



TÜBİTAK

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***Impact of Scientists
Living Abroad on
The Progress of
S&T Research in Turkey***

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About TASSA

- A grassroots initiative by a small group of scientists in Washington, DC area
- An independent, non-profit, non-political organization established in June 2004
- First Board seated in February 2005

About TASSA - Vision

- To build a sustainable science bridge between the U.S. and Turkey.
- This bridge would facilitate the flow of:
 - People,
 - Knowledge, and
 - Technology

and help link science and technology institutions in the two countries.

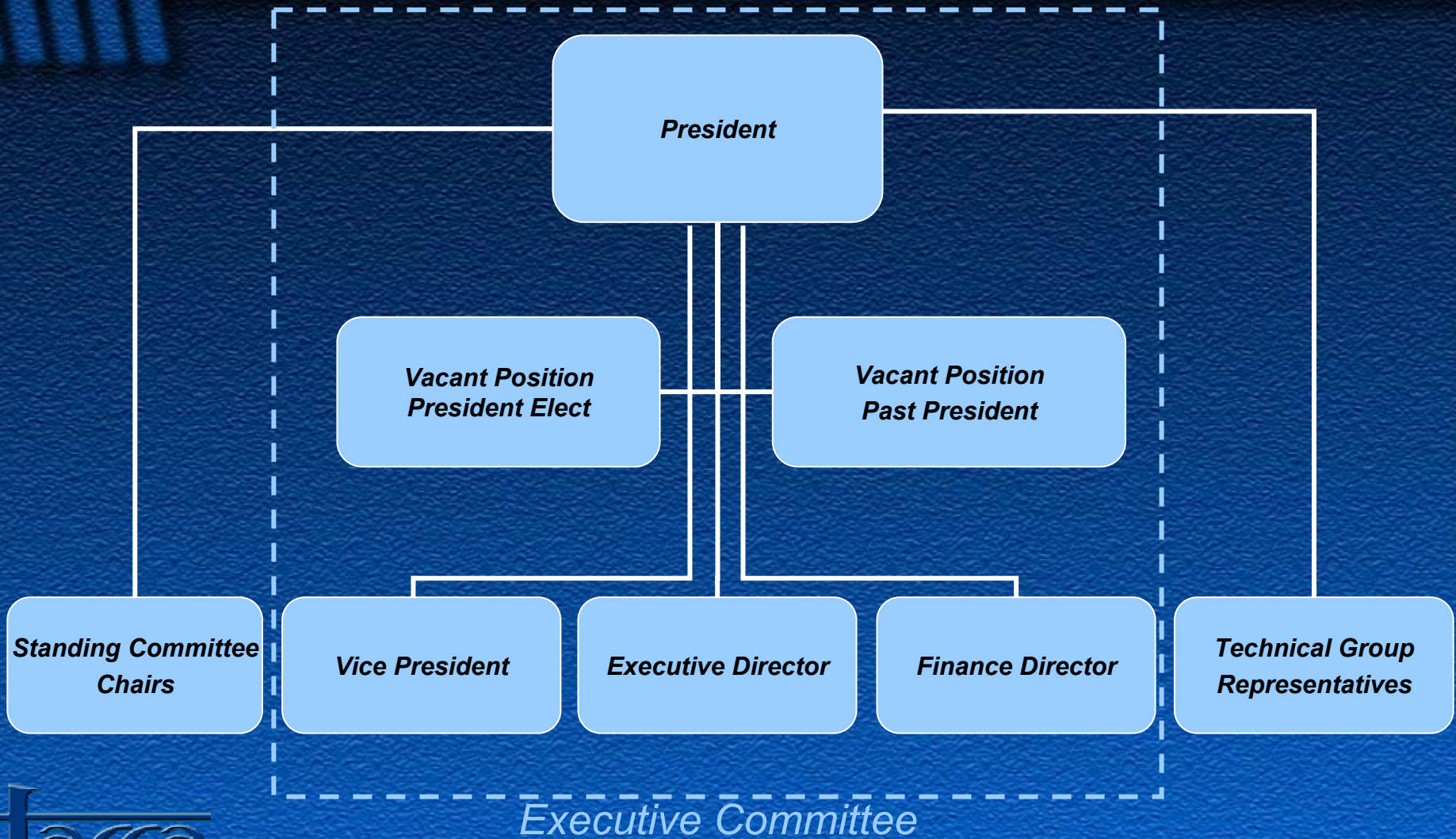
About TASSA - Mission

- To promote educational, scientific and technological cooperation between the USA and Turkey, and
- To facilitate the advancement of science in Turkey and the USA
- Through scientific exchange, educational programs and increased networking

