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Mesquite ATPE honored as a 2011 Local Unit of the Year

AUSTIN – The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) honored Mesquite ATPE as a 2011 Local Unit of the Year for local units with 1,001-plus members. Mesquite ATPE was presented the award July 22 during the ATPE Summit Membership Awards Luncheon at the Austin Convention Center.

Mesquite ATPE in Region 10 was chartered in 1982. The local unit has 2,343 members and is led by President Carl Garner. Garner is the testing coordinator for The Learning Center and Mesquite ISD's representative for the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Education Program.

“Winning an award from the Association of Texas Professional Educators is beyond awesome,” Garner said. “It recognizes the hard work of everyone in our local unit. This was not won by one person but by the wonderful volunteer leaders who sacrifice their time and efforts to support public education and the students of Mesquite.”

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The 116,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators is the largest educators' group in Texas and the largest nonunion educators' group nationwide. Its membership consists of classroom teachers, para-educators, administrators, college students and retired educators. ATPE is committed to advocating for better benefits for all educators, promoting a collaborative work environment and the right of educators to choose the association they feel represents their interests, and providing the best education possible for all Texas school children.