

GUIDE TO THE AMERICAN LEAGUE MEETINGS & MINUTES

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American League Meetings & Minutes

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1900 – 1937

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Abstract:

This is a collection of meetings and minutes from the American League annual, board of directors and special meetings between 1900 and 1937, excluding 1930 to 1933.

Acquisition Information:

This collection of meeting minutes was donated by the Office of the Commissioner in 2002.

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History:

The American League was originally known as the Western League from 1894 to 1899. The league was reorganized and renamed by Ban Johnson in 1900 and played as a minor league that year. Its intention, however, was to compete with the National League, and did so in 1901. After three years, the rival leagues met in the first World Series. Through the 2008 season, American League teams have won 61 of the 104 World Series played since 1903. League presidents during the

time frame of this collection were Ban Johnson from 1901– 1927, Ernest Barnard from 1927–1931 and Will Harridge from 1931–1959.

Source: www.baseball-reference.com/bullpen
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League

Scope and Content

This is a collection of American League annual and board of directors meeting minutes starting in 1900 through 1937. There are no minutes included in this collection for 1930 through 1933. There are minutes for special meetings, spring meetings and joint meetings between the American, National and Minor Leagues. The handwritten ledger, covering 1900 to 1909, was typewritten for the American League clubs in 1959, and Boston's copy is included.

Controlled Access Terms

These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

Corporate Names

American League of Professional Clubs
National League of Professional Clubs
Office of the Commissioner

Personal Names

Ban Johnson, 1864 - 1931
Ernest Barnard, 1874 - 1931
Will Harridge, 1883 - 1971
Kenesaw Mountain Landis, 1866 - 1944

Subject Headings

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