Members and friends of the SABR Asian Baseball Committee contributed to the following live events/papers, publications and digital media activities that enhanced our collective knowledge of Asian baseball in 2012-2013. Annual highlights include:

**LIVE EVENTS/PAPERS**

SABR 42, Minneapolis, MN (July 2012)
- "Murderers, Spies, and Ballplayers: The Untold Story of the 1934 All American Tour of Asia," by Rob Fitts (**Winner of the Doug Pappas Research Award for best oral research presentation at the Annual Convention**)  

NINE Conference, Tempe, AZ (March 2013)
- Rob Fitts received the [2013 SABR Dr. Harold and Dorothy Seymour Medal](#) for Banzai Babe Ruth: Baseball, Espionage, and Assassination during the 1934 Tour of Japan.  

MLB Spring Training, Phoenix, AZ (March 2013)
- In partnership with the Nisei Baseball Research Project (www.niseibaseball.com), the MLB Oakland Athletics honored the Legacy of Japanese American Baseball on March 7, the 70th Anniversary of Zenimura Field, marking the official start of baseball behind barbed wire at Gila River, AZ, during WWII. Japanese stars Hiroyuki Nakajima and Hideki Okajima participated in the ceremony, as well as several Nisei baseball pioneers.  

Cooperstown Symposium, Cooperstown, NY (May 2013)
- "The First Decade of Baseball in Philippines Education, 1900-1910," by Geri Strecker
- "Strike Outs, Bat-Ball, and the Great Wall: The Challenges of Baseball in the Middle Kingdom," by Keith Robbins

Buddhism and Contemporary Society Conference, Vancouver, BC (May 2013)
- “Bodhisattva at Bat: Baseball as Buddhist Practice for Kenichi Zenimura,” by Bill Staples, Jr.

"The Neighborhoods of Baseball" Symposium, Los Angeles, CA (June 2013)
In partnership with the Baseball Reliquary, the Latino Baseball History Project, the Nisei Baseball Research Project, SABR members Daryl Grigsby Jr., Richard Santillan and Bill Staples Jr. participated in the panel discussions on baseball in the Mexican American, African American and Japanese American communities of Los Angeles, CA.

PUBLICATIONS

SABR Bio Projects Completed
- Victor Starfin, by Peter C. Bjarkman
- George Omachi, by Bill Nowlin

New Books

Adult

Youth

Newsletter(s)
- Q4 2012

DIGITAL

Social media
Blogs

- Gary Ashwill (Multi-ethnic Baseball) http://agatetype.typepad.com/
- Patrick Bourgo (Korean Baseball) http://myso-calledresearch.blogspot.kr/
- Gary Cieradkowski (Multi-ethnic baseball) http://infinitecardset.blogspot.com/
- Rob Fitts (Japanese & Nikkei Baseball) http://blog.robfitts.com/
- Daigo Fujiwara (Japanese Baseball) http://blog.japaneseballplayers.com/
- Patrick Gordon (Japanese Baseball) http://blog.philadelphiabaseballreview.com/
- Bill Staples, Jr. (Nikkei Baseball) http://www.zenimura.com/

Report Submitted by:
Bill Staples, Jr., Chair
Daigo Fujiwara, Vice-Chair

2013 Baseball and the Media Committee Annual Report
Chuck Hildebrandt, Chair (chuck.sabr@gmail.com)

This is the first year of existence for the Baseball and the Media committee, which was approved by the SABR board at its monthly meeting on March 17, 2013. The committee is chaired by Chuck Hildebrandt, with John McMurray serving as vice chair.

The mission of the committee is to provide research pertaining to the media’s coverage of baseball as both news (i.e., the story of baseball journalism and its impact on the evolution of baseball as a cultural and commercial phenomenon) and as an event (i.e., the story of the in-game coverage of baseball games, from telegraph to radio to television to Internet).

