

**Minutes of the RCLS business meeting
on 9 January 2010 at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political
Science Association in Atlanta, GA**

The Committee met in Atlanta, GA, USA on January 9th, 2010 and discussed results of the committee work including committee participation in the work of SPSA (Sothern Political Science Association) annual meeting.

The committee discussed plans for future work.

The following minutes reflect main findings:

RCLS had sponsored two (2) panels at SPSA annual meeting and acknowledges work of Dr. Khmelko on putting panels together.

Committee finds work of both panels successful, with fruitful discussions that generated ideas for future research.

Committee finds it important to continue this work and decided to work on organizing panels for the next SPSA meeting in 2011.

Committee plans to continue discussions on the subjects of legislative institutionalization. The tentative subjects for the future call for papers may include both - theory of parliamentary institutionalization as well as methodological issues in studies of legislative institution building, such as development of parliament performance indicators.

Committee finds it important to continue discussions on issues of Parliamentary Audit.

Committee is opened to any other suggestions as to possible topics that can be included in the call for papers for SPSA 2011 annual meeting.

Committee finds SPSA annual meeting as an appropriate place for RCLS annual business meetings in Western Hemisphere.

Committee acknowledges willingness to accommodate and cooperation on behalf of conference organizers in scheduling events for RCLS at SPSA annual meeting, which allowed for productive committee work.

RCLS has a well established web site with IPSA and will be publishing call for papers and the other announcements about committee work on that web site.