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## **New England Water Works Association 2025 Student Activities Committee Report**

### Committee Mission:

To increase university students' (undergraduate and graduate) involvement in NEWWA activities, particularly participation in the annual Spring Conference and Exhibition.

### Accomplishments/Activities and New Initiatives During the Past Year (Sept. 2024-August 2025):

- We had a successful student poster competition at the 2025 Spring Conference and Exhibition. We had 13 posters (12 undergraduate and 1 graduate posters) from UMass Amherst, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Farmingdale State College, and Western England University. The total number of student posters was down by one from last year (14), but it was still an excellent year. The number of undergraduate posters increased from 8 (2024) to 12 (2025). The number of graduate posters decreased from 6 (2024) to 1 (2025).
- The top three undergraduate winners and the top graduate winners received monetary awards plus award certificates. All participating students received complimentary conference registration.
- Successfully recruited additional poster competition judges.

### Plans for 2026:

- To increase student poster competition participation from other universities in New England through more advertising and networking with faculty working in the water area.
- To promote the student poster competition to regional universities outside the New England area. This year, one poster was from outside of New England.
- Target more graduate programs to increase the number of graduate posters.



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Other Committee Related Efforts/Notes:

None

Succession Planning - Incoming Leaders & Anticipated Appointment Date:

None

Respectfully submitted,  
**Kenneth Lee**