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## New Members Join AgeOptions Board of Directors



*Three of the four new Board of Directors members. From left: Rose Canonaco, Miriam Mobley-Smith and Soo Lee.*

The AgeOptions Board of Directors has welcomed four new members.

They are:

- **Rose Canonaco**, SPHR, vice president of Human Resources, Planmeca
- **Soo Lee**, Of Counsel Attorney, Mauck & Baker, LLC
- **Miriam Mobley-Smith**, PharmD, health care education consultant
- **Jeffery Waddy**, DrPHc, MCHES, dean, South Suburban College

### Rose Canonaco

Rose Canonaco has extensive experience in all areas of human resources. Before joining Planmeca, one of the largest privately held dental equipment companies in the industry, she was vice president of Human Resources at Young Innovations, an Algonquin company that manufactures and markets dental equipment and supplies; director of Human Resources at Progeny, A Midmark Company, in Lincolnshire; and manager of Human Resources at Dentsply International in Des Plaines.

Rose worked as a human resources consultant at AgeOptions from March to July 2018. That experience, she says, allowed her to “see first-hand how helpful (AgeOptions is) to older adults

through the many programs that they provide and/or support.” As a Board member she wants to assist the agency as it serves older adults and people with disabilities.

She received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola University of Chicago and is accredited as a Senior Professional in Human Resources.

### **Soo Yeon Lee**

Soo Yeon Lee has practiced law in the Chicago area since 2005 and joined Mauck & Baker, LLC in November 2018. She represents clients in the areas of litigation, real estate and estate planning law and serves as outside general counsel to small businesses in the areas of real estate management and development, contracts, employment practice, intellectual property rights and succession planning.

Prior to her current position, she was an attorney at Gordon & Centracchio, LLC for 13 years and was a judicial extern with two judges and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

She is legal advisor to the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago, a member of the Advisory Board of the Korean American Bar Association of Chicago and a member of the American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law. She also served on the Board of Korean American Community Services (now Hana Center), where senior services was one of the service areas. Her interests concerning older adults include senior housing, economic security and safety and community involvement.

Soo is a candidate for LLM in Taxation at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. She received Juris Doctor and Master of Science degree in Information Technology and Privacy Law from the John Marshall Law School.

### **Miriam Mobley-Smith**

Miriam Mobley-Smith is an evaluation consultant for the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education in Chicago and an independent pharmacy and health care consultant. She has devoted much of both her professional and personal time to improving the overall health and well-being of older adults.

Her previous positions include dean and professor at Chicago State University College of Pharmacy, adjunct associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy Department of Pharmacy Administration and clinical assistant professor at the UIC College of Pharmacy Department of Pharmacy Practice. She was also clinical assistant professor and pharmacotherapist at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center and an adjunct faculty member and course instructor at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois.

She has been a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Future Health Care Workforce for Older Americans, chair of a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Advisory Panel on the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and SHIP, and has provided community-based education programs for older adults.

Miriam is a member of the Board of Directors of Access Community Health Network, a past chair of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the CMS Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education and past vice chair of the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy, among other professional appointments.

Her many honors include being named Pharmacist of the Year by the Illinois Pharmacists Association, a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the National Pharmaceutical Association Chauncey I. Cooper Award and the Illinois Area Agencies on Aging Sid Granet Aging Network Achievement Award.

Miriam received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree with honors from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan.

### **Jeffery J. Waddy**

Jeff Waddy has been Dean, Health Professions, English, Humanities and Communications at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois, since 2006.

Prior to joining the college, he was executive director of Gilead Outreach & Referral Center in Chicago, program coordinator of the Street Outreach Program-Homeless Youth Delta Center in Cairo, Illinois; Life Skills manager at Brehm Preparatory School, a learning disabilities school in Carbondale; and a certified analytical microbiologist in Albany, Georgia.

Jeff has been a member of the Community Health Worker Advisory Board of the Illinois Department of Public Health since 2014 and a Board vice chair of Roseland Community Hospital since 2013. He chairs the Board of Family Christian Health Center.

His professional memberships include the American Public Health Association, Illinois Public Health Association, American Association for Health Education and the Association for the Study of Higher Education. He is a presenter/member of the Society of Public Health Education and a member of Eta Sigma Gamma health education honorary organization.

He received a Doctorate of Public Health in Leadership with a concentration in public health administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, Master's of Science Education from Southern Illinois University and Bachelor of Science from Albany (Georgia) State University. He also received a Certificate of Gerontology from Southern Illinois University.