

## Meet the Board

*Glenn Sturm (VA), NEAFCS Treasurer*

Greetings from Coastal Virginia! I joined the NEAFCS board as the Treasurer at the end of last year, and while I'm still learning the ropes, I've enjoyed getting to work with the other board members!

I was actually first introduced to Extension as an AmeriCorps VISTA in 2011, working with a Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) specialist to help finalize, introduce, and market the Master Financial Education Volunteer Program. After college, I initially had my heart set on a career in international microfinance and had intended for my VISTA year to be a resumé builder towards that career path. However, after working alongside Extension specialists and FCS agents, I came to love their work and their mission. After completing my VISTA year, I would join VCE as an FCS agent in Gloucester in 2012, where I've been ever since!

My main programming area is in personal finance and financial education, where I am an Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC), but I also provide programs in nutrition, physical activity, well water safety, and diversity and inclusion (D&I), where I currently serve as a D&I Fellow for VCE's soon-to-be Northeast District.

I am a proud Hokie, having completed my undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech in 2010 (Finance), and would complete my master's degree from the same university in 2016 (Education). As a Virginia Tech faculty member through VCE, I've been a Virginia Tech student or employee for virtually all of my adult life!

In my free time, I serve as a board member for the local Lion's Club chapter, and also as a co-board president for Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester, a 501c3 non-profit that provides tutoring services for adult GED, ABE, and ESOL learners.

2021 was a big year for me – I was married in July and my wife, and I adopted our two wonderful dogs, Tater and Biscuit, in October. Now much of my focus goes towards being as good of a husband as I can be and being the type of person my dogs think I am!

Looking forward to seeing you all (fingers crossed) in Raleigh in September!

