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**Challenges & Solutions**

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Our meetings are too long, there is no agenda, there is too much socializing. We don't seem to get anything done for our veterans, Members don't feel needed or involved, so why attend a meeting.

**Solution**

Consider the option of a roundtable or contemporary meeting, always have an agenda.

Speaking of an Agenda, the auxiliary President should meet with the Secretary & Treasurer to create an Agenda containing projects/issues to address. A written agenda helps keep the meeting on track.

Creating time just for socializing helps the new and seasoned members to get acquainted, set a time aside to share ideas and enjoy each other's company, this way it doesn't interrupt the meeting.

Educating members on the national programs, this helps to generate discussions on how to assist veterans.

Each member has their own special talents; encourage and utilize their contributions, reach out and ask them to attend. Personal contacts are effective.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, I'm available to assist.

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