

HALL OF FAME



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BISMARCK PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 2021

Tim Kuntz of Bismarck was the 24th member inducted into the NDRPA Hall of Fame on Sept. 14 during the Awards Banquet at the NDRPA State Conference.

Kuntz has been an active NDRPA member for 35 years and was passionate about the importance of his job. “North Dakota citizens and visitors should receive an outstanding return on spending for leisure opportunities,” Kuntz said. “It is important to the overall health of our citizens and builds a sense of community. Our profession provides a vital role in the quality of life.”

Kuntz earned a bachelor’s degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 1983. He spent most of his career with Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD), and also worked briefly for the Moorhead Parks and Recreation Department and Dickinson Parks and Recreation. Kuntz retired in 2019 from BPRD where he was recreation manager. He was a certified park and recreation professional and a certified playground safety inspector.

Throughout his career, Kuntz has been active in his profession and in his community. Among the many organizations in which he has participated are Babe Ruth League, North Dakota Amateur Basketball, North Dakota Amateur Softball Association, Prairie Rose State Games, and Bismarck Soccer League. He has been recognized twice with a VIP Award from the Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau and is a member of the North Dakota Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

Kuntz has earned accolades from his peers:

“Tim goes the extra mile with supporting partnerships, serving as North Dakota Babe Ruth Baseball state commissioner for 12 years and our Midwest Plains commissioner for 11 years,” said Wayne Beyer, executive director of the Wahpeton Park District. “He is a recognized parks and recreation leader – dependable, trustworthy, passionate about America’s pastime sport and very deserving of the NDRPA Hall of Fame.”

Fellow Hall of Famer James Kramer of Dickinson added, “Tim’s hard work and dedication are second to none, and nowhere is it more evident than his involvement with NDRPA. His commitment to being an active member by holding offices and participating on committees is one reason NDRPA has grown into a successful organization.”

Kuntz was active in NDRPA leadership, serving on multiple committees and holding several offices, among them secretary, FOCUS editor, membership chair, and president. He was a member of the planning committee for NDRPA’s joint conference with the South Dakota Parks & Recreation Association and a member of the review committee that hired the first NDRPA executive director. Kuntz also represented NDRPA as its professional representative to the NRPA Midwest Regional Network. He was recognized previously by NDRPA with the Fellow Award, now known as the Distinguished Professional Award, in 2003.

All NDRPA Hall of Fame members are recognized with plaques at the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in the Jamestown Civic Center.

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