

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2021

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 <i>For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.</i> This year the Psychology Interest Network (PIN) experienced a leadership crisis . This exposed serious threats to our executive structure. While PIN was able to move beyond the crisis, items in our action plan were not met, including long-standing traditions and newly created practices. Steps were taken to correct this crisis in a dignified manner. Next year will continue our restructuring plan to fortify PIN against future crises. At AAIDD 145 th Annual Meeting we provided two scholarships for deserving students: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julianne Myers, from Seattle Pacific University, won for her presentation: “Predictors of Depression and Anxiety During Covid in Adults With DD” and• Emily Tucker, from East Carolina University, won for her presentation: “Community-based Mental Health Services: A Systematic Review of Therapeutic Interventions”.
Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies <i>For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.</i> This year will see the long-awaited re-emergence of Psychology Interest Network (PIN). With a new structure and resurgence of members, PIN will develop talent to solidify its future as a continued strength within AAIDD. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PIN executive board will be expanded.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In addition to Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, a Social Media Director, Recruitment Manager, and possibly additional roles will be created to both diffuse responsibilities as well as create a continuance of governance structure if a chair cannot perform.• A membership survey was developed and will be sent to members via email.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Results will assist in developing new programs and structure of PIN.○ Results will be compared to PIN 2018 membership survey to determine trends.• More active social media platforms. PIN currently has Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A Social Media Director executive position will be established to focus solely on creating viable posts.• Students and early career professionals will be engaged regularly to encourage more involvement in various initiatives.

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- Scholarship award winners will be contacted.
 - Top-tier IDD programs have been contacted regarding our interest in students and staff becoming more involved with PIN.
 - Monthly conference calls with follow-up minutes that are published electronically will motivate members.
 - The minutes can be scavenged for bullet points to further promote on our social media platforms.
 - Members who presented posters or PowerPoints at AAIDD conferences will be encouraged to film a 5-minute video of their presentation and submit it for uploading to various social media platforms.
 - If the video presentations are popular, an online symposium will be considered for new presentations.
 - At least two conference scholarships will be awarded to deserving student presentations to attend this year's annual meeting.
 - A plated meal luncheon will be served during the PIN meeting at the AAIDD annual meeting.
 - Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award will be presented at meal.
 - Scholarships will be presented at meal.
 - Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award will continue, following established criteria.
 - A committee will be formed to evaluate candidates.
 - Greater involvement in the AAIDD annual meeting through pre- or post-conference seminars.
- As always, PIN wishes to thank AAIDD staff for their support and excellent work.