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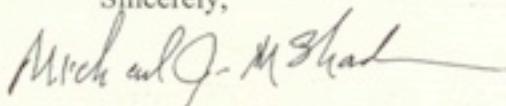
Dear Dr. Desai:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you Associate Editor of JGR-Biogeosciences for the period January 1, 2011-December 31, 2013. As you undoubtedly know, maintaining and enhancing the quality of our journals is AGU's top priority. Attracting the best papers and assuring that they receive prompt and thoughtful reviews are critical to achieving our goals. The Publications Committee has challenged Editors and staff to improve the time to publication. I very much appreciate your willingness to help in these important endeavors: maintaining and improving quality and speeding the review process. Furthermore, I urge you not to play merely a passive role, but to assist Dennis Baldocchi to solicit important and thought-provoking articles.

Each Associate Editor serves at the pleasure of the Editor. An Associate Editor's term is normally 3 years, but to give Editors of different journals flexibility, they can recommend the appointment of an AE for a term of 2-4 years, not to extend more than 1 year beyond the current Editor's term. As the needs of the journal change, an Editor may find it necessary to ask some individuals to step down or to ask others to continue longer. I trust you will understand the value of providing this type of flexibility to our Editors.

Please let Dennis Baldocchi, Bill Cook, Barbara Major, or me know if there is anything the staff can do to make your work on behalf of the journal more effective.

Sincerely,



Michael J. McPhaden  
President

cc: Dennis Baldocchi