

## **TIME FOR NEKAAL ELECTIONS**

It's time again to choose the NEKAAL officers and board members, and award recipients, for next year.

### **The process for elected office**

- \* Nominations—any NEKAAL member over 16 is eligible to serve. You can nominate yourself or any member to any position. Your nominations can be given to any board member or through the website.
- \* Notification—nominees are contacted and asked if they will accept nomination. Those who accept nomination are placed on the ballot.
- \* Ballots are provided to members prior to the December meeting/party. Completed ballots can be sent to the secretary, or brought to the party. Since all officers are automatically on the board, a vote for an officer also counts as a vote for the board.
- \* During the party, votes are counted and the new officers and board members announced.

### **The process for awards**

*Astronomer of the Year*—a person who has made a considerable contribution to astronomy and/or NEKAAL

*Rising Star*—a person relatively who has made great strides in their knowledge of or activity in astronomy

To nominate someone for either award, write a brief explanation of why your nominee deserves the award, and send it to the president, Brian Martin. Nominations are due on November 1. The president reviews the nominations and chooses a recipient for the year. (NOTE: awards are not mandatory)

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 BOARD AND OFFICERS AND 2008 AWARDS

It is time for the annual changing of the guard to begin. The first step, of course is to line up a slate of nominees. Please e-mail or snail mail your nominations prior to November 5 to:

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Nominate officers from the list provided below. This is a list of current members who reside in the Topeka area. We have several members who reside outside the state, but the logistics preclude them from actively participating in board meetings and general meetings. Feel free to nominate yourself.

**AND**—Nominations are also due for the Astronomer of the Year and Rising Star awards. Astronomer of the Year is a person who has done great things in the name of astronomy. Rising Star is a person new to the field who shows that they will be doing Great Things in the future. Your nomination should be accompanied by a brief explanation of your nominee.

Office	Number of Nominees	Your Nominee
President	1	
Vice-President	1	
Secretary	1	
Board Member (1)	Up to 6	
Board Member (2)		
Board Member (3)		
Board Member (4)		
Board Member (5)		
Board Member (6)		

Graham Bell  
Steve Doerr  
Sandra Gose  
Richard Huber  
Dale Lee  
Andrew Martin  
Linda Miller  
Scott Sackrider  
Russell Valentine

Steve Boydston  
Michael Downs  
Phillip Harsh  
Mary Huber  
William Leifer M.D.  
Larry Miglionico  
Waldean Miller  
Kristin Sackrider

Janelle Burgardt  
Phillip Duniven  
Bryant Hertel  
Gary Hug  
Jerry Majers  
Penny Miglionico  
Ken Otte  
Dan Tibbets

Nancy Cole  
Frank Gose  
Kathy Hertel  
Brad Hutton  
Brian Martin  
Marshall Miller  
Rebecca Otte  
Steven Timm

**Astronomer of the Year:**

**Rising Star:**