The growth of the committee has been surprisingly strong: we reached the 100 member milestone in a mere forty days despite minimal marketing, and we currently have 112 members in the committee as of 6/23/13. This strong, quick growth indicates to us that there is a keen interest among many SABR members for information about the impact the media has had on the evolution of baseball as a cultural and commercial phenomenon, as well as the media’s role in both reporting on and promoting the game today.

We have identified four initial projects which we have launched to varying degrees:
(1) Compile a list of current broadcast affiliates for each major league teams, with an eventual goal of creating an historical database of such;  
(2) Develop a comparative evaluation of radio and TV game broadcasts for each of the 30 major league teams;  
(3) Develop a database of biographies of baseball media figures  
(4) Assemble a comprehensive bibliography of all existing books and major articles about baseball media subjects.

It is our hope that during the coming year, we will make significant progress on these projects, as well as identify other projects that spur the interest and activity of not only those SABR members who have signed up for the Media committee, but all other SABR members who have an interest in contributing to the building of a rich and substantial store of information, analysis, insight and reference material about Baseball and the Media.

SABR BASEBALL ARTS COMMITTEE

Annual Report

What does the Baseball Arts committee do? We are a group that is fortunate in that we can experience many aspects of baseball history and current events, have spent that past twelve months exchanging ideas, answering queries from many sources and gathering new information and ideas about the arts. The Arts Committee, several years ago, expanded from the Music and Poetry Committee. WE are able to pursue a wide range of what can be called “art,” and we have taken advantage of the broad definition. Everything from music – Jeff Campbell still gathers the best of baseball songs, and Dan Bern’s Doubleheader album has added new songs to baseball’s musical goldmine. Bern’s album was downloaded by many who gave it rave reviews. Historical resources are still being mined form poetry and anecdotes, baseball literature is constantly being added to and the best of the offerings are announced to members.

Each annual convention highlights a specific “art” pertaining to baseball. In past years, music, poetry, video, books, and drama has been offered. In 2012, the Committee meeting dealt with current literature. The 2013 convention Arts Committee meeting will deal with humor. Committee members are encouraged to bring along a particularly interesting, humorous and inspiring anecdote, joke or other bit of baseball doggerel for the edification and amusement of the gathering. There’s much to draw from in baseball, it should be a good time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hulbert, co-chair.
SABR Baseball Arts Committee
The Baseball Records Committee was created in 1975 to reconcile differences and pursue a greater degree of accuracy in baseball's "historical record." The word "record," as we use it, has two meanings. We use it in the sense that some player, or some team, has the most or least of something for an inning, or a game, or a season, etc. For example, Earl Clark holds the Major League record for Most chances accepted by a center fielder in a game, with 13 for the 1929 Boston Braves. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Duke Sims had had 23 home runs in 1970, or Pete Broberg had a career won-lost record of 41-71. 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. Our role as SABR’s Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

Recent and pending disclosures regarding the use of performance enhancing drugs by some players has again 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.

Last year saw increased use of our Yahoo Records Committee group featuring some lively discussions and exchanges of information.

Lyle Spatz, Chairman
Trent McCotter, Vice Chairman

Biographical Research Committee
Yearly Report 2013

In the past year, the Biographical Research Committee hasn’t found nearly as many missing players as we have in previous years. That is mainly due to the fact that we have found all the easy ones. The ones remaining are very difficult and in many cases, we don’t have any good leads. We still were able to post several significant finds.

We found three players whose birth and death information had already been listed, but the information was for the wrong person. Charles Bastian, James Hart, and Daniel Collins all had erroneous information. Bastian died November 10, 1943 in Philadelphia, Hart died August 31, 1926 in Los Angeles, and Collins died
August 27, 1918 in New Orleans. We also found George Bechtel, who died April 3, 1921 in Philadelphia despite there being confusion with another George Bechtel who lived in Philadelphia at the same time.