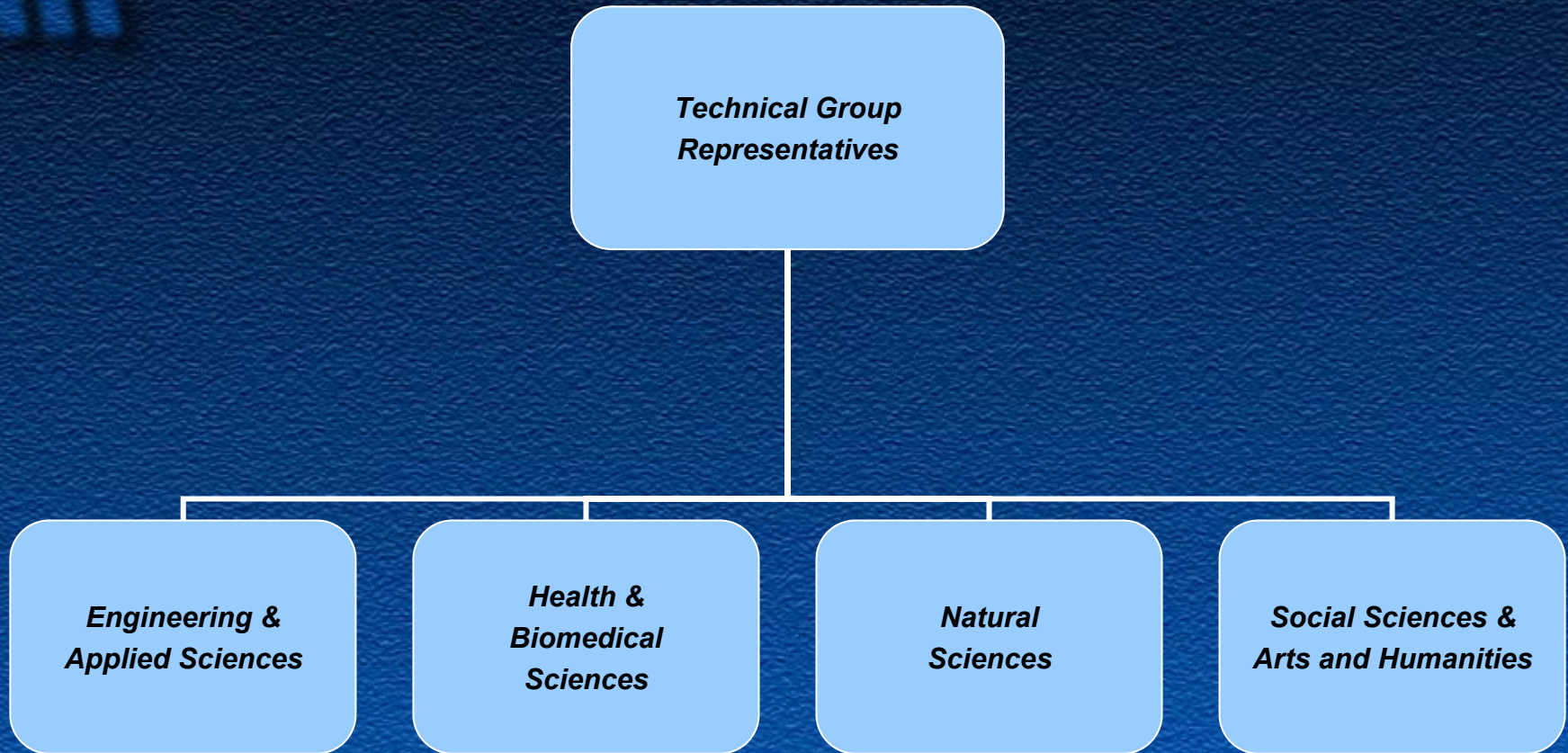
TASSA – Broad strategies

- People-based activities
- Institution-based activities
- Knowledge-based activities

