**Discover Life in America**

**Vision**

We are the bridge that connects citizens and scientists through collaboration in the exploration, discovery, understanding and sustainment of life

**Mission**

To discover and understand America’s species thru science and education for conservation.

(Adopted 2013)

**Values**

* *Partnerships.* Our mission is in alignment with and is mutually beneficial to our partners’ goals and purpose
* *Ethical Actions.* Everything that we do as an organization is an effective and efficient use of our resources with a sense of urgency
* *SciEd and Conservation.* Our work is science and education based and is conservation oriented
* *Innovation.* Our discoveries lead to best practices and new applications in the conservation of natural resources.
* *Foundation for the future.* We anticipate and meet the challenges of the future through using a unique approach that compiles biodiversity data that otherwise would not be captured

**Strategic Focus**

* Become a financially sustainable organization
* Grow, maintain and manage the Smokies ATBI to use as the national model for other ATBIs
* Create and build a global ATBI Alliance

**Organization Structure**

* Operating Board (responsible for the first strategic focus and the governance, marketing, and finance of DLiA)
* Smokies ATBI Advisory Working Board (responsible for relationships, education, science and research, monitoring, and documentation)
* Global ATBI Alliance Advisory Working Board (responsible for relationships, protocol, documentation and communication)