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**February 9.2022**

**The Existential Importance of the Penis:  A New View of the Sexuality of Men**

Presented by:

Dr. Dan Watter

**Meeting announcements:**

* Hayley introduced our student representative Erica Viera
* Membership voted to elect Sarah Dougherty, Psy.D. as president elect
* We are still looking for judges for our high school awards program. Please contact Susant Neigher if interested

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***Contact:*** Hayley Hirschmann, Psy.D. if you have any questions or prefer not to register online.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Kim Arthur

Leslie Becker-Phelps

Roderick Bennett

Athena Borzeka (has not paid; did she attend?)

Randy Bressler

Richard Brewster

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Richard Dauber

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Beverly Tignor

Ida Welsh

Aaron Welt

Paul Yampolsky

Michael Zito

**Presenter Bio:**

Dr. Watter is a frequent lecturer at professional meetings throughout North America, and is the author of more than 30 professional articles and book chapters.  He is in clinical practice in Parsippany and has held several faculty appointments.  He is a diplomate in Sexology and currently completing a textbook on Humanistic/Existential Approaches to Sex Therapy Practice.

**Overview and objectives of today’s talk:**

This presentation will explore the existential meaning of sex and penile functioning in the life of men.  This is not a presentation about how the penis works, nor is it a workshop designed to teach clinicians how to make their male patients better lovers.  Rather this presentation will focus on the psychological lives of men, specifically the existential lives of men and how much of the psychological concern of men are communicated through the function or lack thereof, of their penis.

*Learning Objectives:  By the end of the session, participants will be able to:*

1. Help their male patients identify the messages their bodies are sending them via their penis.  
2. Describe the existential threats that result from early childhood trauma and how they may manifest themselves via problems with sexual functioning.  
3. Apply existentially based treatment strategies for the resolution of male dysfunction.

**Q & A:**

**Newsletter submitted by:**

**MCPA Secretary – Melissa Klika, Psy.D.**