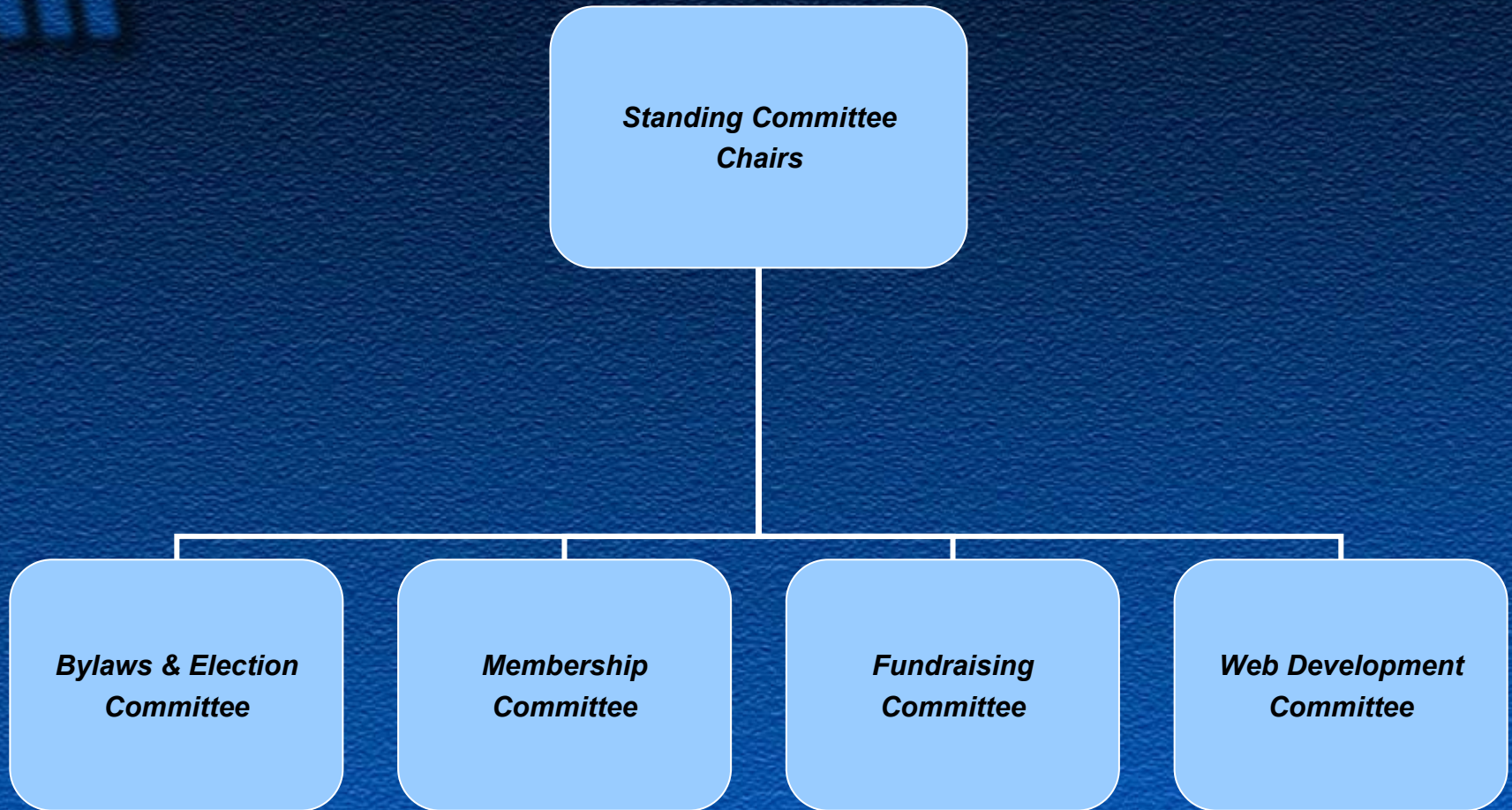
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TASSA Programs and Activities

- First Annual Meeting, in February 2005
- Next Annual Meeting, in March 2006
- Added value through the Web site
- Visiting Scholars Program
- Regional Workshops and sponsorships
- Outreach activities
- TASSA-TÜBİTAK MAM collaboration

Some Stats and Numbers

- Registered Members: 1235
 - Full: 618 Overseas: 197 Student: 420
 - Engineering: 456 Social Sci.: 322
Health: 287 Natural Sci.: 170
- Visiting Scholars: > 1000 departments solicited
~ 25 scholars participated
(positive feedback)

