



National Council on Problem Gambling

2010 Awards Committee Nominations

This worksheet is designed to aid the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) Awards Committee. The contributions to our field are increasing daily and in order for the committee to evaluate a nominee we will need an introduction to the nominee and their contribution, and a reference(s) or cite(s). Please select the award and complete the following form to be submitted to the awards committee. Please submit a separate form for each of your nominations. Supporting documentation as requested in the attached awards criteria should be attached.

For each award selection, please provide the following information:

Name of Person completing this form:			
Organization Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Telephone Number and FAX:			

Award Title

Please identify the award:

An introduction to your Nominee: (250 words or less)

SEND FORM(S) to Melissa Martin, NCPG, melissam@ncpgambling.org or FAX: 202.547.9206

Please return forms by Friday, April 23, 2010

The Awards Committee needs to receive nominations for awards by **Friday, April 23, 2010**. We have provided criteria for each of the NCPG awards.

Lifetime Awards:

- Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy
- Dr. Robert Custer Award for Direct Service
- Lifetime Research Award

Annual Awards:

- Advocacy Award
- Treatment Award
- Prevention Award
- Corporate Social Responsibility Award
- Service Award

Communication Awards:

- Reporting Award
- Public Awareness Award
- Website Award
- People's Choice Award
- Newsletter Award

Research Awards:

- Research of the Year Award
- Outstanding Master's Thesis Award
- Outstanding Dissertation Award

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION:

General Information: All nominations for awards must meet individual criteria to be considered. Any nomination that either does not meet criteria, is incomplete or received after due date for nominations may not be considered. All nominations must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked by the due date. Materials that are required to be included with the nomination must also be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked by the designated date. Nominations must be received in the designated format to be considered. The Awards Committee reserves the right to solicit additional information regarding nominees at any time.

Award winners are selected based on the merits of the nomination materials. It is extremely important that your submission(s) for nomination(s) be complete. Since many of the members of the awards committee may not be familiar with your nominee, it is vital that your nomination materials provide adequate information regarding the justification for the award. This information should include specific examples, verification of facts, letters of support, and any other items necessary to make your case. A poorly crafted or incomplete nomination may cost your candidate the award. All nominees will be recognized by name at the NCPG annual Awards event.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA

LIFETIME AWARDS

The Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy: *is given in recognition of career dedication to improving the lives of problem gamblers and their families through advocacy, research, training, or the promotion of public awareness. The Goldman Award is only bestowed in exceptional times and circumstances to individuals who exemplify at least twenty years of advocacy on behalf of problem gamblers.*

Criteria:

- 1) The individual nominee must have a minimum of twenty (20) years of documented advocacy on behalf of problem gamblers and their families. The NCPG Awards Committee may, under very rare and exceptional circumstances, recommend exceptions to this requirement.
- 2) The individual nominee has demonstrated exemplary work in support of the goals and objectives of the NCPG and/or its affiliates.
- 3) The individual nominee's twenty years of advocacy must be verified by three or more letters of recommendation that specifically delineate the nominee's competency, length of service, dedication, and his/her local, regional or national impact on problem gambling. A minimum of one of the three or more letters of recommendation and verification must be received from a member of the NCPG Board of Directors.
- 4) Previous recipients of the Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy will be invited to serve as ad Hoc members of the awards selection committee. Each member of the NCPG Awards Committee (including past Herman Goldman Award recipient ad hoc members) shall be eligible to vote for the Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy. The Awards Committee shall determine the best candidate and make one recommendation to the NCPG Board of Directors for their vote and approval.
- 5) The individual nominee selected by the Awards Committee must receive the support of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all NCPG Board of Directors members attending the NCPG Winter Board of Director's Meeting. A secret ballot is required to determine the 2/3 majority vote. A maximum of one Herman Goldman Award winner shall be awarded in any given year.
- 6) The individual selected for the Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy will be invited to make a special presentation at the next NCPG Annual Conference of his/her choice. This presentation is designed to further honor and highlight the lifetime contribution of the Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy recipient. In the event that recipients are chosen for each of the NCPG Lifetime Research Award, the Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy, and the Dr. Robert Custer Award for Treatment in the same year, each of the three recipients will be invited to participate in a panel presentation at the next NCPG Annual Conference, in lieu of individual presentations.

The Dr. Robert Custer Award for Direct Service: *is given to honor a person for exceptional long-standing achievement in the direct provision of services to problem gamblers and their families. Direct services is defined as prevention, direct awareness outreach, treatment/counseling, helpline work, and other related activities. Named after the problem gambling pioneer Dr. Robert Custer, the Custer Award for Service is only bestowed in exceptional times and circumstances, to individuals who exemplify at least twenty years of service on behalf of problem gamblers.*

Criteria:

