# Laws, Bylaws, and Parliamentary Procedure

Prioritizing Laws and Rules for Organizational Governance

## STATUTES

Rules enacted by a legislature

# CHARTER OR ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Documents that make a group official

### **BYLAWS**

Rules that outline the structure of a group and essentials of how it functions

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rules for a group's decision-making process

### SPECIAL RULES

Rules that supplement or modify the parliamentary authority

# STANDING RULES

Rules that govern meeting administration, not group business

### CUSTOM

ractices that a group Illows out of habit and that don't contradict its rules



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