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**DISCOVER ALBANY NAMES SEVEN NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO LEAD**  
**Discover Albany expands reach and representation**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Discover Albany is pleased to kick off the New Year with the announcement of seven new board members to its Board of Directors, including one addition to the Executive Committee.

The five new board members were officially announced during the January 25 board meeting at Albany Radisson Hotel:

Todd Reichelt - Executive Committee  
General Manager, Albany Marriott

Mark Bardack  
President, Ed Lewi Associates, Inc.

Carm Basile  
Chief Executive Officer, Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)

Sonya del Peral, Esq.  
Manager, Nine Pin Ciderworks, LLC  
Partner, Bowers & del Peral, PLLC

Doug McClaine  
General Manager, Albany Capital Center

Melissa Carrier  
Vice President, Total Events, LLC



Mohamed Hemmid

General Manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites Albany - Downtown

"We are thrilled to welcome these talented professionals to our board. Their expertise and experience will strengthen our organization, and we look forward to working with them to promote Albany as a great destination for conventions and visitors," says Michele Vennard, President/CEO of Discover Albany.

#### **ABOUT Discover Albany**

*The Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. was established in 1976 to promote the civic and commercial progress of the community through increased development of conventions and tourism. Today, the organization is known as Discover Albany. Discover Albany currently represents more than 300 member businesses and assists each year in hundreds of regional meetings. Discover Albany also operates the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, Henry Hudson Planetarium, and the Albany International Airport Information Center. The Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau Foundation was established in 1993 to provide educational opportunities and work with other organizations to secure grants and funding to advance regional travel and tourism projects. For more information, call 518-434-1217 or 800-258-3582 or visit [www.albany.org](http://www.albany.org).*

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