

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:	Social and Sexual Relationships
Lead Contact Person(s):	Rebecca Kammes
Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:	AAIDD board will be appointing a new leader in 2027
2025-2026 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. 1. Continue collaborating with other interest networks a. Objective not met. We engaged in conversations with other INs and explored ideas but were unable to develop any productive level of collaboration such as a webinar, conference presentation, or joint meeting 2. Sponsor early career professional for conference attendance a. Objective partially met. We were able to sponsor a self advocate's attendance at the annual conference this year. 3. Increase involvement of current members a. Objective not met. We held an election to change leadership team and received no nominations and were turned down by many members when they were individually reached out to. We also had very little attendance at all network meetings and very few responses to group-wide emails or calls for networking. We also began implementing a "network pulse" in which we shared members achievements with the group and also created mini networking opportunities and connected those with similar interests and questions to one another through email. Only 7 members participated in this and all indicated the networking did not go beyond the initial email. 4. Host "Incubation Hours" a. Objective partially met. We hosted one incubation hour that was attended by only a handful of members. 5. Have a social event at the next annual meeting a. Objective not met. A social event was attempted but the final planning was unsuccessful.	
2026-2027 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies	

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

1. Continue to have quarterly meetings
 - a. Continue to meet as an interest network at least 1x each quarter
2. Increase engagement of current members
 - a. Continue to utilize the “network pulse” to keep members informed on what is happening in the group and to engage members with one another in mini-networking formats
 - b. Host 2 webinars related to topics of interest for network members
3. Host a social event at the next annual meeting
 - a. Plan and host a small event one of the days of the conference for members to attend and engage in networking
4. Sponsor attendance for an early career professional or self-advocate at the next conference
 - a. Utilize funds to help sponsor either an early career professional or a self-advocate who is presenting at the conference in the area of social and sexual relationships.