Bill # 73-21

**The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)**

**The Pennsylvania State University**

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**of the 73rd Assembly**

02/07/2024

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**2024 Penn State Water Conference: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Wate** Funding requested by Penn State Association of Water Students (PAWS)

(Decided: [ Y ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

The Penn State Association of Water Students, in collaboration with the Penn State Water Council, writes to request funding for our second annual conference set to take place on March 14th-15th, 2024. This interdisciplinary conference will be held in person and is open to all graduate, undergraduate, and post-doc at Penn State, as well as the public.

Penn State has a long and rich history of engaging, innovative, and impactful water and water-related research. The event will provide a platform for students, researchers, faculties, and extension workers to share their experiences, discuss challenges, and suggest solutions. In addition, the event will provide support for the following water and University-wide research priorities and supporting initiatives:

• Protecting Public Health and the Environment

• Advancing Resilient Communities on a Dynamic Earth

• Driving Innovation and Technology

• Guiding Social Action, Policy, and Corporate Transformation

• Transforming Water Education and Student Opportunities

• Engaging People, Communities, and Partner Institutions

This conference offers a crucial opportunity for students to present their research, gain feedback from other scholars, and engage with innovative new research in water and water-related studies. We have invited (in-progress) a keynote speaker who is an influential scholar in the water field and whose work exemplifies transdisciplinary research, education, and outreach. To achieve our goal of successfully

hosting this colloquium, we are requesting UPAC, GPSA, and the Water Council funding to cover the costs of the event.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

GPSA will fund the Penn State Water Conference in the amount of $1750 to contribute to the purchase of food.

Respectfully submitted,

**Theo (Chelsea) Newbold**

Delegate, College of Agriculture

President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

# **Event Details**

**Event Name:** 2024 Penn State Water Conference: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Water

**Date and Time of Event:**

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| **Day** | **Start Time** | **End Time** |
| March 14th, 2024 | 9:00 AM | 5:00 PM |
| March 15th, 2024 | 9:00 AM | 5:00 PM |

**Event Location:**

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| **Day** | **Location** |
| March 14th, 2024 | UP: HUB 232A, 232B, 233A, & 233B |
| March 15th, 2024 |  |
| UP: HUB 103A,103B, & 103C |

**Estimated Total Attendance:** 100

**Graduate/Professional Students:** 75

**Ticket or Pre-Registration Required:** Pre-registration required, but at no cost.

**Cost to Attend Event:** None

**How Event Will Be Advertised:**

We plan to use email circulation via PAWS, Water Council, list the event on 25live and org. central and other relevant departments and circulate the event to past PAWS and Water Council participants. We also plan to use listservs, social media, and HUB marketing.

# **Funding Details**

**Total Requested from GPSA:** $6,576

**Total Cost of Event:** $8,050

**Please also submit a budget breakdown of event costs with this form**

**Funding Amount Requested From Other Sources (By Source):**

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| **Funding Source:** | **Subtotal** |
| UPAC | $ 1,424 |
| GPSA | $ 6,576 |
| PAWS Requested Operational Funds | $ 50 |
| Water Council | TBD |

**Vendors Being Used:**

**Vendors Accept Penn State Purchase Orders (Yes/No):** Yes

**Vendor Willing to Invoice GPSA (Yes/No):** Yes

Nittany Catering’s SIMBA is: SIMBA # 800000876 under Chief Awesome LLC dba Nittany Catering

Irving’s SIMBA is: TBD

**If you answered no to both of the above questions, you will need to discuss payment options with the GPSA treasurer at least one month before your event**

# **For GPSA Treasurer Use**

**Bill Number:**

**Total Approved:**

**Total Paid:**

**Bill Close Date:**