

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2018-19

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).

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**Annual Report**

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

The Legal Process and Advocacy Division's overarching goal for the year was to develop a broader base of engaged members for LP&A's agenda and activities. Objectives and results for 2016 include:

1. Align current LP&A leadership structure and work of the LP&A with the newly adopted Interest Networks Leadership Manual (approved, AAIDD Board of Directors May 10, 2017).  
*Created an executive committee to include an Interim Vice-Chair and an Interim Secretary to serve with the interim Chair, until the 2018 AAIDD Annual Meeting.*  
*Approved selection of Barb Kleist (Chair) and Andrea Meisenheimer (Secretary) as the new executive committee during the annual business meeting at the 2018 AAIDD Annual meeting and conference.*
2. Provide timely access to information on current legal issues and topics relevant to LP&A members to advance the LP&A networks interests.  
*Hosted a webinar on Supported Decision Making currently scheduled for September 28, 2017.*  
*Participated in quarterly AAIDD interest network calls and provided input and recommendations on improving access and visibility of the current LP&A section of website.*  
*Participated in the annual conference proposal review and selection process.*  
*Continue to work with AAIDD staff regarding access to membership roster including providing input at the annual interest network meeting for improving the accuracy and timeliness of receiving updated interest network member rosters.*
3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&A members in network activities  
*Shared proposed outreach plan to share with members at 2018 Annual Meeting that includes re-engagement of subcommittee for the student/early career professional scholarship (SECP) scholarship to support attendance at 2019 conference.*  
*Hosted LP&A annual meeting at 2018 Annual Conference*

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

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

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of funds.

The overarching goal of the LP&A for 2018 is to continue to build a broader base of engaged members for LP&A's agenda and activities that reduce barriers to justice and fair treatment in the civil and criminal justice systems for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to inform, support, and advocate for the legal rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Objectives include:

1. Align current LP&A leadership structure and work of the LP&A with the newly adopted Interest Networks Leadership Manual (approved, AAIDD Board of Directors May 10, 2017).
  - a. Initiate process for network name change to Legal Process and Public Policy Interest Network (Lead: Kleist/Misenheimer)
2. Engage and contribute to furthering the interest of AAIDD Interest Networks
  - a. Participate in quarterly interest network leadership calls (Lead: Kleist)
  - b. Identify 1-2 opportunities to collaborate with other interest networks (Lead: Kleist)
3. Provide timely access to information on current legal issues and topics relevant to LP&A members to advance the LP&A networks interests.
  - a. Work with network members to develop and deliver 1-2 webinars for AAIDD membership on the topics with legal relevance and implications (Lead: TBD)
  - b. Review and update current LP&A section of website (Lead: Kleist)
  - c. Engage network members to submit presentation proposals for the 2019 conference that reflect the LP&A's network interests.
    - i. Participate on review/selection committee (Lead: TBD)
4. Improve communication and engagement among LP&A members in network activities
  - a. Coordinate and host up to 3 virtual LP&A membership meetings between September 2018-June 2019 (Lead: Kleist/Misenheimer)
  - b. Host LP&A annual meeting at 2018 Annual Conference (Lead: Kleist/Misenheimer)
  - c. Ensure timely and accurate contact information for LP&A interest network members (Lead: Kleist/Misenheimer)
5. Award student/early career professional scholarship (SECP) to support attendance at 2019 conference (Leads: Feinstein, Bradley, Riddle)
  - a. Review current process and align with AAIDD application process
  - b. Identify strategies for outreach and promotion of scholarship award

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