



MINNOWBROOK QUICK NOTES

August 2, 2021 Update:

Minnowbrook is not a conventional conference nor is it a workshop. It is a concept for communication that stands alone in the world of science and technology. At MB, everyone listens and we talk - openly and honestly about technical issues relevant to our respective worlds!

It has been the tradition of Minnowbrook to require past attendees to be prepared to make a "presentation" and new attendees have had the option of presenting. Recent developments (many working from home), discussing challenges within the workplace with colleagues has caused a break with tradition and request that those who attend MB this fall still be prepared to fully participate, but that no "formal" presentation is being "required" of everyone. The technology subjects of common interest include the issues of hermeticity, internal gas analysis, failure analysis, manufacturing processes, non-hermetic device reliability, which all can be discussed openly within MB'21.

Abstracts are still required (but not mandatory as a matter of attendance acceptance) of those intending to present data and debate, but we will be engaging in more open discussion as we seek to make that crossover to other technologies to find that common ground. In essence - be prepared to talk - with data that you wish to discuss.

Things that you might want to know about *MB* '21 and the meetings:

- Plan to arrive at the University complex, preferably, after 3 p.m. on Tuesday.
- The Friday schedule is breakfast, exchange of business cards and farewells.
- Everything is casual AND the facilities are rustic cabins and lodges.
- All costs (housing, meals, gratuity, etc.) are covered in the registration fee.
- "Presentations" are requested.
- Participation is *sine qua non*.
- The format for a "presentation" is totally the presenter's choice.
- This conference is by invitation only – a colleague must have referred you or by approval of the Minnowbrook planning committee.
- Bring warm (layered) clothing and walking shoes or boots (just in case!).
- It is about a two-hour drive to the complex from the Albany airport.

- It is about a two and a half hour or more drive from the Syracuse Airport.
- You may want to bring a camera – the northeast should be in full color.
- "Presentations" last about 20 minutes – longer when Q&A starts.
- "Presentations" are not published papers – they are private communications.
- Abstracts [~ 100 words] are requested.
- No proprietary or ITAR restricted information is exchanged.
- Village (rural) food markets/drug stores are about twenty minutes away.
- Technical sessions run mornings and evenings.
- You get three hours off to see the sunshine after lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.
- The agenda is not finalized until the last week.
- Cell phone reception is "iffy" – wireless net is on site.
- Additional generic info is available at <https://www.tjgreenllc.com/minnowbrook/>
- A non-profit organization should provide its tax ID number at registration.
- Please complete the registration form and email to info@tjgreenllc.com.
- If the response to your request for directions is in French - you are too far north!
- **Check your maps and directions** before departing for the complex.

We hope that this helps your planned trip to *MB'21*.