TASSA-TÜBİTAK Collaboration

- TASSA can create or add value by
 - Mentoring students and visiting scientists
 - Providing access to its database of scientists and scholars in the US
 - Assisting in project/proposal development
 - Participating in the assessment of past and planning of future TÜBİTAK programs
 - Promoting TÜBİTAK capabilities in the US

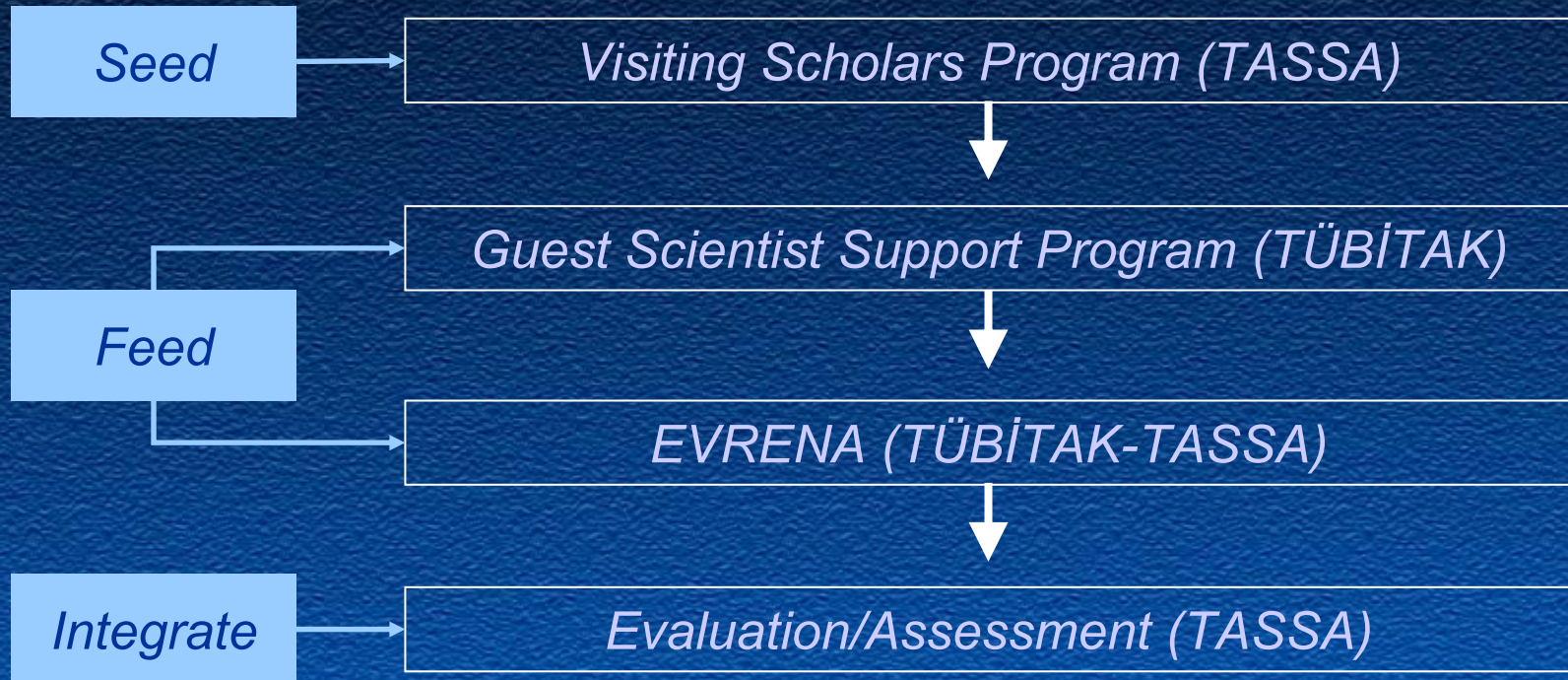
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- TASSA-MAM workshops:
 - Initiated by TASSA President's visit to TÜBİTAK in Ankara in April 2005,
 - developed further at a meeting between TASSA and MAM officials in June 2005,
 - leading to a plan to hold *the first* TASSA-MAM workshop in Gebze in November 2005.

TASSA-TÜBİTAK Collaboration

- TASSA can provide expertise for evaluation and assessment
 - Impact study for Technology Forecasting and Assessment Board (TIDEB)
 - Impact study for Scientist Development Group (BAYG)
 - Progress study for European Union Sixth Framework Programme (FP6)
 - TÜBİTAK-funded scientific projects

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