

Halsey Hall Research Committee July 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (10): Rich Arpi, Terry Bohn, Daniel Dorff, Ed Edmonds, Gene Gomes, Brenda Himrich, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Art Mugalian, Stew Thornley

1. Pre-meeting discussions included the following topics:
 - a. Ed: awards can earn service time; draft picks for teams
 - b. Prospect Promotion Incentive (PPI): if player promoted early to majors
 - c. Best time zone for watching sports: Central

Meeting started at 7:08 p.m.

2. SABR 53 re-cap
 - a. Mike Hauptert and Dan Levitt each made a presentation.
 - b. Ed Edmonds served on a panel discussion.
 - c. Bob Komoroski highly recommended that members listen to Bruce Bochy's speech he gave after receiving the Roland Hemond award.
 - d. Ed Edmonds said that Ferguson Jenkins was excellent in his participation on The Texas Rangers pitcher's panel.
 - e. It appears as if SABR 54 will be held in Cleveland. This won't be verified until the 2026 major league schedules are out.
 - f. Eight members of the Halsey Hall chapter attended SABR 53.
 - g. Rich Arpi and Dan Levitt have each attended over 30 SABR conventions.
 - h. During the business meeting, there was much discussion about rolling out an institutional membership program to historical societies and colleges.
 - i. Mark Armour and Scott Bush were both recognized for their good work in helping SABR's growth over the past few years.
 - j. Member retention on national level is going well.
 - k. Once again, the Halsey Hall chapter was recognized as an MVP chapter, the only chapter to be recognized as such for three years.
3. Fall chapter meeting
 - a. Two presentations have been approved by the Research Committee. Both presenters are first-time presenters: Richard Bogovich and Mike Zarling. Stew Thornley has leads for two more possible presenters.
4. Other fall meeting items
 - a. Ed Edmonds is considering a creating a possible poster display.
 - b. Glenn Renick is working on a baseball card display to be set-up in an alcove in the chapter meeting room. Emphasis would be on pre-war baseball cards.
 - c. Ed Edmonds may prepare a display on baseball cards issued by non-baseball card companies such as cereal vendors, hot-dog vendors, etc.

5. Chapter events
 - a. Under consideration is a weekday evening visit to a trading card shop in Apple Valley owned by Calvin Haverkamp.
 - b. The next book club meeting will be held in August.
 - c. Author Mark Epstein sent an e-mail to discuss his recently published book entitled "Cape Dreams – A Season with the Brewster Whitecaps". Ed Edmonds will follow-up with him on his Zoom event offer.
 - d. A possible multi-chapter Zoom event may be scheduled with Jane Leavy, author of the book entitled "Make Me Commissioner" to be released on September 9.

6. Research Roundtable
 - a. Bob Komoroski: The NINE on-line event is scheduled for September 4 & 5. Deadline for abstract submissions is July 30.
 - b. Gene Gomes: This past Saturday he attended, along with his son and grandsons, his first game at the Atlanta Braves Truist Park. The Braves played the Yankees that day. He was especially impressed with the Braves history on display going back to the days of the Boston Braves in the 1880's.
 - c. Ed Edmonds: The McFarland book on attorneys in the baseball hall of fame is out. He contributed a chapter on Larry MacPhail.
 - d. Ed Edmonds: He has been contacted by a sports law professor from St. Thomas regarding an intra-school competition on salary arbitration planned for next fall. Judges are needed for this competition and Halsey Hall members would be a good pool from which to draw judges.
 - e. Terry Bohn: Phil Dixon from Kansas City came to Bismarck last weekend to give two talks about black baseball and to promote the proposed Satchell Paige statue.
 - f. Stew Thornley: Tomorrow he'll be on a Zoom call with the Capitol Area Architecture Planning Board to discuss the next steps pertaining to the proposed Pill Box plaque on the state capitol grounds.

7. Other topics: None
8. Trivia Time Quiz courtesy of Gene Gomes: "The BIG Quiz"

Answer the questions, and by doing so determine the Theme as fast as you can:

 1. He once shut out the Yankees in three consecutive games over four days. In another season he notched a WAR of 15.2 (Baseball-Ref.), a single season pitcher record since 1900, and won the Chalmers Award. **Walter "Big Train" Johnson**
 2. His famous "fadeaway" pitch baffled hitters; he became a great role model, and was later posthumously honored to be elected to the Hall of Fame. **Christy "The Big Six" Mathewson**
 3. This HOF first baseman was the first player to have four three-homer games, and did it twice more for different teams for a total of six. In 1998 Mark McGwire broke his Cardinals team record of 43 homers. **Johnny "Big Cat" Mize**

4. This HOF OF had over 3,000 career hits and was the MVP one year, batting .380 with only 14 Ks. He combined with his brother for 5,611 career hits, the most for any two brothers.

Paul “Big Poison” Waner

5. This 1B-OF was named MVP of his team after hitting 39 homers, but was then traded to Houston. Overall, he had 11 consecutive years of at least 20 home runs, and hit two career World Series homers. **Lee “The Big Bopper” May**

6. This popular 1B-DH was a SEC baseball MVP and a back-to-back AL MVP. His talents included a high OBP (.419), over 500 homers, and a .301 career average. He was a World Series champ and is in the HOF. **Frank “The Big Hurt” Thomas**

7. This LH hurler received advice from Nolan Ryan and then became dominant, with multiple Cy Youngs, a World Series title, a no-hitter, a perfect game, and over 4,800 Ks.

Randy “The Big Unit” Johnson

8. He was inducted into the HOF with two other ex-Twins; His three World Series titles are only one less than that of Babe Ruth’s Yankees squads. **David “Big Papi” Ortiz**

9. His 9th-inning 2-out two-run homer tied a 2024 ALCS game, his first year in The Show. He’s presently re-discovering his stroke in AAA with 6 home runs to date.

Jhonkensy “Big Christmas” Noel

Extra Inning question:

10. This switch-hitter earned all-ACC as catcher in 2018 for Florida State, and was drafted in the third round. A first-time MLB All Star in 2025, he’s hit over 130 career homers to date.

Cal “The Big Dumper” Raleigh

9. Next Research Committee meetings: August 11 and September 22 Next Quizzer: Ed Edmonds

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.