

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

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

<b>Interest Network:</b>	<b>Gerontology</b>
<b>Lead Contact Person(s):</b>	Alisa Jordan Sheth, PhD, OTR/L
<b>Next Scheduled Election &amp; Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:</b>	July 2025: Secretary and At Large positions
<b>2023-2024 Report</b>	<p>For the year that <b>just ended</b> (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.</p> <p>The board held meetings in October 2023, December 2023, February 2024, April 2024, and May 2024 and June 2024.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Student and early career professional (SECP) abstracts were reviewed in collaboration with the SECP interest network for scholarships. The board made a call for proposals to organize a panel for the 2024 annual conference and a panel with three presentations was proposed. The presentations were accepted as posters and participated in the annual conference. Funds were used to award two scholarships and create “Aging Rocks” pins to advertise the interest network at the Annual Conference</p> <p>In April 2024, the interest network organized a webinar with Dr. Seth Keller entitled “Concerns for Parkinson’s and Dementia in those Aging with IDD.”</p> <p>After discussions at the Annual Concerns, the 2023-2024 board will consist of: Alisa Sheth, Chair; Laura Robinson, Vice-Chair; Jessica Hoyle- SECP Liaison and Board Member at Large. Secretary and additional board member at large positions will be available to interested members.</p>
<b>2024-2025 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies</b>	<p>For the <b>coming year</b> (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.</p> <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 network will transition from a Facebook page to a LinkedIn Page.</i></li><li>3) <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>4) <i>The board will put out a call for aging-related presentations for the annual meeting and organize</i></li></ol>

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*a panel based on response.*

5) *The network will organize two webinars.*

6) *The network will create and distribute a membership survey to assess membership needs and interests*

7) *Funds will be utilized to award conference scholarships and/or memberships.*