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To: CSWEA Executive Committee  
From: Patti Craddock, Public Education Committee Chair  
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The **Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP)** state winners were selected in April 2007 and competed at the national competition in June 2007. The state winners are listed below. Illinois is handled by IWEA (no representative sent this year).

**Minnesota**

Gregory Thompson

Project Title: "The Impact of Beaver Dams on Southeastern Minnesota Streams"

**Wisconsin**

Megan O'Brien

Project Title: "The Light Factor: The relationship to bivalve shell composition and color"

Last year's SJWP state candidates for MN and WI presented their research during the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 24 - the first forum for the SJWP at the Annual Meeting in Madison. State sections provided travel costs for the national competition, as well as lodging/meals for the candidates presenting at the Annual Meeting.

**Megan O'Brien** of Divine Savior School, Milwaukee, WI

Project Title: Zebra Mussels vs. Quagga Mussels: The Survival in Oxygen Deficient Conditions

**Roberston, Kevin** of Cloquet High School, Cloquet, MN (2006 Runner-Up for MN)

Project Title: The Effect of Road Runoff on Spring Creek, Pre and Post Large Rainfall Event

The Public Education Committee's new charge – "**Water is Life and Infrastructure Makes it Happen**" is directed through a sub-committee, headed by Roger Gyger. Illinois tested out the WEF-supplied display at their QuickTalks in August – and we encourage its use at other conferences. SEEKING utility partners to pilot this WEF-based initiative and provide other CSWEA members feedback on the program – and more committee members. For information on this program, refer to: <http://www.waterislife.net>

The CSWEA Public Education Committee members have pursued various public education efforts on a Section level. Please refer to Section Trustee reports to learn of the activities in each state Section.