



**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 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 procedure:

#### **PROCEDURE**

The procedures used to select a suitable SJWP candidate are as follows:

- I. OWEA is able to select a SJWP candidate for the national competition from a (1) the State Science Fair at OSU in Columbus, Ohio, or (2) International Science and Engineering (ISEF) district fairs in various locations in Ohio... Historically, the OWEA Science Fair Judging Committee uses the State Science Fair in May for the selection, as it is convenient for judges to interview student in person.
- II. The candidate must be at least a sophomore in high school. They must be mature, have a good appearance and presentation skills as they will be representing OWEA and WEF.
- III. The student must be willing to attend the national competition with their teacher and preferably a parent or guardian. Upon request by OWEA, they must state their intentions of attending the National SJWP competition no later than three (3) days of being requested to represent OWEA and preferably sooner. Attendance at the national competition is mandatory.
- IV. OWEA shall pay reasonable travel costs from Ohio to the host City. WEF pays for expenses for the student and teacher in the host City. If not covered by WEF, OWEA shall pay for the expense of the parent while in the host city. (Historically WEF has paid for the teacher to attend, but not the parent or guardian.)
- V. As part of the experience, OWEA asks the SJWP candidate to attend the OWEA Annual Conference in June, and will pay the travel expenses for them and one parent, including one day of lodging. The student will show their project in the Exhibition Hall one day for at least four (4) hours.