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Racine Astronomical Society

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## Annual Meeting on January 23rd

We will hold our 2016 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm. During this meeting we will hold the elections for the Board of Directors. If you aren't able to make the meeting, you can print and return the ballot via email or postal mail, but all ballots must be received no later than the day of the meeting.

We will also nominate and elect members-at-large. If you are interested in getting more involved with the society and being a member-at-large, please let us know.

### 2016 Membership Dues are Overdue

We will be updating the membership and mailing lists at the end of January. If you have not already renewed, please send dues payments to:

Racine Astronomical Society c/o Leigh Weidner 2905 Hamilton Ave Racine, WI 53403

Information on membership rates and options can be found on the <u>membership application</u>, but you won't need to fill out the form. Just make sure your name is sent with your payment so we can match it up with our records.

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed your membership!

# 2016 Event Schedule Coming Soon

We will set our 2016 event schedule in the beginning of February. We'll post them on the RAS website by the end of February and in the next newsletters.

Ballot for the 2016 Board of Directors Officer Election							
President	. Brian Jensen	Yes	No	Treasurer	. Gary Wiltsey	Yes	No
Vice President	. Chuck Ruehle	Yes	No	Secretary	Leigh Weidner	Yes	No



LEFT: This view of NGC1499, also known as the California Nebula, was taken by RAS member, Gabe Shaughnessy.

This emission nebula is located in the constellation Perseus. It is about 1,000 light years from Earth and was discovered by E.E. Barnard in 1884.

RIGHT: More thanks to Gabe, for the great images. This one features the Flaming Star Nebula, IC405.

This is also an emission nebula and can be found in Auriga. The nebula is about 1,500 light years away and spans approximately 5 light years.





### WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

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Facebook.com/RacineAstro

Have something interesting you'd like to share? We're always looking for great things to post on our page:

- Astro Photography
- Club Event Pictures
- Interesting Information

### From the Editor

Have comments, ideas or submissions for the newsletter or facebook? Send an email to Leigh at <a href="mailto:racineastrosoc@gmail.com">racineastrosoc@gmail.com</a>

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