



We know that all of you are concerned about the effect of current economic conditions on the National Institute of Golf Management (NIGM), and we recognize that these are trying and uncertain times for all of us. The precipitous decline in housing prices and stock market values has had consequences for many of us personally, and, naturally, for NIGM as a school. The Board of Regents (BOR) has been analyzing the implications of the downturn in the golf industry and specifically for NIGM, and has decided to postpone the 2009 and 2010 school, and to resume the NIGM at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia in 2011.

All indications reflect that registration numbers are off significantly due to the economic conditions. Also, after speaking with many of you, individuals have indicated they cannot return in 2009 and 2010 due to budget and travel restrictions.

With the postponement comes the “retooling” of the program to address solutions focused on difficult economic times in the Golf Industry. By acting thoughtfully and strategically, we are confident that we can weather this storm while continuing to advance our most important objectives.

If you have any questions or concerns, they all can be directed to the National Training Center at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center.

