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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>SMITH BRUCE M |         |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>SMITH A O CORP</u> [ AOS ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                                |                          |  |  |  |
|---|---------|-------|---|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|   |         |       |   | X  | Director                       | 10% Owner                |  |  |  |
| A. O. SMITH CORPORATION                                   |         |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>04/16/2012                      |  | Officer (give title below)     | Other (specify<br>below) |  |  |  |
| 11270 WEST PARK PLACE                                     |         |       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                            | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                |                                |                          |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |       |   | X  | Form filed by One Repor        | ting Person              |  |  |  |
| MILWAUKEE   | WI      | 53224 |   |  | Form filed by More than Person | One Reporting            |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip) |   |  |                                |                          |  |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   |        |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------------|-------|---|---|---|--|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1150.4)  |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                             |   |        |               |       | 3,973   | D <sup>(1)</sup>  |   |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                             |   |        |               |       | 16,941  | I   | In trust <sup>(2)</sup>   |  |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Num<br>of<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>Acquir<br>(A) or<br>Dispos<br>of (D)<br>(Instr.<br>and 5) | tive<br>ties<br>red<br>sed<br>3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D)                                | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(3)</sup>         | \$44.24   | 04/16/2012                                 |   | А                            |   | 2,035   |                                    | (4)  | (4)                | Common<br>Stock  | 2,035                                  | \$0   | 22,858   | D  |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                          | \$0 <sup>(5)</sup>  |  |   |                              |   |   |                                    | (6)  | (7)                | Common<br>Stock  | 0                                      |   | 118,891  | I  | In trust <sup>(2)</sup>  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares deferred under the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan.

2. The reporting person beneficially owns these shares as settlor of a revocable family trust.

3. Payment of portion of retainer in Restricted Stock Units under the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan based on the market price of the Common Stock on April 16, 2012.

4. The Plan permits the participant to defer receipt of the award, and Mr. Smith has made a deferral.

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6. Convertible at any time

7. None

Remarks:

James F. Stern, <u>Attorney-in-</u> Fact for Bruce M. Smith

04/17/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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