

February 23, 2018

Christopher M. Shelton
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Re: Transition Plan Proposal

Dear President Shelton:

Please accept this correspondence in response to your letter of February 2, 2018.

Initially, we agree with your sentiment that providing outstanding service and representation to the Printing Sector locals and their members is of the utmost importance. In fact, our office has worked tirelessly over the past thirty years to craft the appropriate ways and means of effectively and efficiently servicing our members, their various needs, and their numerous contracts. We absolutely expect this to continue into the future.

With respect to the contents of your letter, and your various proposals, you gave us a great deal of information to absorb. In fact, there is too much information – and we have too many questions – to respond in writing. We would like to schedule another meeting to continue the process of finding ways to better represent the members of the Printing Sector. Please understand that some of your suggestions and proposals appear to be attainable, but we need additional explanation and description from you before we can discuss those things with members and representatives from the Printing Sector. Certain other proposals of yours do not seem acceptable to our Sector, but we would still like to discuss those areas and seek common ground.

We do not feel, however, that we can continue a discourse and arrive at an agreement prior to February 28th, as you had required. In fact, given the complexities and the great importance of what is at stake here, we do not think that an arbitrary deadline should be set at all. Rather, it is our suggestion that we continue to work together – productively – with the aim of a new framework for the Sector in a timely manner for all involved. Accordingly, we would like to extend an invitation to your negotiating team to meet again at the Sector office in Pittsburgh and address all the issues before us. We are unavailable the first part of March, but we would like to see what dates are available for us to reconvene after March 20, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue, thank you for your letter, and thank you for your leadership. At your earliest convenience, please supply dates of when we can get together to continue our discussions on shaping the future of the Printing Sector.

In Solidarity,

Dan Wasser
PPMWS Executive Director

Don McConnell
Law & Finance Committee Chair