

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2023

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

<b>Interest Network:</b>	<b>Gerontology</b>
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<b>Annual Report</b> For the year that <b>just ended</b> (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.  The board held meetings in July 2022, September 2022, November 2022, January 2023, March 2023, and May 2023. They also held an annual business meeting at the 2023 AAIDD Annual Conference and a virtual annual business meeting in June 2023.  The Interest Network continues to maintain a Facebook page ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/AAIDDGerontologyDivision">https://www.facebook.com/AAIDDGerontologyDivision</a> ) to provide updates on meetings, events, and other relevant announcements.  Student and early career professional (SECP) abstracts were reviewed in collaboration with the SECP interest network for a scholarship. The board made a call for proposals to organize a panel for the 2023 annual conference, but none were received. Funds were used to award one scholarship.  In March 2023, the interest network, in collaboration with the Social & Sexual Relationships and Leadership & Management in Community Living Interest Networks hosted a webinar entitled "Social Transitions in Later Life."  After discussions at the annual business meetings, the 2023-2024 board will consist of: John Kramer, Chair; Laura Robinson, Vice-Chair; Alisa Jordan Sheth, Secretary; Jessica Hoyle- SECP Liaison and Board Member at Large; Sheri Brown, Board Member at Large. Additional board member at large positions will be available to interested members.	
<b>Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies</b> For the <b>coming year</b> (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) <i>Board meetings will continue to be held once every two months.</i></li><li>2) <i>The board will develop a succession and election plan.</i></li><li>3) <i>The network's Facebook page will continue to be updated and the network will expand its social media presence through establishing a LinkedIn Page.</i></li><li>4) <i>The network will participate in at least one student and early career professional (SECP) network meeting to raise awareness about the gerontology interest network and continue to review SECP abstracts for scholarship awards.</i></li><li>5) <i>The board will put out a call for aging-related presentations for the annual meeting and organize a panel based on response.</i></li><li>6) <i>The network will organize two webinars.</i></li><li>7) <i>The network will create and distribute a membership survey to assess a potential name change and membership needs and interests.</i></li><li>8) <i>Funds will be utilized to award conference scholarships and/or memberships.</i></li></ol>	