

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.

Interest Network:

Legal Process and Public Policy (LP&PP)

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

Nominations will be solicited in September 2025 with Elections to take place in November 2025.

2024-2025 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.

1. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network
During 2024-25, completed review of current interest network guidelines for elections and leadership positions in preparation for nominations and elections in Fall 2025. Amy Lulinski completed her term as co-chair of the Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network in June 2025. Barb Kleist will continue as Chair in 2025-25.
2. Support and engage LP&PP members in association activities around current legal issues and topics relevant to the association, LP&A members to advance the LP&PP networks interests.
 - *Completed term on the Arc/AAIDD Joint Policies & Positions Statements Committee and tenure as Chair of the Arc/AAIDD Joint Position Statement on Health Workgroup.*
 - *Members of the interest network continued to provide representation as reviewers on 2025 Conference Proposal Review Panels, Fellowship and Awards Committees.*
 - *Members moderated sessions relevant to legal process & public policy topics during 2025 AAIDD Annual Conference including concurrent session on recent supreme court decisions and implications for AAIDD led by Ann Delphi of University of New Mexico.*
 - *Members contributed articles on research and policy to AAIDD journals.*
 - *Continued collaboration with DSP Interest Network to identify and discuss topics of intersection between public policy implications and current direct support workforce challenges.*
3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities.
Communication with LP&PP members continued to be informal during 2025 with plans to formalize and engage interest network members in the year ahead. Due to scheduling issues, competition with other interest networks, and time constraints, the LP&PP does not hold its annual meeting at the AAIDD conference.
4. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members interested in LP&PP.
In 2025, the LP&P awarded one \$600 scholarship for SECP member to attend the 2025 AAIDD conference in Arlington, VA this past year. During 2025, the LP&PP co-chairs continued to explore & respond to opportunities to engage with the SECP Interest Network members.

Due September4, 2024

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2025-2026 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. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network
 - a. Conduct nominations and election process in Fall 2025 for Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary.
2. Support and engage LP&PP members in association activities around current legal issues and topics relevant to the association, LP&A members to advance the LP&PP networks interests.
 - a. Collaborate with other interest networks to host a webinar on a topic of interest.
 - b. Develop & submit proposal for a pre-con session for the 2026 AAIDD Conference on topic of the intersection of research and practice and IDD policy and law.
 - c. Engage network members to submit presentation proposals for the 2026 conference on legal and public policy issues relevant to LP&PP Interest Network members.
 - d. Participate in annual conference proposal review process.
3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities.
 - a. Coordinate virtual LP&PP annual membership meeting in 2025-2026.
 - b. Host LP&PP social gathering at 2026 Annual Conference.
 - c. Explore new ways to recruit and engage LP&PP interest network members.
 - d. Complete review and implement recommended updates to LP&PP section of AAIDD website.
4. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members interested in LP&PP.
 - a. Award one scholarship to SECP members interested in Legal Process & Public Process to support attendance at 2026 conference.
 - b. Explore providing up to 10 AAIDD memberships to the Legal Process and Public Policy Interest Network for students/early career professionals who are transitioning out of SECP whose area of study or practice focuses on disability law, policy and systems change at the state and or federal levels.