



**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) is a 501(c) 3 Organization and a Member Association (MA) of the Water Environment Federation (WEF); and

**WHEREAS**, the WEF is a sponsor of the National Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) Competition in June of each year and normally held in a city outside of Ohio, and encourages each Member Associates to nominate qualified candidates to send to this competition; and.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the competition is to promote excellence in water science research at the highest levels, and give participants a positive experience of a lifetime. WEF intends that this experience will produce high caliber world citizens with a mindset and understanding and passion to protect, enhance, and preserve our precious water resources; and.

**WHEREAS**, as a Member Association sending a candidate to the national competition, the OWEA incurs responsibility and cost for making the nomination in a timely manner in accordance with necessary protocols, coordinating travel arrangements, and funding travel to and from the host city.

**THEREFORE**, OWEA adopts the following policy:

#### **POLICY**

- I. In recognition of the importance of the National SJWP Competition is to WEF, OWEA shall make a concerted effort to select a candidate for competition for participation in the National Competition each year. The winner of the National SJWP Competition is advanced to the International Competition in Stockholm, Sweden.
- II. OWEA encourages candidates to develop their projects and compete for the competition subsequent years. OWEA recognizes that experience in past SJWP Competitions promotes excellence and allows the student to advance and further develop his/her project to compete more favorably the following year.
- III. SJWP projects must demonstrate superior quality project with an advanced research themes, which have the potential to capture national and international interest.