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Dale McCamish is the 29th member inducted into the NDRPA Hall of Fame for his accomplishments and commitment to NDRPA and parks and recreation.

McCamish, a 1984 graduate of Dickinson State University, began his career in parks and recreation as the first director of Bowman Parks and Recreation. In 1988, he was named recreation superintendent for Dickinson Parks and Recreation. He served as NDRPA secretary in 1989-90, joined the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and became a certified park and recreation professional.

He also served as NDRPA membership chair in 1990-91 and 1994-96; president-elect in 1996-97; president in 1997-98; and on the board of directors in 1998-99. He was a member of NDRPA for 15 years and of NRPA for 36 years. McCamish is the recipient of the 2002 Badlands Bowl Award of Excellence. During his term as NDRPA president, he worked with South Dakota Parks and Recreation to host the first NDRPA/SDRPA Joint State Conference.

McCamish served with the Casper, Wyoming, parks and recreation district briefly before returning to Dickinson as director from 1993 to 2001. He was instrumental in bringing the Babe Ruth 13-year-old World Series and the Badlands Bowl to Dickinson and won the NDRPA Golden Egg Award in 1997 for improvements to Southside Municipal Ballpark. He started the Adopt-a-Park program and was on the planning committee that led to the first indoor ice sheet in Dickinson.

In 2002, he accepted a position as recreation center manager in Rochester, Minnesota. From 2007 to 2024, McCamish was recreation and facilities division head for Rochester Parks and Recreation. In that role, he was instrumental in at least \$50 million worth of recreational facility enhancements in Rochester. McCamish was a member of, and former treasurer of, the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) for 22 years, and a past president of the Southern Minnesota Recreation and Park Association. He is also the recipient of the 2018 MRPA Award of Merit and the 2020 MRPA Leadership Award.

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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