We found Michael Lehane even though his last name was listed at various times as Lyons, Lahane, Lehan, and Leyhane. We also found Frank Keffer, Lewis Smith, and Charles Petty. We found Henry Zeisher whose record and mistakenly been given to Edward Whiting. We showed that a player named McKenna was actually three different players: Edward, Frank, and Patrick.

Actually, what may be the big news for the year is that one of our members, Peter Morris, wrote a book about his searches for missing players as a result of his work with the committee. The book is entitled Cracking Baseball’s Cold Cases and is a terrific account of Peter’s research efforts to solve some of our most difficult mysteries.

Bill Carle, Committee Chairman
June 17, 2013

BioProject Committee
2013 Annual Report, June 25, 2013

The 2013 convention will mark the 11th 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 help considerably. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our lists of assigned subjects and authors. Jan Finkel heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products. Bill Nowlin helps foster and advise team or regional projects. Warren Corbett heads a team of fact checkers.

We continue to encourage and support “group” projects, and these efforts have led to the publication of four books since last year’s convention. This makes 18 books since the project began ten years ago. There should be several more in the next year, including the 1975 Reds, 1954 Indians, and 1934 Cardinals.

As of today we have completed 2460 biographies and hope to get close to 2500 by the convention next month. We have about 800 biographies in progress, hopefully to be handed in at a later day.

The committee looks forward to a productive 12th year. We should approach 3000 biographies around the 2014 convention, and look forward to the publication of a few new books.

Mark Armour
Chair, BioProject Committee
Black Sox Scandal Committee

In lieu of the Black Sox Scandal annual business meeting at SABR 43, we are pleased to host a panel discussion to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Eliot Asinof's *Eight Men Out* at the upcoming national convention in Philadelphia.

Our special guest of honor is expected to be Patricia Anderson, the niece and surrogate daughter of Buck Weaver. She and her sister, the late Betty Scanlon, were raised by Buck and Helen Weaver for 16 years after their father died in 1931. Also on the panel will be Bill Lamb, author of the new *Black Sox in the Courtroom*, a comprehensive account of the Black Sox legal proceedings; and Dr. David Fletcher, founder and president of the Chicago Baseball Museum.

Since our last annual report in June 2012, the committee has been making progress on a BioProject book about the 1919 White Sox. As of this writing, 32 of 34 biographies have been turned in and are in the editing process, while writing has commenced on all the essays associated with the book. We are tentatively hopeful for publication sometime in late 2014.

Two newsletters have been published since the last annual report. The December 2012 newsletter included an interview by Dr. David Fletcher with the man who discovered Harry Grabiner's long-lost diary in the bowels of Comiskey Park; a report on Sleepy Bill Burns' obscure gravesite in San Diego; "The Curious Case of Billy Maharg" by Bill Lamb; a study of the 1919 and '20 White Sox's historic success in the late innings; an update on known educational levels achieved by the 1919 White Sox players; a centennial look at the 1912 White Sox team; and a notice of the passing of Robert Risberg, son of Swede.

The May 2013 newsletter included a preview of the SABR 43 panel discussion; details of the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum's 5th anniversary celebration; a look at all the professional no-hitters pitched by members of the 1919 White Sox; a reprint of an illuminating 2003 article by Ralph Christian on Des Moines' connection to the Black Sox Scandal; and a "Gallery of Rogues" — rare photos of the many obscure figures involved in the Black Sox legal proceedings.

— Submitted by Jacob Pomrenke

Business of Baseball Committee Annual Report

Filed June 2013

Co-chairs Steve Weingarden and Mike Haupert

The business of baseball committee activates and supports new baseball research through resources, including completed research, tools and data, and community-building opportunities.
Since the last annual report, the committee produced two new editions of Outside the Lines. Thanks to Jonathan Sisk and Mike Haupert for their contributions to Outside the Lines.

