U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: November 9, 2006 (Date of earliest event reported)

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-16214 (Commission file number) 14-0462060 (IRS employer identification no.)

1373 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204 (518) 445-2200

(Address and telephone number of the registrant's principal executive offices)

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

At a regular meeting on November 9, 2006, Edgar G. Hotard was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Registrant. Mr. Hotard was also appointed as a member of the Compensation Committee. A copy of the Company's news release announcing Mr. Hotard's election is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. After his election, Mr. Hotard entered into an indemnification agreement with the Registrant, the form of which was filed previously as Exhibit 10(t) in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 12, 2006.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:
 - 99.1 News release dated November 9, 2006 announcing election of director.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

By: /s/ Michael C. Nahl

Name: Michael C. Nahl

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 13, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News release dated November 9, 2006.

EDGAR G. HOTARD ELECTED TO ALBANY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Albany, New York, November 9, 2006 - Albany International Corp. (NYSE:AIN; PCX, FWB) announced today that Edgar G. Hotard has been elected to its Board of Directors, increasing the number of directors to ten. Mr. Hotard was also named a member of the Company's Compensation Committee.

Mr. Hotard, 63, is an independent investor and consultant. He serves as a Senior Advisor to the Monitor Group, a global strategy consulting firm, and as the Chairman of the Monitor Group (China). He also serves as Senior Advisor to MPM Capital, is a Venture Partner with ARCH Venture Partners, and Managing General Partner of Hotard Holdings Ltd., an investment partnership. In 1999, Mr. Hotard retired as President and Chief Operating Officer of Praxair, Inc. In 1992, he led the spin-off of Praxair from Union Carbide Corporation, where he served as Corporate Vice President.

Mr. Hotard is a member of the Board of Directors of Global Industries, Ltd., privately held Shona Energy, Ltd., and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the US-China Business Council. He was a founding sponsor of the China Economic and Technology Alliance and of a joint MBA program between Renmin University, Beijing, and the School of Management, State University of Buffalo, New York. He is the year 2000 recipient of the Great Wall Award from the Municipality of Beijing.

Mr. Hotard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Northwestern University.

Albany International is the world's largest producer of custom-designed paper machine fabrics and process belts that are essential to the manufacture of paper and paperboard. In its family of businesses, Albany applies its core competencies in advanced textiles and materials to other industries. Founded in 1895, the Company is headquartered in Albany, New York, and employs approximately 6,100 people worldwide. The Company's plants are strategically located to serve its global customers. Additional information about the Company and its businesses and products is available at www.albint.com.