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In addition to the legal documents governing the activities of a [community of interest \(Col\)](#), many Cols create a simple, easily understood guide to help its members maneuver through and understand all the governing statements contained in the statutes, charter, [bylaws](#), parliamentary authority, special rules, custom practices, and standing rules associated with that particular Col. For example, the OMG publishes a "[Hitchhiker's Guide to the OMG Process](#)". Even though it is not a "normative" document (has no legal standing whatsoever, cannot be cited as a defense for not following process), it is much easier to read and understand than the [OMG Policies and Procedures](#). It provides additional details and insights that, even though they do not belong in a P&P, are essential to know. Technical standards bodies such as the [IETF](#) publish a similar guide, which is even more informal and flippant. In any case, the goal of such a guide is to make it easier for the members of a Col to follow their Col's process rules.

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