The committee continues to progress on its research projects. The History of the Winter Meetings book chapters continue to progress – though slowly – and should fill a gap in the baseball history annals. Once again, we want to recognize the work by SABR members and non SABR members who have moved the project forward and felt so passionate about the research. Marshall Adesman and Barry Deutsch should be singled out for their ongoing willingness to serve as copyeditors and their detailed approach to doing so.

The digitization of the originally-filed Federal League v. American League, National League, and National Commission case of 1915 is now complete. All associated documentation has been digitized. The vetting process has taken place, and a draft job aid was created to assist with use of the files. Almost all of the documents can be keyword searched. The documents are now posted on the SABR website. Congratulations and a thank you” are appropriate for Tom Pardo, Kyle McCafferty, Eve Mangurten, and William Holderfield. This crack team brought the project from start to finish through a blend of talent that made the project completion possible. The Federal Case digitization is a big win for the Business of Baseball committee.

As a note, projects like the Federal Case digitization, Winter Meetings book, and Outside the Lines can only be completed through the work of volunteers. If you have interest in getting involved in a business of baseball project, please reach out to the committee chairs.

While no new quantitative data was produced directly by the committee this year, a new approach was piloted. In the Outside the Lines newsletter, a section was created to highlight recently published research. When combining the recently published research with the Scholarly Work materials culled over the last several years, SABR members have access to a clearinghouse of quantitative data.

In maintaining community, the committee plans to co-host a panel discussion with the Librarian Caucus around “Researching the Business of Baseball” at the annual SABR convention in July of 2013.

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.
COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Collegiate Baseball Committee held its Annual Meeting at SABR 42 with 26 in attendance.
The Fall Newsletter became available for distribution on Jan. 2, 2013.
The Spring Newsletter became available for distribution on June 3, 2013.
We published all collegians who attended either a Senior or Junior college making their Major League debuts in 2012.
We started publishing a “necrology” of former collegiate baseball coaches who passed away.
We published a list of former college players who were/are managers in the Major Leagues.
Corresponded with members regarding the proper attribution of colleges where the school has been absorbed by another institution. Certain reference sites attribute the player with the successor institution’s name. Other’s do not.
Members assisted the New York Times obituary desk with information about Eddie Yost's college attendance.
Corresponded with Ted Turocy regarding how the Collegiate Committee can support Baseball-Reference site on collegiate data. Have started preparing a file for their use.

Karl Green
Chair, Collegiate Committee
June 4, 2013

2013 Deadball Era Committee Annual Report
John McMurray, Chair (deadball@sabr.org)

Now in its thirteenth 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 remains one of the largest in SABR. More than 100 committee members contributed to Deadball Stars of the National League (published in 2007) and its companion, Deadball Stars of the National League (published in 2004).

The Committee is chaired by John McMurray with Trey Strecker as Vice Chair. The 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. Both Bill and Bob assumed their respective responsibilities during the past year. 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. In addition, citations for all articles from current and past issues of “The Inside Game” are being compiled by Bill Lamb for SABR’s Baseball Index so that the newsletter’s content will be easy to locate by researchers.
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 Daniel R. Levitt’s *The Battle That Forged Modern Baseball: The Federal League Challenge and Its Legacy* (Ivan R. Dee) as the twelfth 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. With Steinberg as photo editor and Simon as text editor, the project also has separate chapter editors in place for each different Deadball Era World Series.

In addition, Deadball Era Committee members have been devoted to writing biographies of contemporary players for SABR's BioProject, which are posted exclusively online. Dialogue on matters of interest to members occurs on the Committee’s active online discussion group.

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.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SABR GAMES AND SIMULATION COMMITTEE**

SUBMITTED BY STEVE KREVISKY, CHAIRPERSON. JUNE 6, 2013

The Games and Simulation committee needed to be jump-started this year, which did take place, thanks to some help from Bill Nowlin. I solicited material for a newsletter, and this did get issued, and sent out to all committee members. There were also e-mails sent to members of the committee, reminding them that we agreed to showcase our various games at the SABR convention in Philadelphia in summer 2013. We need to figure out how we will do this. One of the games, namely, the Great American Fantasy League, or GAFL, already does this.

