AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

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 and Sexual Relationships

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2022-2023 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.

- We would like to continue to increase collaboration with AAIDD's other Interest Networks. We would like to co-host a webinar on Community Integration/Isolation with other Interest Networks. At the Assembly of All Interest Networks meeting at the annual conference, this possibility was discussed. Goal met. We co-hosted a webinar on Community Integration/Isolation with the Gerontology and Community Interest Networks on March 21, 2023
- 2. We would like to connect with our members. We are going to try a less formal approach. We will have two Web Roundtables. But we plan to have two meet-and-greet activities or Ask-A-Question-Answer-A-Question online event. This is one event per quarter. We partially met this goal. We had two web roundtables on Sept 22nd and April 22nd. We did not have meet-and-greet activities. There seemed to be little interest in this activity online.
- 3. We would like to support a young professional by providing a scholarship for the 2023 Annual Conference. We do need to increase our membership to have the money to do so. Therefore, within this Goal, we have an ongoing goal to increase membership and interest. We met this goal by co-sponsoring a travel scholarship of one SECP member. With the Gerontology and Families Interest Networks we each put in \$300 for the SECP member scholarship.
- 4. Would like to increase activity on our Facebook page. We will also contact our SECP Interest Network Members to seek help with their social media presence. They may be able to assist with Instagram or Twitter or other networking sites. Partially met. Although we discussed methods of increasing participation, other INs did not seem to have solutions. However, the SECP has had success. Therefore, we are inviting an SECP member to begin serving as our Secretary in the upcoming year.

Note: Our membership numbers did not increase this year. See table below.

Membership Numbers

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| June 2023 | 55 |
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| June 2022 | 63 |
| March 2021 | 58 |
| January 2021 | 57 |
| January 2019 | 60 |
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2023-2024 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.

- 1. Continue collaborating with other Interest Networks. Webinar.
- 2. Sponsor early career professional either one travel scholarship.
- 3. Appoint a secretary for the interest network
- 4. Web Roundtables (3) with presentations and discussion time.
- 5. Idea incubation Hour (3) Three sessions where everyone is learning and discussing a particular topic. Invite all members to join in the discussion. Questions for thought will be sent in advance. This can also be an incubator for collaboration, sharing resources, and future presentations.
- 6. Increase membership and participation. Posting more on Facebook.
- 7. Attend an SECP meeting to let new career professionals know about the IN.
- 8. Have a social event at the next annual conference.