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James Calvin

Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

James (Jim) Calvin was elected to the Columbia Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors on July 26, 2016. He is the Principal of Calvin Communications, a freelance writing, editing and consulting business.

In 2022, he retired after 24 years as President of the New York Association of Convenience Stores, an Albany-based trade organization representing 8,000 neighborhood mini-marts and convenience stores statewide.

Previously, he was Director of Marketing for Hudson City Savings Institution, Executive Director of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, and Managing Editor of the Register-Star.

He is a Director Emeritus of the Columbia County Agricultural Society, which produces the annual Columbia County Fair.

He is a past Chairman of the Empire State Society of Association Executives; past Vice President of Community Relations for the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties; former member of the Columbia County Tourism Advisory Commission; and a former adjunct instructor of journalism at Columbia-Greene Community College.

Jim serves as a guest speaker, workshop leader, moderator, and emcee for various functions and organizations. He previously hosted “Columbia County Spotlight,” a monthly show on the Mid-Hudson Cablevision system.

He is a soccer coach with Town of Kinderhook rec program and coached with the Crane and Chatham travel soccer clubs.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Utica University and graduated from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management at the University of Delaware.

Jim and his wife Jean and daughter Amanda reside in Columbia County.