AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

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

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Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:

Our election will be in approximately June of next year. We anticipate two co-Vice Chair positions will be open. It is possible that there will be additional openings for some of the following positions: secretary, social media manager, research chair, or awards coordinator.

2023-2024 Report

For the year that **just ended** (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.

Goals from 2022-2023, with updates:

- Collaborate with Division 33 of APA and increase cross membership among PIN and Div. 33.
- We successfully hosted a mentorship event at APA in 2023, in collaboration with APA Division 33.
- O Developed "business cards" for PIN, which were distributed at APA and other conferences in order to encourage new membership.
- Host a webinar on topic selected by members at PIN's annual conference luncheon.
- o In April 2024, we hosted a webinar in collaboration with Catalight on telediagnostics in ASD.
- Continue development of LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter profiles following the election of our new Social Media Coordinator.
- We elected Diana Ugalde as the social media coordinator for the 2023-2024 year. She continued to post on Facebook and Twitter.
- Communicate with PIN members through email directory to increase engagement
- O We have been able to use the email directory to contact our membership directly. We have engaged our membership in a survey about current research projects and upcoming conference presentations, in order to feature members' work on our website/social media and help PIN members connect with one another while at other conferences in the field.
- Select Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award and SECP Award winners for next year's AAIDD conference
- Awarded the Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award to Dr. Guy Caruso, in recognition of his career dedicated to inclusion, equality, and outreach in the field of IDD.
- O Awarded a student scholarship to Emily van Gaasbeek, a doctoral student in psychology at the Ohio State University, for her project on measuring belonging and life satisfaction in college students with ID. Awarded a

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merit award to Imogen van Jaarlsveldt, a doctoral student in psychology at University of Bristol and Macquarie University, for her project on self-regulation in children with developmental disabilities.

O Successfully hosted PIN luncheon at the AAIDD conference with an attendance of about 20-25 members.

2024-2025 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (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.

- Host another webinar on a topic selected by the PIN executive committee. If possible, we would like for this to be on a topic related to diversity/equity.
- Attempt to develop a LinkedIn profile and continue to increase engagement on Facebook and Twitter platforms.
- Communicate with PIN members through email directory to increase engagement. Use at least one of the following strategies to increase engagement with membership: open membership meetings, newsletters, surveys, social media posts about members' activities, consultation groups, or meetups at other conferences.
- Select Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award and SECP Award winners for next year's AAIDD conference.
- Plan next year's AAIDD PIN luncheon or another social event for PIN members at the conference.