

Federation Time Line	
November 1947	Folk Dance Federation of Minnesota organized - 34 clubs
December 1947	First monthly state festival (held monthly until 1952)
July 1, 1948	First ROUNDUP published
March 1949	First regional festival in Duluth
November 1950	First Directory published, as part of the ROUNDUP
1950-1951	Development of 6 regional organizations
1951	Formation of the ROUNDUP governing board
1951-52	Constitution revised to provide for a State Convention
1952	Creation of the Federation emblem
May 31-June 1, 1952	First Annual Meeting and Convention of the Folk Dance Federation of Minnesota
1954	Style show added to the Convention
May 1, 1958	Incorporation papers filed with the Minnesota Department of State 6 regional presidents automatically become members of the State Executive Board
1960	New badge designed for Federation Officers
April 1962	Name changed to Square Dance Federation of Minnesota, Inc.
1963	National Square Dance Convention held in St. Paul
1965	Constitution amended to include election of a vice-president with automatic advancement to the office of president
1968	Organization of state promotion committee
1972	Federation emblem modified
1978	First official state outfit created
1983	Dancing gopher state outfit for 5 years
1984	Regions began to host annual convention on a rotating basis
1984	Detailed book of convention guidelines prepared
1985	Young at Heart award established
1988	Federation logo state outfit for 5 years
1991-1992	Federation applied for IRS 501(c)(3) but denied
1992	Federation logo state outfit became permanent
1992	Name of annual convention changed to Annual Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention
1995	Federation booth at State Fair discontinued due to lack of volunteers Demo dancing continued

1996	A survey on the State Convention was conducted
1997	Bid accepted to host 2002 National Square Dance Convention in St Paul
June 1997	500 copies of <i>A History of Square Dancing in Minnesota</i> book printed. Sold for \$15.
September 1998	28th Annual Dance-A-Rama hosted by the Minnesota Loons and Lakes in '98 Committee
1998	Effort to make Square Dance the official Minnesota Fok Dance was revived.(Tried in 1992 and 1995). Failed, polka is too popular.
Feb 2001	Banner stealing guidelines were established
April 4-7, 2001	51st National Square Dance Pre-Convention in St. Paul
June 2002	51st National Square Dance Convention in St. Paul
2003	51st Foundation formed and began giving grants for Education
2006	Began quarterly audits to prevent a reoccurrence of the financial losses the Federation experienced between 1999 and 2005
2009	Friendship-Set-To-Music (FSTM), one hour TV show tapings begin. May Leadership Seminar name is changed to Education Seminar
Dec 2011	Executive Board begins working on a Constitution change to comply with IRS 501(c)(3) requirements for a non-profit organization
Dec 4, 2011	FSTM tapes its 200th show and it is shown live in the Twin Cities
Feb 2012	Executive Board passes a proposed change to the Constitution and By-Laws. Stirs up controversy. The effort was paused prior to the 2012 Convention.