

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>O'Brien Stephen D.</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY <hr/> (Street) ASHLAND TN 37015 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP [AOS]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SVP; Pres & General Mngr NAWH
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2026	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/13/2026		M		2,905 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	6,863 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2026		F		1,144 ⁽³⁾	D	\$0	5,719	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2026		A		791 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$0	6,510	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2026		M			2,905	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	2,905	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of Common Stock. This transaction represents the settlement of restricted stock units in shares of Common Stock on their scheduled vesting date.
- Mr. O'Brien is a participant in the A. O. Smith Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("Plan") and receives a quarterly dividend pursuant to the Plan. The total amount of dividends received was 59 shares of Common Stock.
- Shares withheld by A. O. Smith Corporation to satisfy tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
- Represents vesting of performance stock units at [100%] of the target award amount and conversion to shares of A. O. Smith Corporation's Common Stock upon achievement of performance criteria for the 2023 - 2025 performance period.
- The restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2023 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The restricted stock units became payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 02/13/2026.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen D. O'Brien 02/17/2026

** 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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