- 1) The individual nominee(s) must have a minimum of twenty (20) years of documented work that has directly impacted problem gamblers and their families. This includes, but is not limited to, counseling, helpline, crisis management, case management, and financial management. The NCPG Awards Committee may, under very rare and exceptional circumstances, recommend exceptions to the length of service requirement for this award.
- 2) The individual nominee(s) must have demonstrated exemplary work in support of the goals and objectives of the NCPG and/or its affiliates.
- 3) The individual nominee's twenty years of treatment work must be verified by three or more letters of recommendation that specifically delineate the nominee's competency, length of service, dedication, and his/her local, regional or national impact on problem gambling. A minimum of

- one of the three or more letters of recommendation and verification must be received from a member of the NCPG Board of directors.
- 4) Previous recipients of the Dr. Robert Custer Award for Service will be invited to serve as ad Hoc members of the NCPG Awards committee. Each member of the NCPG Awards Committee (including past Dr. Robert Custer Award recipient ad hoc members) shall be eligible to vote for the Dr. Robert Custer Award for Service. The Awards Committee shall determine the best candidate and make one recommendation to the NCPG Board of Directors for their vote and approval.
 - 5) The individual nominee selected by the Awards Committee must receive the support of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all board members attending the winter board meeting. A secret ballot is required to determine the 2/3 majority vote. A maximum of one Dr. Robert Custer Award for Service winner shall be awarded in any given year.
 - 6) The individual selected for the Dr. Robert Custer Award for Service will be invited to make a special presentation at the next NCPG Annual Conference of his/her choice. This presentation is designed to further honor and highlight the lifetime contribution of the Dr. Robert Custer Award for Service recipient. In the event that recipients are chosen for each of the NCPG Lifetime Research Award, the Herman Goldman Award for Advocacy, and the Dr. Robert Custer Award for Service in the same year, each of the three recipients will be invited to participate in a panel presentation at the next NCPG Annual Conference, in lieu of individual presentations.

The NCPG Lifetime Research Award: *is given to honor a person for exceptional long-standing achievement in the field of research to assist problem gamblers and their families. Research is defined as the deliberate scientific study which fosters assistance to problem gamblers, families and the prevention of problem gambling. The Lifetime Research Award is only bestowed in exceptional times and circumstances, to individuals who exemplify at least twenty years of treatment on behalf of problem gamblers.*

Criteria:

- 1) The individual nominee(s) must have a minimum of twenty (20) years of documented research leading to increased understanding of problem gambling. The NCPG Awards Committee may, under very rare and exceptional circumstances, recommend exceptions to the length of service requirement for this award.
- 2) The individual nominee(s) must have demonstrated exemplary work in support of the goals and objectives of the NCPG and/or its affiliates.
- 3) The individual nominee's twenty years of research work must be verified by three or more letters of recommendation that specifically delineate the nominee's competency, length of service, dedication, and his/her local, regional or national impact on problem gambling. A minimum of one of the three or more letters of recommendation and verification must be received from a member of the NCPG Board of directors.
- 4) The Awards Committee will verify that candidate/candidates meet required criteria and forward the nominations to the Research Committee.
- 5) The Research Committee will review the nominations and recommend a recipient to the Awards Committee.
- 6) The Awards Committee will send their recommendation to the NCPG Board of Directors for their vote and approval.
- 7) The individual nominee's submitted by the Awards Committee must receive the support of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of all board members attending the winter board meeting. A secret ballot is required to determine the 2/3rd majority vote. A maximum of one Research Award shall be awarded to one individual on any given year.

Awards for lifetime achievement must be approved by the NCPG Board of Directors following review and recommendation by the Awards and/or Research committees.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Advocacy Award: *given annually to recognize dedication to improving the lives of problem gamblers and their families through advocacy, training, or the promotion of public awareness.*

Criteria:

- 1) At least one year of documented advocacy work that has directly impacted problem gamblers and their families. This includes, but is not limited to, advocacy, research, training, or the promotion of public awareness.
- 2) The individual nominee's advocacy work must be verified by one or more letters of recommendation that specifically delineate the nominee's competency, length of service, dedication, and his/her local, regional or national impact on problem gambling.

Treatment Award: given annually to recognize achievement in the direct provision of services to problem gamblers and their families. Direct services are defined as prevention, direct awareness outreach, treatment/counseling, helpline work, and other related activities.

Criteria:

- 1) At least one year of documented treatment work that has directly impacted problem gamblers and their families. This includes, but is not limited to, counseling, helpline, crisis management, case management, and financial management.
- 2) The individual nominee's treatment work must be verified by one or more letters of recommendation that specifically delineate the nominee's competency, length of service, dedication, and his/her local, regional or national impact on problem gambling.

Prevention Award: *Outstanding annual achievement in advocacy, development, integration, outreach, research or training in the area of prevention of problem gambling.*

Criteria:

1. Nominees must meet at least one of the following:
 - a. Consistent advocating for the inclusion of prevention in the full continuum of problem gambling services
 - b. Development of effective prevention of problem gambling programming
 - c. Integration of prevention research into prevention of problem gambling efforts
 - d. Emphasis on reaching out to high risk groups and underserved populations
 - e. Collegiality with others in advancing prevention of problem gambling efforts
 - f. Adding to the body of knowledge of prevention of problem gambling through research and publications
 - g. Adding to the professional development of others through training and curriculum development

The Interest Group on Prevention will review the Prevention Award submissions and recommend a recipient to the Awards Committee.

