

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2018

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.

## Interest Network:

Social Work

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## Annual Report

For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

1. *To expand membership of the Social Work Interest Network.*  
**Worked to expand membership through emails and interactions with other AAIDD activities.**
2. *To recruit a co-chair and secretary for the SW interest group.*  
**We are still seeking additional leadership support.**
3. *To offer information through emails and a newsletter for all SW interest group members.*  
**We offered regular emails to members of the Social Work Interest Network.**
4. *To conduct a webinar- possibly in conjunction with the family special interest group on the topic of aging of people with IDD and their parents.*  
**We publicized webinars that might be of interest to our network members. Several highlighted webinars were from other interest networks.**
5. To offer a scholarship to a student or early career professional for the 2018 AAIDD conference.  
**We received proposals for conference presentations and scholarships. Members of the Social Work Interest network volunteered to review and rate the proposals. We selected Robyn M. Powell, MA, JD, is a 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD candidate at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University as well as a research associate at the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy. Ms. Powell's dissertation will explore the intersection of the child welfare system and disability law.**
6. To hold an annual meeting of the Social Work Interest Network.  
**A business meeting was held in conjunction with the Family Interest Network at the AAIDD annual conference in St Louis. Twelve total members (including 7 social work members) attended the business meeting. Plans were discussed for the coming year.**

**Expenditures for the year were \$600 for the student scholarship award and lunch.**

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### **Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies**

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

- 1. To expand membership of the Social Work Interest Network.*
- 2. To recruit a co-chair and secretary for the SW interest group.*
- 3. To develop a website / social media platform to improve membership access to each other.*
- 4. To continue with quarterly emails with news, educational opportunities, and to spotlight individual members.*
- 5. To hold an annual business meeting in 2019 at the AAIDD conference in conjunction with the Family Interest Network.*
- 6. No proposed expenditures at this time.*