure for the chapter. The by-laws are to supplement and be subordinate to the constitution and by-laws of SABR. The chapter is to follow to the best of their ability all provisions in the SABR Chapter Governance and Standards Handbook and the SABR Events Code of Conduct. The by-laws are to be shared with all chapter members via email and all amendments are welcome. The by-laws shall become effective annually following approval by a 2/3 vote by chapter members at a May chapter meeting.

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