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Guest speakers, local presentations highlight 2018 SABR Day

Another successful SABR Day is in the books following the Jan. 27 meeting between members, chapter officials and guest speakers in the Tempe Diablo Press Box.

Barry Bloom led off the meeting with a few key local notes to know that will be explained in greater detail below and in the attached meeting notes.

Giants radio broadcaster Marty Lurie also took the stage, speaking with former MLB pitcher Bob Lacey about his big-league career.

There were local presentations as well, with Don Drooker speaking about fantasy baseball and Jim Odenkirk giving a presentation about the historic League Park.

The event concluded with a panel featuring Lurie, Bloom, Tony DeMarco and John D’Acquisto discussing the recent Hall of Fame class and taking questions from members in attendance. We hope to see you all in attendance next year!

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LOCAL NOTES

PLENTY OF IMPORTANT LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SABR DAY
Chapter President Barry Bloom had much to say regarding events happening within the chapter and ways to get involved last weekend.

Bloom announced that a chapter bylaws committee will be formed to update rules and regulations within the chapter.

SABR-AZ is also looking to add a new secretary and treasurer as Chuck Johnson and William Suphan are both retiring.

More details can be found within the attached minutes from the meeting that are also included in this month’s email.

A NAME CHANGE IN THE WORKS FOR SABR
SABR Executive Director Marc Appleman noted at the meeting that the organization will likely be undergoing a name change from the Society for American Baseball Research to the Society for the Advancement of Baseball Research as it looks to become more global.

SABR Day was eventful as ever and we hope you can make it next year as the chapter continues to expand!

NATIONAL NOTES

A SHORT TIME REMAINS TO REGISTER EARLY FOR THE 2018 SABR ANALYTICS CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX
That’s right, there are just two weeks remaining until early-bird registration comes to an end on February 15.

Sign up today at this link to receive the discount and attend the exciting conference! Some additional guest speakers were announced recently: CEO of the New Balance Baseball Future Stars Series Jeremy Booth, professor of practice at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Brett Kurland and Special Counsel for Genius Sports Bill Squadron!

All other information about the event can be found here.

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR INAUGURAL DOROTHY SEYMOUR MILLS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The finalists for the first ever award celebrating women in baseball both on and off the field have been determined!

- Perry Barber
- Edith Houghton
- Ashley Stephenson
- Justince Siegal

Want more information on the award? Click here for the official announcement!

FINALISTS NAMED FOR 2018 SABR ANALYTICS CONFERENCE RESEARCH AWARDS
Fifteen finalists have been announced for the award in the categories of Contemporary Baseball Commentary, Contemporary Baseball Analysis and Historical Analysis/Commentary. You can find out who here.