We will also meet at the convention, and figure out what our next steps are. Hopefully, there will also be another newsletter, after the convention. We hope to be more active in the coming year.


2012-2013 Nineteenth Century Committee Annual Report

The past twelve months has bore witness to the completion of two book projects totaling three separate books. Committee Member Bill Felber, serving as Editor-in-Chief of a Nineteenth Century Committee book project lead over 40 fellow committee members who contributed as Editorial Board Members and/or contributing authors to the SABR book publication, Inventing Baseball: The 100 Greatest Games of the Nineteenth Century. The other books, a two volume set, were the result of The Pioneer Project, initiated by Nineteenth Century committee member, Peter Morris who eventually took on the editorial assistance of four other Committee Members, Bill Ryczek, Jan Finkel, Len Levin and Richard Malatzky and the work of several dozen more committee members as contributing researchers and authors.

Our Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends grew in both scope and participation. During the past year, Overlooked Legends Project Committee Chair, Joe Williams led his three member committee in creating a far more member-inclusive activity. First, he broadened the candidate nomination process, second he held a committee-wide primary election (a first) in February which offered twenty-five primary candidates. Over 250 Nineteenth Century Committee members voted in the “Primaries”, nearly forty-percent of the committee. The June election to select the 2013 Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend has the traditional ten candidates, with greatly enhanced biographical profiles and, the final election is now open to all SABR members to cast their votes. The 2010 Overlooked Nineteenth Century Baseball Legend, Deacon White was selected this past December for induction in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Nineteenth Century Committee Vice-Chair, Bob Bailey again serving as Editor-in-Chief of our quarterly newsletter, Nineteenth Century Notes 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 fifth annual Fredrick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference on April 19-20 at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. In all, over sixty persons attended the conference and/or its luncheon, welcoming dinner or post conference gathering. As usual it was comprised of six research presentations, a panel discussion, member interview, keynote address and, this year, the celebration of Bud Fowler Day in Cooperstown.

Finally, the Nineteenth Century Committee has established a Planning Committee intent of the production of a prototype interdisciplinary symposium to be held in New York City in the fall of 2014. The Planning Committee is well on its way designing the prototype symposium which will allow SABR 19th-century baseball experts to interface with local historians, academicians, curators and other experts to gain additional understanding of the social, economic, technological, political and other 19th century forces in NYC that shaped baseball there and to provide these same local experts with insights of how baseball was impacting that same 19th-century local society. The larger vision behind this NYC symposium are future cities’ based 19th-century symposia focusing on the respective cities in which they will be held and organized by interested Nineteenth Century Committee members from those locales.

Peter Mancuso, Chairman
Nineteenth Century Committee
June, 2013

SABR Women in Baseball Committee – Annual Summary (Activities July 2012 to June 2013)

Members and friends of the SABR Women in Baseball Committee contributed to the following live events/papers, publications and digital media activities that enhanced our collective knowledge of women in baseball in 2012-2013. Annual highlights include:
Presentation/Panels

SABR 42, Minneapolis, MN (July 2012)

- **Women in Baseball Panel**

  Our panel of authors and experts will discuss the evolution of women in baseball throughout the game's history and their future in the sport. Speakers: Laura Day, Executive Vice President for Business Development, Minnesota Twins; Leslie Heaphy, chair of SABR Women in Baseball Research Committee and SABR director; Dorothy Seymour Mills, SABR member and co-author of the groundbreaking "Baseball" series; Cecilia Tan, SABR Publications Editor.

2012 Fan Fest—July 7, 2012

- The SABR Women in Baseball panel discussion was held at the MLB All-Star FanFest on July 7, 2012, in Kansas City, Missouri. The panel consisted of historian and author Leslie Heaphy; Justine Siegal, Executive Director of Baseball for All; Wendy Lewis, MLB's Senior Vice President of Diversity and Strategic Alliances; and moderator Amanda Rykoff of espnW.com. Panel organized by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR.org).

