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**DR. ARNOLD NAIMARK AND ELLA CORA HIND SELECTED AS WREB'S CITIZEN
HALL OF FAME'S 26TH AND 27TH INDUCTEES**

Bill Burns, Chair of the Winnipeg Real Estate Board's Citizens Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Arnold Naimark (contemporary category) and Ella Cora Hind (historical category) to the WREB Citizens Hall of Fame. Both successful nominees will be formerly inducted at a reception held in their honour at the Pavillion Gallery in Assiniboine Park on Thursday, September 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The induction ceremony will commence at 6:00 p.m.

"It is rather appropriate in a year in which the WREB is celebrating its centenary, we have an historic inductee that really started emerging on the local scene as the Manitoba Free Press agriculture reporter when the Winnipeg Real Estate Exchange was established in 1903," said Bill Burns. She may well have had concerns about the conversion of prime agricultural land into residential development. There is also no question in my mind that our contemporary inductee given all of his prodigious efforts in the medical field and in building this community would no doubt have made his mark had he grown up in an earlier era."

Burns added "The selection of two more inductees for 2003 means that since our program's inception in 1986 (see attached list), we now have 27 inductees. The result is a significant and impressive collection of sculptures in the formal garden in Assiniboine Park."

Dr. Arnold Naimark was chosen in the contemporary category, which means he has been active in the second half of the 20th century to present day. Growing up in Winnipeg's North End, he excelled in school and chose like other previous inductees to make Winnipeg his lifetime home, instead of being lured to many opportunities that presented themselves in other cities throughout the world. As a result, Winnipeg became the beneficiary of an individual who has had a very impressive and outstanding medical career and is widely acknowledged as a distinguished researcher, educator and administrator. He served as the University of Manitoba's Dean of Medicine, was its president over three terms and even served a term as Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Nairmark was the first Chairman of the North Portage Development Corporation and held that position from 1983 to 1994. He has served on over 80 university and other local ad-hoc committees and task forces.

One of his proudest achievements is the pivotal role he played in attracting Dr. Naranjan Dhalla to lead Winnipeg's world renowned heart research activities and develop the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to this community and to the medical field as a whole, Dr. Nairmark has received numerous awards including the Order of Canada, Order of Manitoba this year and a special 2001 Lieutenant Governors Medal for Excellence in Public Administration. In presenting the latter one, Lieutenant Governor Peter Liba said his name is synonymous with public service.

Dr. Nairmark continues to raise the bar at the highest levels by his insatiable pursuit of new goals that have him serving on a number of health and bio-technology committees. With the challenges that lie ahead for Manitoba's important health sector, there is no question Winnipeg is very fortunate to have an individual with such formidable talents and ability that is willing to serve the community and make a difference.

E. Cora Hind was chosen in the historical category – one that focuses on those individuals who made their contributions to Winnipeg during the first half of the 20th century or before. Her life actually straddled both the 19th and 20th century as she was born in 1861 and lived to 1942. She moved to Winnipeg in 1882 and became the first typist and stenographer in western Canada. Her mission was journalism however her efforts were thwarted as the Manitoba Free Press felt the hard work and long hours was no work for a women. Undaunted, and well after establishing her own business in 1893, she was appointed the agriculture editor of The Manitoba Free Press in 1901 when John W. Dafoe became chief editor.

She gained an international reputation for a very accurate analysis of crop yields, livestock breeding and food production and marketing. Her annual predictions for crop yields became the basis for determining the world price for wheat. The prices on the international market soared or fell on release of her figures. In dealing with hundreds of millions of bushels her margin of error was often less than one percent.

Ms. Hind also initiated the western farm reports and for all of her contributions to agriculture, received an honorary degree (L.L.D.) from the University of Manitoba in 1935. After her death in 1942 the United Grain Growers established a Cora Hind Fellowship for research in agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

Cora Hind is also considered a feminist reformer. She was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, wrote newspaper pieces on living and work conditions of Winnipeg in 1894 and helped found the Manitoba Equal Franchise Club. She was involved in the Women's Institutes movement and in 1912 was a founding member of the political equality league. In 1935 she was made an honorary life member of the

University's Women Club. Upon her retirement she put most of her energy into the organizing the Red Cross in the three prairie provinces.

Hind was a genius in her field and paved the way for other women to pursue their goals in a male dominated world.

"As we grapple this year as a country with issues like SARS and mad cow disease, it makes me realize that individuals such as the ones that are being inducted into the Citizens Hall of Fame this year can be incredible resources to not only Winnipeg, but Canada and the international community," said Bill Burns.

In celebrating the contributions of this year's WREB Citizens Hall of Fame inductees, Bill Burns is happy to acknowledge a partnership with the Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba Historical Society, which enables the creation of a new historical nominee category. Under this new category, the busts of William Gomez Fonseca and John Wesley Dafoe were installed this year in the formal garden in Assiniboine Park. The bust of Donald Ian MacDonald, last year's contemporary inductee, has also been erected.

The busts of Dr. Arnold Naimark and E. Cora Hind will be commissioned this fall to local sculptors and upon completion will be installed in 2004.

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