



AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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of the  
American Association on  
Intellectual and  
Developmental Disabilities*

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## Summary of 2014 Activities

### MEMBERSHIP

The Association actively engaged in activities in 2014 designed to recruit and retain members and supported internal volunteer leadership structures.

*Divisions, Special Interest, Action, and Other Groups*  
AAIDD supported **22** unique professional interest groups that engage members on topics of special interest.

#### *Chapters and Regions*

AAIDD is organized into **10** Regions and, further within these regions, into state and provincial Chapters within which members shared information, advocated for shared goals, and otherwise implemented the mission of AAIDD.

#### *Fellows*

AAIDD honored **9** members with the designation of Fellow of the Association; these individuals joined the ranks of more than 250 FAAIDD.

#### *30-Year Members*

AAIDD recognized **one** person for 30 years of continuous membership in the Association.

#### *Awards*

The Association honored **6** individuals and **one** multimedia project with awards in recognition of their achievements at its 138th annual meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS

AAIDD routinely communicated with its members and others in 2014 through the following electronic vehicles:

- *Member Update*, a weekly update on time-sensitive professional development opportunities.
- *Field Notes*, a monthly survey of peer-reviewed articles to help promote the translation of research into practice.
- *FYI*, a monthly update on AAIDD resources, activities, and educational offerings.
- *Fellow Insider*, a quarterly communication to Fellows of the Association to support their continued engagement in the field and mentorship of the next generation of leaders.

The Association also utilized social media venues, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Pinterest, to disseminate important information.

### GOVERNANCE

In 2014, the AAIDD Board of Directors fulfilled its ongoing governance functions. Activities included engaging in strategic planning; assuring the financial health and sustainability of the Association; and reviewing and acting on position statements, action plans, and nominations.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The 138th annual meeting of the Association was held in conjunction with the annual conference in June 2014 in Orlando, Florida. Activities included an open membership meeting and meetings of the Assembly of Geographic Regions and the Conference of Professional Interests.

### EDUCATION

In 2014, the Association promoted best practices as it

- Held its annual conference, with the theme *Embracing Complexity: Inclusion, Participation, and Citizenship*, for approximately **500** attendees.
- Co-sponsored **four** national conferences to advance the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities: *Reinventing Quality 2104*, *14th Annual Coleman Institute Conference*, *ANCOR Technology Leadership Summit*, and *AUCD Annual Meeting*.
- Hosted or co-hosted **15** webinars on important topics of interest to professionals in the developmental disability field.
- Launched **one** new course on its online learning platform.
- Partnered with The Arc of the US on its *Health Meet* project.
- Convened a **17**-member research delegation to Poland.

### PUBLIC POLICY

AAIDD promoted progressive public policies in 2014 by:

- Co-sponsoring the *2014 Disability Policy Seminar* with five other national organizations on key policy issues important to people with disabilities and their families.
- Actively participating in the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, a coalition of about 100 national disability organizations advocating for national policies that ensure self-determination and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.
- Filing *Amicus Curiae* briefs with the Supreme Court of the United States on death penalty cases involving individuals with intellectual disability.
- Submitting comments on proposed federal regulations and public health classification systems.
- Providing insights and observations in the public press on issues important to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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### PUBLICATIONS

In 2014, the Association's 3 peer-reviewed journals continued to advance the field. The newest journal, *Inclusion* (established 2013) continued under the editorship of Dr. Michael Wehmeyer and Dr. Karrie Shogren. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1963), continued under the editorship of Dr. Glenn Fujiura. The *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1896), continued under the editorship of Dr. Leonard Abbeduto, whose term as editor ended with the final issue of the year. Dr. Deborah Fidler was selected in 2014 as the next editor of the journal as of January 2015.

Three new titles were added to the Association's catalog in 2014: *A History and Sociology of the Willowbrook State School*, *Clinical Judgment (2nd ed.)*, and *The Death Penalty and Intellectual Disability*. Additional titles and assessment tools are under development for publication in 2015.

### SUPPORTS INTENSITY SCALE (SIS)

Published by AAIDD, the SIS<sup>®</sup> is a valid and reliable assessment tool that measures the practical support needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As of the close of 2014, the SIS has been adopted by 28 US states and Canadian provinces and is in use in 23 countries. In 2014, activities related to the SIS included:

- Supporting online data collection and storage.
- Providing training in the use of SIS and quality assurance.
- Conducting SIS assessments.
- Crafting the SIS-A, norming the SIS-C, and developing an "autism extension" for use with the tools.
- Selecting a partner to build the next generation of the SISOnline platform.

#### AAIDD Statement of Financial Activities for Years Ending December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012

	2014	2013	2012
<b>REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>			
Product and Service Sales	\$3,471,450	\$4,648,276	\$3,213,138
Subscriptions	\$655,553	\$776,067	\$844,134
Dues	\$309,426	\$328,761	\$353,479
Fees	\$1,227,562	\$742,684	\$1,025,104
Grants, Awards, and Donations	\$9,156	\$9,689	\$9,180
Reprints and Royalties	\$37,567	\$17,844	\$42,286
Investment Income	\$296,993	\$262,709	\$132,463
Miscellaneous	\$37,355	\$24,771	\$29,056
Rental Income	-	\$3,000	\$36,000
Advertising	\$31,677	\$3,307	\$2,949
<b>TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$6,076,739</b>	<b>\$6,817,108</b>	<b>\$5,687,789</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Products and Services	\$2,883,815	\$3,572,632	\$2,594,155
Education and Training	\$1,042,048	\$744,087	\$883,273
Management and Governance	\$577,688	\$703,692	\$519,730
Membership	\$217,637	\$185,460	\$190,382
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,721,188</b>	<b>\$5,205,871</b>	<b>\$4,187,540</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,355,551</b>	<b>\$1,611,237</b>	<b>\$1,500,249</b>
<b>NET ASSETS—Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$5,532,794</b>	<b>\$3,921,557</b>	<b>\$2,421,308</b>
<b>NET ASSETS—End of Year</b>	<b>\$6,888,345</b>	<b>\$5,532,794</b>	<b>\$3,921,557</b>

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2014–2015

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## Goals

The goals of AAIDD are to

- Enhance the capacity of professionals who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Promote the development of a society that fully includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Sustain an effective, responsive, well-managed, and responsibly-governed, organization.

## Functions

The major functions of AAIDD are to

- Support its members’ leadership in activities that affect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Publish and promote cutting-edge research, tools, and materials that inform policy and practice.
- Develop and implement educational opportunities for professionals, policymakers, and others.

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