

# 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.)

**Interest Network:** Social and Sexual Concerns

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## Annual Report

For the year that **just ended** (July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

1. We offered two scholarships to SECP members. Our goal was to support one young scholar. We were able to support two thanks to AAIDD support. I am not sure of the dollar amount since AAIDD provided assistance.
2. Our goal to continue distributing the Facts of Life Newsletter to our IN members was achieved. This newsletter is courtesy of Leslie Walker-Hirsch. These quarterly newsletters were emailed to members in September, December, March, and June.
3. Our goal was to have four Online Web Roundtables. We exceeded our goal and have 6 events.  
**July 16 2020, Morris Huang** – Social Media Apps and Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities  
**July 23, 2020, Ana Duenas** – Technology and Social Communication for Individuals with ASD and other DD  
**August 10 - Love on the Spectrum Roundtable Discussion**  
**August 24 – Love on the Spectrum Roundtable Discussion Part II**  
**September 14 – Dina Roundtable Discussion**  
**May 3, 2021 – Oscar Hughes and Pauline Bosma** – Supporting Healthy Sexuality in LGBTQ+ Individuals with IDD
4. Our goal to increase membership was not achieved. Compared to June of 2020 we have increased; however due to COVID-19, we felt it was better to compare our numbers to 2019. Therefore, our membership numbers have remained stable, but have not increased.

### **Membership Numbers**

March 2021	58
January 2021	57
June 2020	50
September 2019	49
January 2019	60

5. We accomplished our goal of having a Business Meeting at lunch rather than a breakfast meeting.
6. We planned to increase our social media presence. In June of last year, we had 29 members in our Facebook Group. As of this writing, July 2021, we have 43 members. We met our goal.

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## **Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies**

*For the coming year (July 1, 2021 -June 30, 2022), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.*

1. Our first goal is to change the name of our Interest Network from Social and Sexual Concerns to **Social and Sexual Relationships**. We felt that *concerns* cast a negative light on our work and our focus. Focusing on building healthy relationships of all kinds is what our Interest Network would like to promote.
2. We would like to continue to increase collaboration with AAIDD's other Interest Networks.
3. We would like to support a young professional by providing a scholarship for the 2022 Annual Conference.
4. We would like to increase activity on our Facebook page. Although we increased in members, most members are not active.
5. We would like to host one AAIDD webinar on Safety in Internet Relationships. We would also like to hold four Web Roundtables, topics to be determined.