



# WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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## “Traveling Into the Future through Awareness, Education, and Prevention”

### 26th Annual Problem Gambling Awareness Conference

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success. This year’s conference was held March 20 - 21, 2025 at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Onalaska, Wisconsin.

#### *Speakers Included:*

**Jerry Bauerkemper** (Texas)

**Barb Bigalke** (Wisconsin)

**Scott Caldwell** (Wisconsin)

**Karen Edens** (Minnesota)

**Michael Goldman** (Illinois)

**James Harrison** (Wisconsin)

**Marc Lefkowitz** (Arizona)

**Mark Sanders** (Illinois)

**Andrew Schreier** (Wisconsin)

**Dr. James Schreier** (Wisconsin)

#### *Topics Included:*

- ◆ Ethics in the Clinical Relationship
- ◆ Disordered Gambling: A Combination of Fantasy & Cognitive Distortion
- ◆ The Basics of Clinical Supervision
- ◆ What Does the Science Say About Effective Gambling Services? Ten Considerations for Innovating What You Do and How You Do It
- ◆ Intersection of Gambling and Suicidal Ideation
- ◆ Self-Help Groups: Not Just Gamblers Anonymous Anymore
- ◆ Psychotherapy and the Addictions, Including Problem Gambling
- ◆ Intimate Partner Domestic Violence and Gambling Disorder
- ◆ Groups: Therapy, Recovery, Support and Fun
- ◆ Managing Workplace Gambling: Effective Strategies for Organizations
- ◆ Grief and Recovery: Similarities and Differences Between Substance Abuse and Gambling
- ◆ Fantasy and Cognitive Distortion: Barriers to Financial Recovery with Disordered Gamblers
- ◆ Nothing Changes in Services Without Leadership
- ◆ Gambling Behaviors and Challenges Among Incarcerated Individuals and Criminal Justice Populations
- ◆ How We Speak Matters: Undoing Stigmatizing Language
- ◆ Sports Betting, Terminology and Recovery

# 2025 SPRING Newsletter

## SPONSORSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to the Twenty-Sixth Annual WCPG Statewide Conference:

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## Award Recipients

Awards were given to the following individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping the Council achieve its mission of education and promoting public awareness of problem gambling disorders.

**Outstanding Volunteer ~ Mollie Massart** ~ This award is given to an individual who has shown long-term devotion and unending support of the Council and has volunteered uncountable hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.

**Special Recognition Award ~ Steven Bigsby** ~ This award is in appreciation of the support and friendship that an individual or organization has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

**Outstanding Achievement Award ~ Sacha Pakes** ~ This award is given to a person or organization that has provided excellence in providing services, resources, and long-term devotion to problem gamblers and the growth of the Council.

**Spirit Award ~ James Harrison** ~ Given for true spirit that is reflected in their passion, concern, and creativity in their personal and community life and in their interest in the compulsive gambling field. This award is in honor of their outstanding contribution and excellence in support of the WCPG.

## 27th Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference

### Save the Date!

Milwaukee Marriott West, Waukesha, WI

March 19th-20th, 2026

Pre-Conference on March 18th

The workshops will include Ethics (4 hours) and  
Clinical Supervision (6 hours)



New information will be added to our website as it becomes available ~ [wi-problemgamblers.org](http://wi-problemgamblers.org) or contact us at 920-437-8888.

## ~TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES~

### *Webinars*

**Defining the Line: When is it Gambling?**

**October 8th ~ 10:00am - 11:30am**

**Youth Gambling and ADHD**

**November 12th ~ 10:00am - 11:30am**

**Cost: \$20 per Webinar - 1.5 CEUs**

CEU certifications applied for through NAADAC, EACC, WAMFT, NASW, and IPGGC

Please see our website for more information: [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org)



### **3rd Annual WCPG's "Taking Steps for Addiction Recovery" 5K Run/Walk**



#### **When:**

**September 27, 2025  
9:00am – 12:00pm**

#### **Location:**

**Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve  
2024 Lakeview Dr,  
Suamico, WI 54173**

**Visit our Website Event Page for more  
information**

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