

Scholarship Committee Report
2007 NSAWWA Annual Business Meeting
November 7, 2007

The members of the Theodore Liesen Memorial Scholarship Committee for 2007 were Dr. Bruce Dvorak, Chip Haas, Jon Zellars, and Lynn Wegehaupt. In September, Dr. Bruce Dvorak announced to students at UNL and UNO that NSAWWA was accepting applications for student scholarships. The committee thanks Dr. Dvorak for publicizing the scholarship availability, encouraging applications, and collecting them from the students.

The committee reviewed six applications for student scholarships. Four are UNL students and two are UNO Students. Two applicants are undergraduate student; the other four are working on post graduate degrees. While all of the applicants were worthy applicants, the committee decided to award scholarships to three individuals. Since several applicants also had applied for a NWEA scholarship, we coordinated our scholarship awards with NWEA.

The Scholarship Committee is distributing \$1,500 to University students as follows:

Student	Samuel Saunders	Hunter Flodman	John Geringer	TOTAL
Amount	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,500

Samuel Saunders is a graduate student at the UNL campus. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia. In his application Samuel wrote, “My goal is to be in a position to help societies lessen their impact on the environment while protecting them from environmental hazards. I believe the greatest challenge facing the water treatment industry is to provide safe drinking water for an increasing population with a constant or decreasing number of natural sources. Globally, there are still many places without adequate drinking water, most of which lack the money and expertise to fix the problem. I hope to help communities solve these problems.”

Hunter Flodman is also a graduate student at the UNL campus. Hunter’s undergrad degree was in Chemical Engineering. As he stated in his application, “I would like to work in a field where I can combine my Chemical and Environmental Engineering. I feel one of the challenges in the future will be maintaining the availability of potable water in quantities to meet the demand. The public, agriculture, and Industry will need to focus more on water conservation and reuse.”

John Geringer is an undergraduate student in Civil Engineering at the University of Nebraska Omaha. He has been working as a student intern with the Environmental Quality Control Division of the City of Omaha Public Works Department. As John wrote in his application, “In my job with the City of Omaha, I became familiar with the impact that plants and businesses can have on the water in our streams. John plans to pursue a career in Environmental Engineering following completion of his schooling.

The committee congratulates all of the Theodore A. Liesen Memorial Scholarship award winners for 2007 and wishes them continued success!



Lynn A. Wegehaupt, Chair
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