ZooBank Policy

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I. PURPOSE

This document defines the types of users of ZooBank, how a user type is determined, and the access privileges available to each type of user.

II. POLICY

A user is any person who accesses, creates, or edits content via the ZooBank website. A user of ZooBank may be anonymous or authenticated through a login procedure. A user with a login account may be authorized at one of several authentication levels, each of which includes specific access and sponsor privileges.

III. PROCEDURES

A. LOGIN ACCOUNTS
Each authenticated user of ZooBank must have a login account, which includes the following requirements:

1. **Registration.** Each login account is assigned to a person who is registered in ZooBank. An account may not be created for an organization or electronic entity such as an internet service.

2. **Email Address.** Each login account must include a valid and functioning email address.

3. **User name.** A user name is automatically assigned to each login account; the name is based on the username of the possessor of the email address.

4. **Sponsor.** Each login account includes a link to a person indicated as the "Sponsor", who is a person with an existing ZooBank login account. The Sponsor and the User may be the same person.

IV. USERS

There are five types of users, an anonymous user ("Guest") and four types of authenticated users ("Self-Sponsored Contributor", "Sponsored Contributor", "Editor", and "Administrator").

A. GUEST USERS

1. **Login.** No login account or other authentication is required for a Guest user.

2. **Read and Write Privileges.** A Guest user may search on, view, and download any content via the ZooBank website *except* prospectively registered Works that have not yet been made publicly available, and any names or nomenclatural acts contained within Works that have not yet been made publicly available. A Guest User has no write privileges and may not create or edit any content via the ZooBank website.

B. AUTHENTICATED USERS

1. SELF-SPONSORED CONTRIBUTORS

a. Designation. A Self-Sponsored Contributor creates his or her own ZooBank account. Thus the Sponsor of a Self-Sponsored Contributor is the individual person to whom the login account is assigned.

b. Read Privileges. A Self-sponsored Contributor may search on, view, and download the following via the ZooBank website:

　　i. All content created by him/herself;

　　ii. All content *except* prospectively registered Works that have not yet been made publicly available, and any names or nomenclatural acts contained within Works that have not yet been made publicly available.

c. Write Privileges. A Self-Sponsored Contributor may, via the ZooBank website:

　　i. Create and register new content, and register existing unregistered content;

　　ii. Edit any content created by the Self-Sponsored Contributor him/herself.

d. Sponsor Privileges. A Self-Sponsored Contributor may not sponsor other ZooBank users.

2. SPONSORED CONTRIBUTORS

a. Designation. A Sponsored Contributor must be sponsored by another user with sufficient sponsor privileges.

b. Read Privileges. A Sponsored Contributor may search on, view, and download the following via the ZooBank website:

    i. All content created by the Sponsored Contributor him/herself;

    ii. All content involving a Published Work of which the Sponsored Contributor is an Author;

    iii. All content *except* prospectively registered Works that have not yet been made publicly available, and any names or nomenclatural acts contained within Works that have not yet been made publicly available of which the Sponsored Contributor is not an Author.

  c. Write Privileges. A Sponsored Contributor may, via the ZooBank website:

    i. Create and register new content and register existing unregistered content;

    ii. Edit content created by the Sponsored Contributor him/herself.

    iii. Edit content involving Published Works of which the Sponsored Contributor is an Author.

  d. Sponsor Privileges. A Sponsored Contributor may not sponsor other ZooBank users.

3. EDITORS

  a. Designation. An Editor must be sponsored as such by another user with sufficient sponsor privileges.

  b. Read Privileges. An Editor may search on, view, and download via the ZooBank website all content *including* prospectively registered Works that have not yet been made publicly available, as well as names or nomenclatural acts contained therein.

  c. Write Privileges. An Editor may, via the ZooBank website, create or edit all unverified content.

  d. Sponsor Privileges. An Editor may:

    i. Establish a Self-Sponsored Contributor as a Sponsored Contributor;

    ii. Create a Sponsored Contributor user account for a person who is not a ZooBank Authenticated User.

4. ADMINISTRATORS

  a. Designation. An Administrator must be sponsored as such by another user with sufficient sponsor privileges, and a majority of existing Administrators must approve the designation.

  b. Read Privileges. An Administrator may search on, view, and download via the ZooBank website all content *including* prospectively registered Works that have not yet been made publicly available, as well as names or nomenclatural acts contained therein.

c. **Write Privileges.** An Administrator may, via the ZooBank website, create or edit any content.

d. **Sponsor Privileges.** An Administrator may:

    i. Establish a Self-Sponsored Contributor as a Sponsored Contributor;

    ii. Create a Sponsored Contributor user account for a person who is not a ZooBank Authenticated User;

    iii. Establish a Sponsored Contributor as an Editor;

    iv. Establish an Editor as an Administrator, after a majority of existing Administrators have approved such designation.

Appendix

ZooBank User Agreement:

A ZooBank User must not:

(1) Maliciously delete or edit existing content;
(2) Create or post from multiple accounts or under pseudonyms;
(3) Post comments or linked material in violation of copyright law;
(4) Post comments or linked material with advertisements for products or services;
(5) Post comments containing inflammatory or offensive personal attacks or generalized attacks based on sexual, geopolitical, ethnic, or religious affiliation;
(6) Post comments or links at the behest of third parties. This applies especially to forwarding comments from those who are otherwise prohibited from posting;

and must

(7) Clarify any conflict-of-interest, especially if commenting on their own works or works that cite their own works.

Violation may be grounds for the suspension of your account at the discretion of ZooBank administrators.