

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 were solicited in June 2026 with elections to take place in July 2026. No nominations were received, and the nomination/recruitment process will continue with elections to take place in Fall 2026.	
2025-2026 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. The following activities were completed or are in progress since the last reporting year. 1. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network <i>The search for new leadership continues. Nominations were solicited in June 2026 with elections to take place in July 2026. No nominations were received, and the nomination/recruitment process will continue with elections to take place in September 2026 for Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary.</i> 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. <i>Several network members submitted presentation proposals for the 2026 conference on topics relevant to LP&PP Interest Network members. Members of the interest network also continued to provide representation as reviewers on 2026 Conference Proposal Review Panels, Fellowship and Awards Committees. Members also moderated sessions relevant to legal process & public policy topics during 2026 AAIDD Annual Conference including an issue brief session on Guardianship and Decision Making.</i> 3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities. <i>In the last year, the interest network chair did a review of current and past interest network membership to identify past members and determine a plan for outreach to re-engage in the interest network as well as provide input into recruitment strategies for new interest network leadership. Additionally, interest network chair in consultation with some interest network members initiated a review of the LP&PP description on the AAIDD website and discuss revisions to the current description which was determined to be too narrow and inaccurate description of the LP&PP interest network.</i> 4. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members interested in LP&PP. <i>In the last year, the LP&PP interest network provided one scholarship to a SECP member whose proposal aligned with a topic of interest to the Legal Process & Public Process. The goal was to support attendance at 2026 conference. The interest network will continue to explore providing funding for 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. In the next year, the LP&PP interest network will develop a process for promotion and selection of candidates for this opportunity.</i>	

Due July 31, 2026

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2026-2027 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

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

1. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network
 - a. Conduct nominations and election process in Fall 2026 for Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary.
 - b. Complete review and updating of interest network membership roster.
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 2027 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 2027 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. Participate in AAIDD Board President's mentor initiative to support and foster connection among LP&PP interest network members.
 - b. Coordinate virtual LP&PP annual membership meeting in 2026-2027.
 - c. 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 2027 conference.
 - b. Explore providing up to 6 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.