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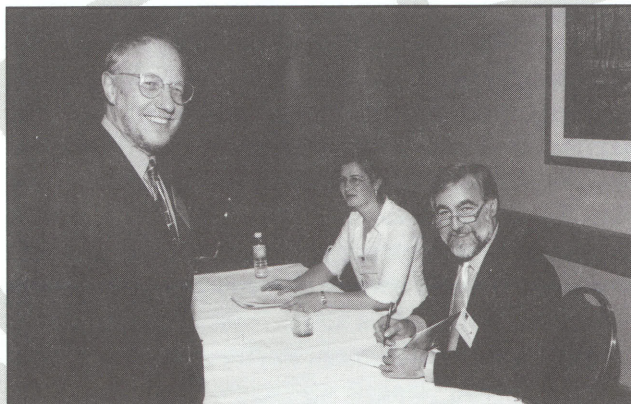


*Minnesota Advocates supporters enjoying dinner*

### HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS DINNER RECOGNIZES UNIVERSAL BENEFITS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Human Rights Awards Dinner on June 13, 2002 at the Marriott City Center in Minneapolis. The theme of the event was "Human Rights Advocacy: How International Human Rights Affect Us All." More than 400 people gathered to celebrate the contributions of human rights activists.

Minnesota Advocates presented the 2002 Human Rights Award to Bill Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty



*David Weissbrodt, Lauren Panetta and Bill Schulz*

International USA, for his work promoting human rights in the United States. Mr. Schulz recently published a book, *In Our Own Best Interest: How Defending Human Rights Benefits Us All*. His book outlines the reasons why promoting human rights is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do. Bill Schulz presented a keynote address on the importance of human rights advocacy and why respecting and promoting human rights is important for all Americans.



*Susanna Vardanyan, and Aviva Breen*

Minnesota Advocates presented a second Human Rights Award to Susanna Vardanyan, Executive Director of the Women's Rights Center in Yerevan, Armenia. Ms. Vardanyan has been a leader in the promotion of human rights for women in Armenia.

The organization presented a Special Recognition Award to Jane Evershed for promoting human rights through her art. The organization also presented volunteer awards to Duane Krohnke, Mary Ellingen, Eben Laire, Thang Nguyen and Nadifa Osman for their human rights work. Many special guests joined the award recipients for the celebration, several were introduced from the podium, including attorney, Miguel Gonzalez, who has worked with Duane Krohnke on his asylum cases;

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