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Dear ILFI Member:

Evidence is mounting that we're headed out of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, and yet economists and business owners agree the Great Recession will demand Great Recovery before its reeling effects subside. Healing will require much patience, strength, time and **strategy** –the theme for this year's Convention.

We invite you to explore **All the Right Moves** at the **ILFI/OBL Joint Convention, Sept. 9-12**, at the historic **French Lick Springs Resort**. Together, members of the Illinois League and the OBL will discuss and debate the future of our industry.

We know times are tough. That's why we've worked hard to provide content that will deliver an immediate return on your investment. It's also the reason we selected a drivable destination from most of Illinois. The convention brochure provides more details about the expert speakers we've invited to focus on critically important aspects of your institution's future success.

We are again offering discounts for multiple registrants from the same member and encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. **The deadline for room reservations at the special convention rate of just \$155/night is Aug. 7.**

The extraordinary French Lick Springs and West Baden Springs hotels – both listed on the National Register of Historic Places – offer a fascinating window on the grand hotel era of the early twentieth century and provide a wonderful venue for this knowledge gathering, information sharing and networking opportunity. We hope you'll join us.

If you have any questions or would like additional convention information, please contact Martha Hawley at 217-522-5575. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Stevenson
President

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