Individual Presentations

- At 2 p.m. Sunday, June 16, 2013  Debra Shattuck, author of the article “Women’s Baseball in the 1860s: Reestablishing a Historical Memory” presented on the mystery of 1868 women’s baseball in Peterboro.
- October and November 2012 Dorothy Seymour Mills presented about her book Drawing Card at The Carlisle, Naples, FL.

Cooperstown Symposium, Cooperstown, NY (May 2013)

- **The Time Ted Williams was Struck out by a Girl, Probably**
  Robert S. Brown (Daniel Webster College – Nashua, NH)
- **Unleveled Fields, Re-Appropriated Dreams: Baseball, Black Women and the Politics of Representation**
  Amira Rose Davis (Johns Hopkins University – Baltimore, MD)
- **Texas Bluebonnets - It's Our National Game Too: Professional Women's Baseball in The 20th Century**
  Joseph Thompson (University of Houston – Houston, TX)
- **The Shutout: American Women and the National Pastime**
  Jennifer Ring (University of Nevada – Reno, NV)
**PUBLICATIONS**

**SABR Bio Projects Completed**

- “Marge and Helen Callaghan” by Jim Sargent
- [http://sabr.org/category/ongoing-group-projects/all-american-girls-professional-baseball-league](http://sabr.org/category/ongoing-group-projects/all-american-girls-professional-baseball-league)

**Articles**

- “Sophie Kurys: She Hit Like Cobb and Ran like Rickey” Matthew Orso, NJ Baseball Magazine online, March 30, 2013

**Newsletter(s)**

- 3 issues sent out

**Exhibit**

“Line Drives and Lipstick” Exhibit—

- June 16-August 11, 2012—Living History Farms, Urbandale, IA
- Nov. 10-Jan. 7, 2013—Park City Museum, UT
- Jan 26-March 17, 2013 Mercer Museum, Doylestown, PA

**DIGITAL**

**Social media**

- [http://www.bsu.edu/eft/dirtonskirts/p/_library/lib_aagpbl/libaagpbl.html](http://www.bsu.edu/eft/dirtonskirts/p/_library/lib_aagpbl/libaagpbl.html)
- [http://girlsplaybaseball.wordpress.com/](http://girlsplaybaseball.wordpress.com/)

Report Submitted by
Leslie Heaphy, chair
Justine Siegel, co-chair
Founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer, the Statistical Analysis Committee has now finished its 40th year of activity. Its purpose is primarily one of facilitation, fostering the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data (by members and nonmembers). SABR’s largest research committee, the SAC counts (according to the SABR website’s management tools) 1169 members as of July 2012.

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 supports peer review as an essential component of high quality research. Under longtime editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC’s newsletter By The Numbers presents research studies and critical discussion. Four issues of the newsletter, officially dated as November 2009, February 2010, November 2011, and May 2012 were published since our last annual report and are currently available both on the SAC’s newsletters page and at http://www.philbirnbaum.com/. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in producing the major preseason annual analytic publications. With the explosion of data availability and the advent of ”Big Data” analytics, sabermetric ideas and principles are 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 member-count is 272, almost exactly what it was last year. Between the email list, the committee’s webspace, the SABR Analytics Conference, and the numerous websites and blogs maintained by SAC members, the Statistical Analysis Committee’s cyber-presence is strong and well-established.

Finally, this is the last SAC report authored by your co-chairs. This year, we both decided (independently) that it is time for us to step aside. When we were appointed as co-chairs by the Board of Directors, we had no inkling that we would eventually serve for nearly half of the SAC’s total existence; our selection took place 17 years ago, in 1996. We are certain that the Board will appoint a worthy successor or successors, and we stand ready to help the new chair as much as we can.

Neal Traven and Clem Comly, Statistical Analysis Committee co-chairs