Corporate Social Responsibility Award: *An award given to an organization that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to social responsibility as it relates to problem gambling in the past year.*

Criteria:

- 1) Organizations must provide information on their groundbreaking legislation, funding, research, organization, etc in their state.

Service Award: *An award given in recognition of extraordinary volunteer contributions to the NCPG over the course of the past year by an NCPG member.*

Criteria:

- 1) Documentation of the contributions made by the nominee
- 2) Current members of the NCPG Board of Directors are not eligible for this award

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

Reporting Award: *Outstanding news reporting by a news organization in the past year in any format that has best covered problem/pathological gambling issues.*

Criteria:

- 1) Reporting must increase public knowledge of problem/pathological gambling.
- 2) Name and date of the media source and article must accompany all nominations.
- 3) The report must be original and not a reprint/rebroadcast of previous article.
- 4) A copy of an article appearing in print must accompany the nomination along with the date and place where the article was published. Broadcast reporting should be accompanied with a copy of the broadcast on DVD or CD, a transcript of the story, a link to a web site containing the story, or if none of the preceding items are available, a detailed summary of the story. If the article or broadcast is not in English, a translation or detailed English-language summary should be provided.
- 5) Recipients will be judged based on the breadth of impact. Local, regional or national reports shall be given equal weight and shall be judged based on impact, quality, and ability to reach gamblers and their families.

Public Awareness Award: *Outstanding TV or radio public awareness message in the past year.*

Criteria:

- 1) The nomination must include the name of the sponsor of the message, the advertising agency or other creative consultant responsible for content and production (if any), the date the message first aired, and a copy of the message on DVD or CD. Documentation of the extent of the distribution of the message is encouraged but not required.

Website Award: *Outstanding website that has best raised public awareness of problem/pathological gambling.*

Criteria:

- 1) Nominations must identify the owner of the website and include a link to the website.

People's Choice Award: *The most popular print public awareness message as voted on by the attendees at the National Council on Problem Gambling conference.*

Criteria:

- 1) Please submit two original printed copies (or photo in the case of a billboard or other large medium).
- 2) (if possible) an electronic copy
- 3) Limit one submission per organization.
- 4) Eligible materials include any problem gambling/responsible gaming public service or paid advertising that was printed on a poster, flyer, newspaper, magazine, billboard, or other medium.

Newsletter Award: *An award for an outstanding problem gambling-related newsletter issue in the past year.*

Criteria:

- 1) The nomination must include a copy of the newsletter in either print or electronic form along with identification of the organization producing the newsletter and information about distribution and readership.

The NCPG Communications Committee reviews all communication award nominations (with the exception of the People's Choice award) and recommends a recipient to the Awards Committee.

RESEARCH AWARDS

Research of the Year Award: *The best original peer-reviewed research article on problem and pathological gambling published within the past year. The research must contribute substantially to the understanding of this disorder. The criteria include the impact, quality and relevance to gamblers and their families.*

Criteria:

- 1) At least one article published in a peer-reviewed journal within the past year on problem gambling issues.
- 2) The individual nominee's research work must be verified by one or more letters of recommendation that specifically delineate the nominee's competency, length of service, dedication, and his/her local, regional or national impact on problem gambling.

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award: *for the outstanding graduate master's thesis in the area of problem gambling. The award will be presented annually to a student who has successfully completed a Master's Thesis that merits special recognition. The recipient shall have completed a research study that has the potential to contribute to our scientific knowledge and clinical understanding of problem and pathological gambling behavior.*

Criteria:

- 1) Nominee's curriculum vitae
- 2) TWO letters of support from members of the student's committee
- 3) A Maximum 10 page executive summary of the research inclusive of the following sections:
 - a. A 250 word abstract
 - b. BRIEF summary of background introduction
 - c. Statement of hypotheses/purpose of research
 - d. description of population, study procedures, data analysis methodology
 - e. Results and Discussion
- 4) One copy of the complete thesis or dissertation should also be included.

Outstanding Dissertation Award: *for the outstanding graduate doctoral dissertation award in the area of problem gambling. The award will be presented annually to a student who has successfully completed a Doctoral Dissertation that merits special recognition. The recipient shall have completed a research study that has the potential to contribute to our scientific knowledge and clinical understanding of problem and pathological gambling behavior.*

Criteria:

- 1) Nominee's curriculum vitae
- 2) TWO letters of support from members of the student's committee
- 3) A Maximum 10 page executive summary of the research inclusive of the following sections:
 - a. A 250 word abstract
 - b. BRIEF summary of background introduction
 - c. Statement of hypotheses/purpose of research
 - d. description of population, study procedures, data analysis methodology
 - e. Results and Discussion
- 4) One copy of the complete thesis or dissertation should also be included.

The Research Committee will review all Research Award submissions and recommend recipients to the Awards Committee.