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Things BSA Does Poorly

- Strategic scientific planning
- Priority setting
- Interface with BSC and NCAB

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How Can We Do Better?

- Greater input into agenda-setting
- For new activities...need a better understanding of context and priority
- For ongoing activities...need regular progress reports and assessment of strategy and goals
- To be effective we need to be engaged