

Halsey Hall Research Committee Meeting – January 19, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dave Lande, Ed Edmonds, Art Mugalian, Bob Komoroski, Stew Thornley, Gene Gomes, Howard Luloff, Doug Skipper, Terry Bohn, Daryl Sannes, Rich Arpi, Mike Hauptert, Brenda Himrich, Glenn Renick, Mike Zarlino, John Buckeye

Pre-meeting conversation, Hot Stove League items: Living former New York Giants (5), Wilbur Wood, Roland Hemond, waiver wire, college football, first names (Henry/Hank Aaron, Dave/Davey Johnson), baseball cards

Meeting started at 7:01 p.m.

1. Approval of December meeting minutes: Ed Edmonds moved to approve the December 15 meeting minutes. Mike Hauptert seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Spring Chapter Meeting Planning
 - a. Approved presentation: Armand Peterson's presentation entitled "The 1937 St. Paul Kohn's Minnesota Baseball Champions" approved in December. Depending on meeting site, there may be limited space for exhibits.
 - b. Three presentation slots still available.
 - c. Guest Speaker possibilities: Waiting on site selection before recruiting a guest speaker. Amanda Daley of Minnesota Twins is a possibility. Marshall Kelner, a broadcaster and attorney, is another possibility
 - d. Search for new venue:
 - i. Discussed pros and cons of Plymouth Community Center, Washburn Library in Minneapolis, Bloomington Center for the Arts, Hopkins Center for the Arts and Roseville Library.
 - ii. Factors discussed include fees for use of facility, whether or not food & beverages can be brought in, parking, number of tables and chairs, earliest date site can be reserved, hours site is open, tech support availability & cost, size of meeting space, availability of projection screen and Wi-Fi, and residency requirement (if any) for making reservation.
 - e. Ed Edmonds will send the site checklist to Gene Gomes who will follow-up with a phone call to the Washburn Library.
3. Chapter events coming up:
 - a. SABR Day Zoom event: January 29 - Willie Steele, author: Sign-up on national SABR site, Wisconsin and Iowa chapters are involved, Ed Edmonds will host, e-mail to be sent to Halsey Hall Chapter members.

- b. Book Club on February 7: “Bats: The Man Behind the Miracle”, and “My Wild Ride in Baseball” by Davey Johnson. Book club focus will be on “My Wild Ride in Baseball”.
4. Research Roundtable:
- a. Steve Bratkovich had a game story posted last week. Billy Williams hit a grand slam on July 14, 1968 when the Cubs sent the Pirates to their ninth straight loss.
 - b. Terry Bohn checked into our chapter’s research primer and noted a total of 36 items and links. Some of the links are no longer active. All of the items and links are listed in the Research Committee agenda.
5. Chapter research project update
- a. Rich Arpi: Continuing to work with Gene Gomes in researching St. Paul Globe on-line for 19th century game data. Focus is on 1887 Northwest League. The St. Paul Pioneer-Press is now available at the Minnesota History Center.
 - b. Ed Edmonds:
 - i. Traveled with St. Thomas salary arbitration team to Tulane University in New Orleans for the national competition. Out of 34 teams competing, eight advanced to the final round of competition. St. Thomas was not one of the final eight.
 - ii. Will give a presentation on salary arbitration prior to the NINE Conference. Will give a presentation at the NINE Conference on three members of the Hall of Fame who attended law school.
 - iii. Continue to follow 2026 salary arbitration. Of 18 cases, one has been settled before going to arbitration.
 - c. Stew Thornley: The Pillbox Plaque has now been renamed the Pillbox Commemorative Work. Passed through another hoop in the approval process. Will be located outside.
 - d. Gene Gomes: The February copy of the Beckett baseball issue will include a story on Gene Gomes and his baseball grandfather, Abner Powell.
 - e. Doug Skipper: Working with Art Mugalian on the Ritter Award. So far have received three books to read and review.
 - f. Bob Komoroski: Attended via Zoom a screening on a documentary about Lefty O’Doul and Japanese baseball in post-World Warr II Japan. Producer of the documentary is Jon Leonoudakis who has produced previous well-received documentaries.
 - g. Glenn Renick: Working on three baseball card sets that all originated from the Oxford Caramel Factory in Oxford, Pennsylvania: 1903-4 Breisch-Williams Company E107 set, 1910 Williams Caramel Company E103 set, & 1921 Oxford Confectionery Company E253 set.
 - h. Darryl Sannes: Re-started work on Ft. Snelling baseball. This is proving to be a massive project.
 - i. John Buckeye: Reading a book on Bo Jackson.

