**October Top Meeting Points**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

* 12/14, 11:30 AM-12:50 PM, TTUHSC ACB250

**Research/Seed Grants**

* Dr. Alyce Ashcraft and Dr. Donna Owen received a Sigma Theta Tau/National Gerontological Nurses Association grant to conduct a mixed method study to improve nurse-physician communication.
* Vern Pharr will receive a seed grant contingent on his research plan and IRB approval to study “Synthetic Compound Usage – The Underreporting of a Public Epidemic, A Retrospective and Ongoing Analysis”

**Biennium**

* Our chapter had many podium and poster presentations and also was able to support multiple members financially to attend the STTI Biennium in Las Vegas.

**Educational Offering: Nurses Educating on Illegal Drugs and Synthetics (NEIDS) Program**

* February 20, 2016, 7:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
* Talkington Center for Nursing Education
* Possible contact hours
* Community service work for Iota Mu Chapter Key award
* Potential co-sponsors with TNA, ENA, AASCN West Texas Chapter, School Nurse Associations

**Research Academy**

* Opportunities to conduct research with Dr. Alyce Ashcraft, Dr. JoAnn Long, Dr. Cindy Ford, and Jamie Roney

**Lunch and Learn**

* Jamie Romey presented the MEWS Project at 11/6