New England Water Works Association
Youth Education Committee
2019 Annual Report

Committee Mission:

Assist NEWWA in the development and implementation of youth education programs aimed at students from pre-school through post-secondary education. Efforts will focus on classroom teacher and development of strong relationships with their local water utility.

Accomplishments/Activities and New Initiatives During the Past Year (Sept. 2018-2019):

- Developed additional educational resources including groundwater model presentation materials and two water-themed Lego activities.
- Started development of a database of potential outreach opportunities by contacting several organizations including NEWEA Youth Education, UNH, WPI, Masconomet Regional Middle School, Girl Scouts, and Science Teacher Association.
- Outreach Activities:
  - Presented water-themed Lego activities at April 2019 conference
  - Brought NEWWA YEC educational material to Water for People 5K event in May 2019
  - Brought NEWWA YEC educational material to WPI’s TouchTomorrow event in June 2019
- Started development of water-themed Lego Competition

Plans for 2020:

- Hold first annual Lego competition.
- Further develop the partnership with the NEWEA Youth Education Committee to share and develop resources.
- Continue to review inventory of resources to identify and develop those most useful in our efforts.
- Continue to develop outreach database and outreach efforts including school presentations and representation at water/STEM related events and conferences.
- Explore avenues to assist utilities with their educational outreach efforts.

2018-2019 Committee Meeting Dates/Locations
Committee Member Roster:
(Attach separately if needed.)

Rachel Patenaude (Chair), Jacob Cantor (Vice Chair), Mary DeRoche, Alicia Dufresne, Nate Little, Matt Mostoller, Mary Quigley, Sarah Rossetti, Will Walkup, Sarah Jakositz, Priyanka Sonone, Monica Fitzpatrick

Other Committee Related Efforts:

Succession Planning - Incoming Committee Chair & Anticipated Appointment Date:

Will discuss with Committee and update NEWWA.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Patenaude