

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: Multicultural Concerns

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Annual Report

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

Objectives:

Recruitment of a 3rd Executive Committee member was accomplished. Sylvia Melancon, from Louisiana, was present at the Business meeting and volunteered to join the Executive Committee. Another Convention attendee also expressed interest. Unfortunately, neither of the other Executive Committee members (Alya Reeve & Angela Hope-Weusi) were able to attend the St. Louis Convention, but both have expressed interest in continuing to work on the Interest Group activities.

The Chair attended the meeting of the Assembly of Professional Interests, during which status reports were provided by representatives of each of the Interest Network groups. In addition, there was considerable discussion of various social media options for communicating about the group's activities and available information about the area.

Although it is not known how many of the presenters are members of the Multicultural Interest Network, there were 6 posters and 7 session presentations in which multicultural issues or diverse populations were a focus. This count excludes presentations/posters regarding countries other than the U.S.

A business meeting was subsequently held at the St. Louis convention. The discussion focused on learning activities available about multicultural issues. The need for an increased social media presence for this group was discussed at length. Ms. Melancon indicated that she would be able to contribute in this area.

No funds were used. Only \$300 are currently available. The only known previous use of funds was financial support for a student presenting on multicultural concerns at the 2016 Convention.

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.

Objectives:

- Development of a mission statement for the Multicultural Concerns Interest Network
- Presentation/poster by member(s) of the Interest Network at the 2019 Convention
- An average of at least weekly postings on the AAIDD Community website

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- Development of alternate posting sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest)
- At least 6 meetings of the Executive Committee (via conference call), with at least quarterly communication from that group with Interest Network group members
- Activities:
- Business meeting at the 2019 Convention

Proposed Expenditure of Funds:

Dependent on availability, financial support for a student or young professional presenting on multicultural concerns at the 2019 convention.