- j. Mike Hauptert: Will make a presentation on the origins of baseball at the NINE Conference. These origins set the foundation for all future professional baseball leagues. Presently attending a SABR baseball event in Baltimore. Impressive event with eight excellent presentations.
5. Other items: None at this time.
6. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Mike Zarling:
 1. This infielder played from 1971-1981, mostly with the Pirates although he finished his career with the Giants. He shares the record for most hits in a 9-inning game (7). In that game, he twice got 2 hits in the same inning and 2 of his hits came off brothers. He played with his own brother from 1973-1976. Rennie Stennett
 2. After a cup of coffee in 1970, this outfielder played until 1979 as a versatile role player for the Pirates, Mets, Rangers, and Cubs. After his retirement, he remained in the dugout as a coach until 2006 when he was promoted via demotion to become a minor league instructor for the Dodgers. He moved into a front office role in 2011. He retired from baseball following the 2012 season. Gene Clines
 3. This outfielder played from 1955-1972, all with the Pirates. His legacy is forever cemented in baseball lore as he was a 12 time All-Star, 12-time Gold Glove winner, 4 time batting champion, 2 time World Series champion - including World Series MVP in 1971 - and National League MVP in 1966. He became only the third player to be elected to the Hall of Fame before the requisite 5 years in 1973, going in alongside his former teammate and mentor, Monte Irvin. He also became the first player to be issued the Congressional Gold Medal and the first person ever to be awarded the newly minted Presidential Citizens Medal. The Commissioner's Award was also renamed in his honor. Roberto Clemente
 4. This Hall of Famer played from 1962-1982, all with the Pirates. In 1979, he won both NL MVP and World Series MVP. On October 1, 2000, he threw out the final pitch at Three Rivers Stadium. He died on April 9 the following year. Willie Stargell
 5. After a brief stint in 1967, he was in the bigs to stay in 1969. He was primarily a catcher, but he was tried in right field for the 1973 season. He would have spent his entire career with the Pirates, but he was traded to the Athletics for manager Chuck Tanner. He only spent the 1977 season in Oakland before being traded back to Pittsburgh where he retired following the 1980 season. Manny Sanguillen
 6. After a cup of coffee in 1969 with the Pirates, this infielder enjoyed a successful career as a leadoff hitter. Following the 1973 season, he was traded to the Phillies where he had his best years, averaging over 200 hits per season. He signed with the Expos for 1977 where he remained until being traded to the Padres for the 1980 season. Dave Cash

7. After a cup of coffee in 1968, he finished second in NL Rookie of the Year balloting in 1969. This seven-time All-Star won 3 straight Silver Sluggers from 1980-1982, all for different positions - outfield, DH, and first base, respectively. In 1982 while with the Expos, he became the first player to have a 200-hit, 100-RBI season in each league (1980 Rangers). He retired after the 1985 season with a career .303 average, playing for the Pirates, Rangers, Expos, Giants, Phillies, Dodgers, and Blue Jays. Al Oliver
8. This infielder had brief stints with the Angels and Twins from 1965-1968, but he was finally given a chance to play every day with the expansion Royals in 1969. He went back to being a bench player for the 1970 season, a role he remained in through 1973. He was signed by both the Phillies and Pirates in 1974, but was released by both teams before making it back to the majors. He spent time with the Angels, Twins, Royals, and Pirates. Jackie Hernandez
9. This pitcher made his debut as a reliever in 1968 with the Pirates, but forced his way into the rotation with his electric stuff. He spent most of 1969 in the rotation going only 11-17, but with a respectable 3.58 ERA (98 ERA+). Although he actually was better in 1970 and 1972, he made his only All-Star team in 1971, going 19-9 with a 3.06 ERA (113 ERA+). He was the starting pitcher for the NL, facing off against Vida Blue to become the first black pitchers to start against each other in the All-Star game. He is also the only known pitcher to throw a no-hitter while high on LSD. He retired following the 1979 season, having pitched for the Pirates, Yankees, Athletics, Rangers, Mets, and back with the Pirates. Dock Ellis
10. This flame-thrower started the 1962 season in the Pirates rotation, but was soon demoted to the bullpen and eventually back to Columbus. He started the 1963 season in the bullpen, but eventually forced his way into the rotation where he would stay through 1970. From 1964-1970, he won 103 games with a 3.01 ERA and averaged well over 200 innings and strikeouts, including a major league leading 250 strikeouts in 1964 and a Pirates modern day record of 276 strikeouts in 1965. He was forced into the bullpen in 1971 due to chronic back pain. He never found the same success in the bullpen and was claimed off waivers by the Red Sox during the 1972 season. He retired after the 1974 season now also experiencing pain in his shoulder. Bob Veale

Puzzle theme: As Pittsburgh Pirates, they all started the game on September 1, 1971 against the Philadelphia Phillies making them the first all-Black line-up of African-American and Latino players. The questions list the players in the batting order for the game.,

SABR link to their story: [September 1, 1971: Pirates field first all-Black lineup in baseball history – Society for American Baseball Research](#)

7. Next Research Committee meetings: February 16 and March 16 Next Quizzer: Ed Edmonds

8. Meeting adjourned at: 8:24 p.m.