

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report  
(Date of earliest  
event reported): December 17, 2004

**A. O. Smith Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-475

(Commission File  
Number)

39-0619790

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 245008, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9508

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(414) 359-4000

(Registrant's telephone number)

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Item 5.02(d). Election of Directors

On December 20, 2004, A. O. Smith Corporation ( the Company ) issued a news release announcing that Paul W. Jones was elected on December 17, 2004, to the Board of Directors. A copy of the Company s news release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report ) and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99 News Release of A. O. Smith Corporation, dated December 20, 2004

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

**A. O. SMITH CORPORATION**

Date: December 20, 2004

By: /s/ W. David Romoser  
W. David Romoser  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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**A. O. SMITH CORPORATION**

Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K Dated December 20, 2004

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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