

1 GPSA Resolution 17:

2 Current and Future Funding for the Annual Big Red Barn Alumni  
3 Networking Event  
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5 Sponsored by: Tyler McCann, on behalf of the Appropriations Committee, Cheyenne  
6 Cannarozzo, GPSPB Chair 2017-2018  
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8 **WHEREAS**, Cornell Alumni Affairs facilitates an alumni weekend annually in June; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 the GPSA Executive Committee approached the director of the Big Red  
11 Barn (BRB), Kris Corda, to host a special TGIF event on the Friday of the Cornell Alumni  
12 Affairs weekend, which would invite visiting alum to network with graduate and professional  
13 students over food and drinks; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, in 2017 the BRB counted almost 290 Graduate and Professional students, and 100  
16 alumni in attendance at their networking event; and  
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18 **WHEREAS**, this BRB Alumni Networking event has taken place since 2015 with financial  
19 assistance provided by either the GPSA and/or the Graduate and Professional Student  
20 Programming Board (GPSPB); and  
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22 **WHEREAS**, the BRB events in 2016 and 2017 were funded to the amount of \$750.00  
23 exclusively by the GPSPB; and  
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25 **WHEREAS**, Director Corda approached GPSA President Ekarina Winarto in late April 2018  
26 inquiring about funds for the BRB in the summer of 2018. Corda indicated that it was her  
27 understanding that the GPSPB had funds earmarked for this event; and

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**WHEREAS**, there is no formal agreement on record of financial support from the GPSA or the GPSPB for this event. Additionally, the GPSPB was not obligated to fund the BRB event during the last funding cycle according to the GPSA Byline Obligations, nor does it require GPSPB to do so in the most recently passed obligations in GPSA Appendix B; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPSPB has exhausted its funds for the 2017-2018 academic year on other hosted events and is unable to provide the requested funds in 2018 for the BRB networking event;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the GPSA allocates \$750 to the BRB to host this event in 2018; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that an additional obligation is added to Section 5.03 in GPSA Appendix B for the GPSPB, which reads, “The GPS Programming Board shall provide \$750 to the Big Red Barn for its annual Alumni Networking Event.”;

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**TYLER MCCANN**  
GPSA Appropriations Committee Member

**CHEYENNE CANNAROZZO**